

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

**First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20; Responsorial Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37**

*“Immense is the wisdom of the Lord.”—Sirach 15:18*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We celebrate this weekend the 2017 Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) Sunday. Very appropriately, our readings urge us to recognize the immense wisdom of living faithfully our very holy and sacred relationship with God. This relationship is not only with God, but extends to our relationships with one another as a Parish Community, as a Diocese, as a Universal Church, and with all of God's Creation as members of our Human Family. Jesus teaches us

that living God's commandments of love and faithfulness are central to our lives.

It is especially meaningful that we celebrate this week the 2017 Appeal Sunday for the Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) of our Diocese of Monterey. The AMA is an opportunity for us to live faithfully the wisdom of God. Each of us, however possible, has the ability to witness One Faith, One Family—the theme of the 2017 Appeal—by participating in the AMA. As we make a one-time donation or an eight month pledge commitment we respond to our call to live faithfully with God and our sisters and brothers. As a community, whatever we give beyond our AMA goal of \$10,300, will remain with Our Lady of Mount Carmel for our capital building/renovation fund.

I thank you, in advance, for your support of the 2017 Annual Ministries Appeal. May our Faith, Hope and Charity guide us as faithful disciples of Jesus.

Very sincerely in Christ,

## Lenten Dinners

We are only a few weeks away from Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Our Lenten Season has traditionally included for us the Friday Stations of the Cross, as well as our Friday Lenten Dinners. We are in need of additional volunteers to help with this year's dinners. If you can help one Friday or more, please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the rear of the church. Thank you!

**“We need no wings to go in search of God, but have only to look upon God present within us.”**

—St. Teresa of Avila

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

*“For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.”—1 Corinthians 2:10*



Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by taking part in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next two Weekends are scheduled to be presented on March 3-5 and May 5-7 at St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA. For more information call Mary Jo and Rich Costello, at 831-200-3780 or email them at [castellome1@gmail.com](mailto:castellome1@gmail.com) or register online at [centralcawwme.org](http://centralcawwme.org).

## Town Hall Meeting Regarding Executive Orders

**Congressman Jimmy Panetta** will be having a town hall meeting **this Sunday, February 12**, regarding President Trump's Executive Orders on Immigration. Guests: Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, Salinas Police Chief Adele Fresé, and AILA Rep. The meeting will take place from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Hartnell Community College, Steinbeck Hall, 411 Central Ave., Salinas.

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## Liturgical Ministries

Please consider serving in one of our liturgical ministries. We have a special need for more parishioners to serve our community in one or more of the following ministries:

- Lectors (Proclaiming God's Word),
- Ministers of the Eucharist,
- Greeters of Hospitality/Ushers,
- Altar Servers,
- Music Ministry/11:15 am Choir.

Please speak with Fr. Dennis after Mass, or by calling or visiting the Parish Office, if you are willing to serve in one of these special ministries. Thank you.

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## Communion for the Sick and Homebound

We are blessed to have Ministers of the Eucharist of our parish available to take Communion to our sick or homebound parishioners who are unable to attend Sunday Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you have a family member or neighbor who would like to be visited with the Eucharist.

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## Parish Registration

We are happy to have you with us! If you are new to the parish, or have never registered, please register by using the *Parish Registration Form* on the front page of the bulletin.

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## Offertory Report 2/5/2017

Plate collection: \$3,951; Building Fund: \$1,349; Hope's Pantry \$80; other: \$61; total deposit: \$5,441. Thank you!

## Mass Intentions - Feb. 11-17, 2017

Sat., 4:30 pm Frank DiPaola, Sr.  
Sun., 9:00 am +Eli Muñoz  
Sun., 11:15 am +Frank Toscano  
+Ramon and Audrey Oriel  
+Lorena Merino  
Sun., 5:00 pm +Juanito Tinajero  
+Severiano Martínez  
Wed., 7:00 am +Dick Bower  
Thur., 7:00 am +Al and Ruth Compton  
+Karen Le Blanc Swain  
Fri., 7:00 am +Celeste Kuhne

## NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

**Misa en Español** - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

**Bautismos, Bodas y Quinceañeras** - Favor de hablar con el Padre Dennis.

**Registración Parroquial** - Favor de usar la forma de registración en la primera pagina del boletín para inscribirse en el registro parroquial.

## 2017 Llamado Anual de los Ministerios -

La AMA comienza este domingo. Nuestra meta parroquial es \$10,300. Esa meta es para ayudar a la Diócesis para que pueda continuar ofreciendo los valiosos programas y servicios de los cuales todos nos beneficiamos. Sin embargo, todos las donaciones o compromisos que sobran los \$10,300 se usarán aquí en nuestra parroquia para nuestras necesidades. Esperamos que todos podamos participar y ayudar en esta campaña para el bien de la Diócesis y de nuestra Parroquia.

## Youth Corner

The Pharisees thought they were holy because they followed all the rules. But Jesus shows us that, while following rules is important, it's not all there is to living a holy life! It's not enough to not kill; words spoken in anger—in person or online—can do great harm! It's not enough to not cheat; we must learn faithfulness. It's not enough to not lie; we must learn to say what we really mean. How is Jesus calling me to a greater holiness, one beyond what the rules simply require of us?

