

## Mass Readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** – Sirach 15:15-20: "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him."

**Responsorial Psalm** – Psalm 119: "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

**Second Reading** – 1 Corinthians 2:6-10: "Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

**Gospel** – Matthew 5:17-37: "Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven."

# ALLELUIA!

Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones  
the mysteries of the kingdom.

The readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the law and commandments. The first reading tells us to choose life by obeying God's commandments. The second reading reminds us that God's wisdom is far greater than our own. And in the gospel Jesus tells us he has come to fulfill the law, not to abolish it.

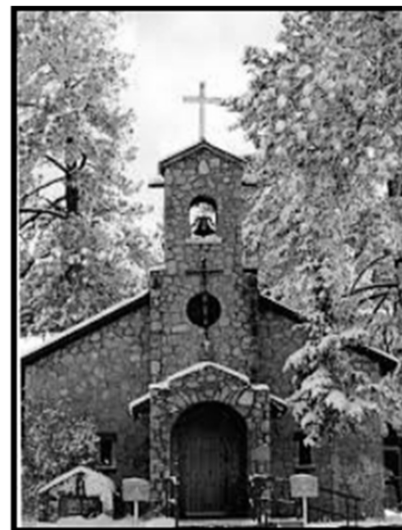


We are in need of volunteers to keep the Sacred Heart Mission website current. We have enjoyed doing so the last few years but are in Cloudcroft less frequently so we think it is a good time to hand the website to someone else.

Beth & Ron Wells



Jennifer Madl, Velia Perea,  
Ceci Borunda, Susan Walen,  
Leonor Rubalcava,  
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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 2023

*Pope Francis's special intentions for the month of FEBRUARY:  
For parishes  
We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.*

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun. Feb 12,** For Pope Francis's special intentions.

**Wed. Feb. 15,** For all the sick.

### Church Committee Members

Chair - Leo Vasquez  
Vice-Chair - Joe Barcevac  
Secretary - Mira Pepper  
Finance - Steve Pepper  
Social Coordinator - Lourdes Blette

*Please remember to notify Teresa Stevenson or John Conner if you are unable to serve as scheduled, even if you have arranged for someone to take your place.*

## Sacred Heart Mission Catholic Church

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Cloudcroft, NM 88317

[www.sacredheartcatholiccloudcroft.org](http://www.sacredheartcatholiccloudcroft.org)

Office hours: Monday-Wednesday  
(at Immaculate Conception Church )  
(575) 437-3291

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (closed 12:00-1:00 p.m.)  
Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Pastor: **Very Rev. Martin Cornejo**  
Vicar: **Fr. Emmanuel Okoye**  
Deacon: **Gary Perkins**

**Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.**

Confessions prior to Mass

**Wednesday Mass: 9:30 a.m.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
and Rosary: **Wednesday 9:00 a.m.**

Anointing of the sick:

First Wednesday of the month

**Altar Servers** (John C. 687-2144)

Feb. 12, Dominic & Marisa

Feb. 19, Lily & Veronica

**EMOHC** (Teresa Stevenson (281) 772-7450)

Feb. 12, John Stroope Jr., Teresa S.

Feb. 19, Maria Vasquez, John Stroope Jr.

**Reader** (Teresa Stevenson (281) 772-7450)

Feb. 12, John Stroope III

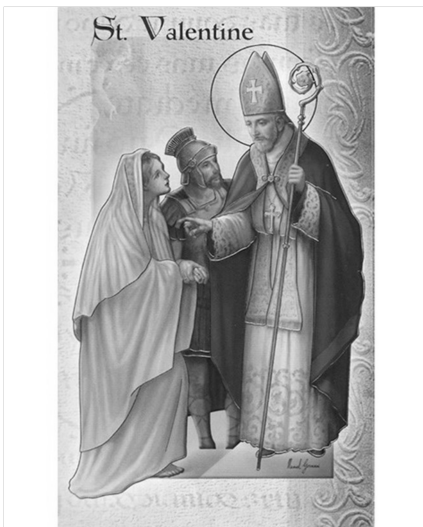
Feb. 19, Leo Vasquez

**Ushers** (John C. 687-2144)

Feb. 12, Phil & Mike

Feb. 19, John & Mario

Valentine's Day is not just a day to buy your loved one(s) flowers and chocolate. Believe it or not, it is a historic day named after a very real and holy saint. San Valentino (St. Valentine) was a Third Century Roman priest and martyr during the reign of Claudius II, known as *Claudius the Goth*. He was arrested for helping Christians who were being persecuted by Claudius in Rome and for performing marriage ceremonies between young Christian couples in love. While imprisoned and under threat, Saint Valentine would not sway from answering questions of the Emperor regarding his beliefs.

