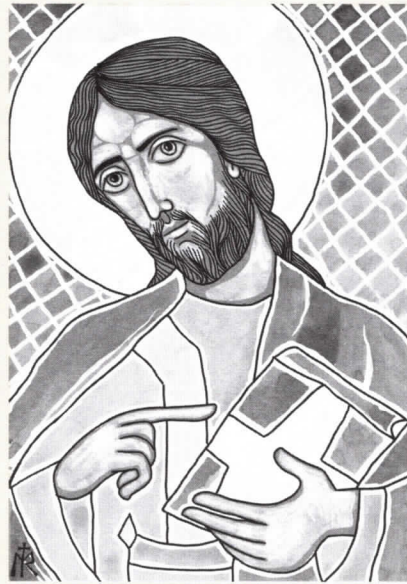


SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 12, 2023



Gospel

Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
(shorter form) or
Matthew 5:17-37 (longer form)

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I tell you, unless your righteousness
surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of
heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to your
ancestors,
*You shall not kill; and whoever kills
will be liable to judgment.*

But I say to you,
whoever is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment.

“You have heard that it was said,
You shall not commit adultery.

But I say to you,
everyone who looks at a woman with
lust
has already committed adultery with
her in his heart.

“Again you have heard that it was said to
your ancestors,
*Do not take a false oath,
but make good to the Lord all that you
vow.*

But I say to you, do not swear at all.
Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’
mean ‘No.’
Anything more is from the evil one.”

Readings for the week:

6th Sunday

in Ord. Time

Sir 15:15-20
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-
18, 33-34
1 Cor 2:6-10
Matt 5:17-37 or
Matt 5:20-22a,
27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday

Gen 4:1-15, 25
Ps 50:1 and 8,
16bc-17, 20-21
Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday

Gen 6:5-8;
7:1-5, 10
Ps 29:1a and 2,
3ac-4, 3b
and 9c-10
Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday

Gen 8:6-13, 20-22
Ps 116:12-13,
14-15, 18-19
Mark 8:22-26

Thursday

Gen 9:1-13
Ps 102:16-18,
19-21, 29
and 22-23
Mark 8:27-33

Friday

Gen 11:1-9
Ps 33:10-11,
12-13, 14-15
Mark 8:34-9:1

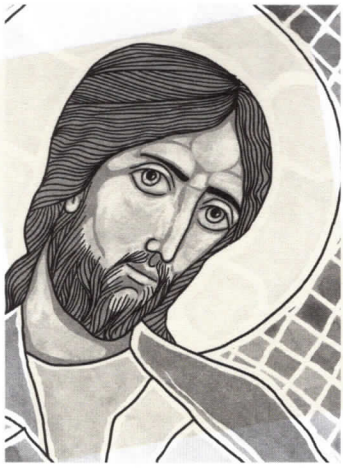
Saturday

Heb 11:1-7
Ps 145:2-3,
4-5, 10-11
Mark 9:2-13

7th Sunday

in Ord. Time

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8,
10, 12-13
1 Cor 3:16-23
Matt 5:38-48



Opening Prayer

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

As he says, Jesus does not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to carry forward to its fulfillment the movement of transcending, interiorizing, stripping away empty externals and legalistic minutiae that had distorted God’s revelation.

So Jesus focuses not so much on the evils of murder, adultery, or lying, but on the way these take root in the human heart. In other words, he proposes a radical reinterpretation of the teaching. We can look askance at the end point of the continuum of evil and yet not recognize the subtle and dangerous first point when we begin to orient our lives in that direction. Anger, hostility, and insults do not belong in the Christian community, for these are the seedbed of the sin of murder that destroys God’s sacred gift of life to another human being. We have seen the drastic outcomes of a religiously insulting cartoon, ethnic prejudice, the first verbal or physical blows of domestic violence.

In his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*, Nelson Mandela writes about the wardens who guarded him and the other prisoners and their essential humanity. He believed that hostility toward them was self-defeating, and that everyone, even our enemies, can change. On February 11, 1990, the day that Mandela was to be released from prison after twenty-seven and a half years, the crowd that had gathered outside and the millions throughout the world who were watching on TV became anxious as the time for his release was well past. Would he not walk free after all? But he did, and the reason for the long delay was because he was saying an emotional goodbye and thank-you to his guards. In his freedom speech that night, Mandela reminded the world that we can all imprison ourselves behind the bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. Give us the desire to work with humility and openness as we follow your gospel and the way of discipleship. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- How could letting go of internal sins such as anger and lust enable you to live more wholeheartedly as a disciple of Jesus?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the “Opening Prayer” (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”).
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection.”
5. Pray the “Closing Prayers.”

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MASS TIMES:

Fr. Anastacio Postrano, Pastor

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM (except Mondays)

Saturday: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

4th Wednesday Masses are at 9:00AM at Hale Makua Nursing Home (Wailuku).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every 1st Friday: 6:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30 PM

After every weekday mass or by appointment.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism, Confession, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals please call the office to make an appointment (808) 244-3284 or (808) 385-3021 (please leave a message).

You can also reach us via email at stannwaihee@gmail.com.

Financials: 01/30/23 – 02/05/23

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$1892.00 Short \$508.00	
In Church	\$	1892.00
Online Giving	\$	0.00
Mail In	\$	0.00

Mark your Calendar for Maui Stewardship Day – “IT IS RIGHT AND JUST”, March 4, 2023 @ St. Anthony Church; 8 a.m. to Noon. All are welcome-Sign up at back of church.

Second Collection this weekend for AUGUSTINE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION. Your gift enables Catholic education to be affordable for families in Hawaii. A priority is given to those with the highest level of need. Donate Online, www.AugustineFoundation.org.

Please bring your Palms from last year to be burned for Ash Wednesday. ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22-distribution of Ashes @ Morning Mass, 6:30 a.m.

The St. Ann Family Faith Formation group invites you to participate in “Bottles of Love”, a donation drive to benefit Malama Pregnancy Center, next weekend, Feb.18th and Feb. 19th. Our Youth will be outside to receive your monetary donations. Donated items may be placed in box at church entrance. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship on Sunday, February 19th @ 10 a.m. Mahalo for helping us support mothers in need.