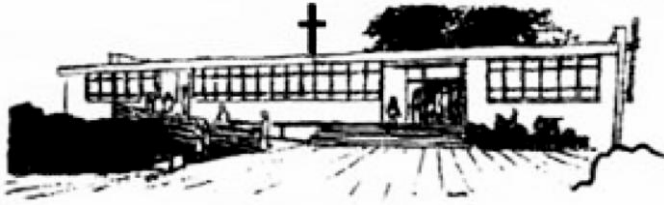


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15<sup>th</sup> February 2026, Year A/2



The Sermon on the Mount, Carl Bloch (Danish, 1834-1890)

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am  
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

During Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
(Please let the Priest know.)

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Rochelle Borg – Principal

#### School Office Times

8:30am - 4:00pm - Monday to Friday

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**First Reading:** Sirach 15:15-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:17-27

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Thanksgiving for All God's Blessings

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

John & Gladys Morrow (70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann)

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am Week 6 Ordinary Time † Marian Kubka

**Tuesday** 8:00am Week 6 Ordinary Time † Roger Azores

**Wednesday** 8.00am ASH WEDNESDAY Julie Miwer (Birthday Blessings)  
7.00pm ASH WEDNESDAY For the Parish

**Thursday** 8.00am Thursday after Ash Wednesday Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

**Friday** 8.00am Friday after Ash Wednesday †† Marian Kubka, Barbara Blazek & Marian Zawadzki

**Saturday** 8.30am Saturday after Ash Wednesday † Michael Holstein

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

An hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend.

Confessions are also available during Adoration.

Please speak to the Priest.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Michael Holstein, Sister Jeana, Iva Masek, Reynaldo Cruz Santos, Colleen Biriano, Jimmy Yuen, Danny Patos.

**Danny's Funeral Mass is 20<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am here at St Joseph's Church.**

**DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:** Marian Kubka, Roger Azores, Marian Zawadzki, Barbara Blazek

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**First Communion:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Confirmation:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 19<sup>th</sup> July

### ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday, which is a day of Fasting & Abstinence. Masses will be at 8.00am and 7.00pm, with a School Liturgy of the Word at 12noon.

**Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 6pm during Lent.**

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Michael Muema, Gary O'Brien, Shayla, Garry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaret Taylor, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

**SICK LIST:** Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.



POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

11<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Catechesis. The Documents of Vatican Council II.**

**I. Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum***

**5. *The Word of God in the life of the Church***

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning.

In today's catechesis we will look at the profound and vital link that exists between the Word of God and the Church, a bond expressed by the Conciliar Constitution *Dei Verbum*, in the sixth chapter. The Church is the rightful home of Sacred Scripture. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Bible arose from the people of God, and is destined for the people of God. In the Christian community it has, so to speak, its *habitat*: indeed, in the life and the faith of the Church it finds the space where it can reveal its meaning and manifest its power.

Vatican Council II reminds us that "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body". Furthermore, "she has always maintained them, and continues to do so, together with sacred tradition, as the supreme rule of faith" (*Dei Verbum*, 21).

The Church never ceases to reflect on the value of the Sacred Scriptures. After the Council, a very important moment in this regard was the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the theme "The Word of God in the life and mission of the Church" in October 2008. Pope Benedict XVI gathered its fruit in the post-Synodal Exhortation *Verbum Domini* (30 September 2010), in which he affirms: "The intrinsic link between the word and faith makes clear that authentic biblical hermeneutics can only be had within the faith of the Church, which has its paradigm in Mary's *fiat*... the primary setting for scriptural interpretation is the life of the Church" (no. 29).

In the ecclesial community, Scripture therefore finds the sphere in which to carry out its particular task and achieve its purpose: to make Christ known and to open dialogue with God. Indeed, "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ". [1] This well-known expression of Saint Jerome reminds us

of the ultimate purpose of reading and meditating on the Scriptures: to get to know Christ and, through Him, to enter into a relationship with God, a relationship that can be understood as a conversation, a dialogue. And the Constitution *Dei Verbum* presented the Revelation to us precisely as a dialogue, in which God speaks to humans as though to friends (cf. *DV*, 2). This occurs when we read the Bible with an inner attitude of prayer: God then comes towards us and enters into conversation with us.

The Sacred Scripture, entrusted to the Church and preserved and explained by her, performs an active role: indeed, with its efficacy and power it sustains and invigorates the Christian community. All the faithful are called to drink from this wellspring, first and foremost in the celebration of the Eucharist and the other Sacraments. Love for the Sacred Scriptures and familiarity with them must guide those who carry out the ministry of the Word: bishops, priests, deacons, catechists. The work of exegetes and those who practise biblical sciences is invaluable, and Scriptures have a central place in theology, which finds its foundation and soul in the Word of God.

The Church ardently desires that the Word of God may reach every one of her members and nurture their journey of faith. But the Word of God also propels the Church beyond herself; it opens her continually to the mission towards everyone. Indeed, we live surrounded by so many words, but how many of these are empty! At times we even listen to wise words, which do not however affect our ultimate destiny. On the contrary, the Word of God responds to our thirst for meaning, for the truth about our life. It is the only Word that is always new: revealing the mystery of God to us, it is inexhaustible, it never ceases to offer its riches.

Dear friends, living in the Church one learns that the Sacred Scripture is totally relative to Jesus Christ, and one experiences that this is the deep reason for its value and its power. Christ is the living Word of the Father, the Word of God made man. All the Scriptures proclaim his Person and his saving presence, for each one of us and for all humanity. Let us therefore open our hearts and minds in order to receive this gift, following the example of Mary, Mother of the Church.