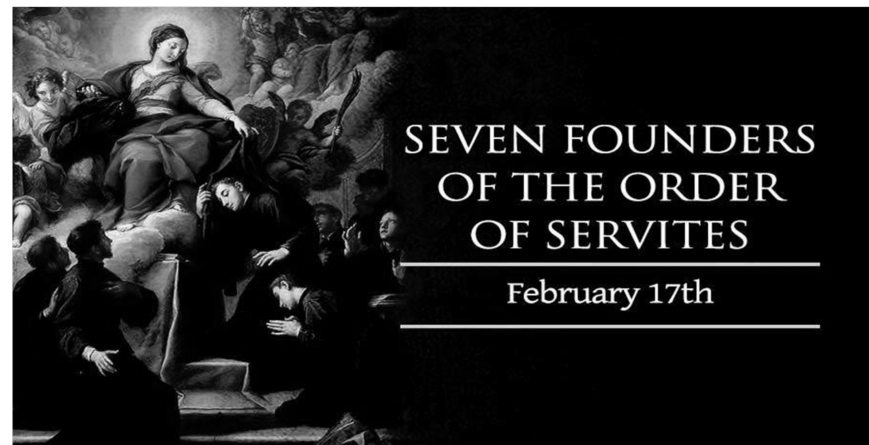


The emperor tried to no avail to convert Saint Valentine. Regardless of what was asked however, Valentine would not renounce his faith so Claudius had him sent away to prison. The guard where Valentine was imprisoned listened as he preached day in and day out. As the legend goes, the guard, Asterius, had a daughter who was blind. He asked Valentine to hear her confession in which he did. Afterwards, Valentine put his hands over the girl's eyes and chanted: "*Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten your handmaid, because You are God, the True Light.*" Immediately the little girl regained her eyesight. Because of this miracle, the guard and many of his family members converted to Christianity and were baptized. Upon hearing of the conversions, Emperor Claudius condemned all of them to death.

The night before his execution, Valentine wrote the young girl a note and signed it, "*From your Valentine.*" Valentine was then beaten with clubs and stoned and finally beheaded on February 14th, around the year 269. He was buried on the Flaminian Way and a chapel was later built over his remains. On the same day, another Valentine, bishop of Terni, was imprisoned and beheaded by Placidus, prefect of Terni, about sixty miles outside of Rome. Many believe mysteriously that the two are one in the same priest, the same Valentine who was earlier brought to Rome for execution and buried on the Flaminian Way.

our parish  
mission  
statement

**We are a community that comes together to model Jesus to all peoples by addressing physical concerns and spiritual matters, and to do as Jesus did, giving everything to bring people into a closer relationship with God, in celebration.**



In 1233, seven Florentine laymen—two married, two widowed, three single—all well-known merchants and members of a Marian confraternity, abandoned homes, jobs, and wealth for a life of poverty, prayer, and penance at Monte Senario, where they built a chapel and hermitage. Within a few years, they formed the Order of Friar Servants of Mary, or Servites, a mendicant order that received formal papal approval in 1304. The seven founders, jointly canonized in 1888, are: Bonfilius, Bonajuncta, Amadeus, Hugh, Manettus, Sostene, and Alexis. Alexis, who out of modesty refused ordination, served the order in various ways as a lay brother; he outlived the other founders and reportedly died at age 110.

#### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES:**

**Saturday, Feb. 11.-** Our Lady of Lourdes

**Sunday, Feb. 12.-** SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Tuesday, Feb. 14.-**Ss. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

**Friday, Feb. 17.-** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

To report abuse in New Mexico:

**If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse, please call 911 immediately.**

To report *known* or *suspected* child abuse, contact:

Dial #SAFE (#7233) from a cell phone Or 1-855-333-SAFE (7233)

Elder Abuse Hotline: 1-866-654-3219 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces Victims Assistance Coordinator (575)523-7577

Or Maria D Martin [Safe Environment Clerk](mailto:mmartin@rcdlc.org) (575) 523-7577 [mmartin@rcdlc.org](mailto:mmartin@rcdlc.org)