

# Dear Padre,

**My grandkids' parents don't want them to be baptized. Can I do it myself secretly so as not to cause problems?**

Your concern is understandable, but secret baptisms are prohibited in the Catholic Church. The decision to baptize a child is determined by his or her parents. To secretly usurp their decision may cause problems of its own. For an infant to be baptized, "The parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent," and "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (*Code of Canon Law*, 868 §1). An exception is permitted when the child's life is in immediate danger: "An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death, even against the will of the parents" (*CCL* 868 §2). Here, the Church's pastoral concern is for the child to receive the immediate graces from the sacrament; the question of raising the child in the faith becomes moot in a life-or-death situation.

"Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit.... Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1282). Continue to pray that your family may see baptism as a sign of God's love, which offers true freedom for humanity. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



**The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of**

**mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves.... Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning "social" media, we risk being ever more alone.**

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

### Monday

February 16  
Weekday

Jas 1:1-11  
Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday

February 17  
Weekday

Jas 1:12-18  
Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday

February 18  
Ash Wednesday  
Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

February 19  
Thursday after

Ash Wednesday  
Dt 30:15-20  
Lk 9:22-25

### Friday

February 20  
Friday after

Ash Wednesday  
Is 58:1-9a  
Mt 9:14-15

### Saturday

February 21  
Saturday after

Ash Wednesday  
Is 58:9b-14  
Lk 5:27-32

### Sunday

February 22  
First Sunday

of Lent  
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Rom 5:12-19 or  
5:12, 17-19  
Mt 4:1-11

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sirach 15:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 /

Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



## Some Walk Away

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”** (Matthew 5:37). This teaching of Jesus seems to get lost, perhaps because it comes at the end of a long listing of commandments. Regardless, it seems to get right to the point, almost making the other commandments unnecessary or perhaps clarifying them. Either you are going to be a child of your heavenly Father and live like one, or you are not. If you are a child of God, you would not contemplate any evil behaviors, let alone actually do them.

That is the clarity of the teaching of Jesus. It is authentic. It is compelling. It invites a response. Yet, there are those who were present with him who did not understand. Who missed the point. Who insisted on another way. Who could not discern the

simplicity of the truth. To each of these men and women, including some with the religious title of scribe or Pharisee, he observed, “And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be” (Matthew 6:23). Even sadder is that not only did they miss the point, they also simply walked away.

Do you want to say more than a simple “Yes” or “No”? Do you want to say, “Yes, but... I can't do it now.” Or “I can't forgive this particular person.” Or “I can't welcome this particular stranger.” Or “I can't love him or her or them.”

Have you also missed the point? Do you also want to walk away? ●

### Reflect

**What teachings of Jesus are too hard to consider?**



“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’  
and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”

MATTHEW 5:37



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**RECONCILIATION: (Confession)** available, following Mass, on  
 Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm  
 availability. Also by appointment **and March 19 at 5 pm with extra priests.**  
**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, at least one month prior to  
 desired date.  
**SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE:** Please contact the Deacon or Pastor  
at least six months prior to desired date.

*Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will*

**THANK YOU for your donations!**

**Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00**

02/01/26: \$1,333.00

02/08/26: \$1,126.00

**Building Fund Donations: \$0**

**On-line donations in January were \$1,340.00**

Signup for On-line Giving at [methowcatholic.org](http://methowcatholic.org).

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY WAS So SUPER!**

*Donations of CANNED Goods for THE COVE accepted all month!*



*Thank you to all who volunteer and share!*



**CAFFEINE & CALORIES:** The weekly social hour continues, after Mass.  
 Please consider *hostina* C & C. Contact Alicia Brown for info. 509-429-1621.



**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building  
 skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

**PARENTS:** Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block  
 retaining wall. Thank you!



The Cove is always in need of toilet paper. Pet  
 food is especially needed in the winter.  
 Donations can be left in the basket at the side  
 door.

**WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR  
 PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST.  
 GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.**

**Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday, Feb 15 @ 11:00 am, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time, Rosary @ 10:20 am**

**Ash Wednesday, Feb 18 @ 11am, Mass with Ashes, and  
 @ 6pm Communion Service with Ashes**

**Sunday, Feb 22 @ 11:00 am, First Sunday in Lent Rosary  
 @ 10:20 am**



**Liturgy of the Word**

*Sirach 15:15–20*

*Psalm 119*

*1 Corinthians 2:6–10*

*Matthew 5:17–37*

There is set before you fire and water, life and death.

“Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!”

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God  
 has prepared for us.

So it was said to your ancestors, but I say this to you.

**Keeping the commandments will save us,** Sirach says in the first reading, for God’s  
 wisdom is infinite and all-powerful. In the Gospel, Jesus expands on four  
 commandments in particular, laying out their implications and explaining the spirit of  
 each. For those who take the commandments to heart, the kingdom of heaven awaits.  
 Let us examine our consciences, conscious that we have the power to choose between  
 good and evil, between life and death.

**Question of the Week:** In what aspect of my life do I need to accept God’s wisdom and the  
 Spirit’s guidance and change my behavior?



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Baptisms  
 Today**

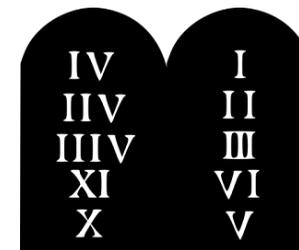
**THE HEART OF  
 PRAYER**

**OCRS RICE  
 BOWL**

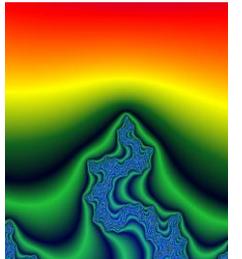
**Congratulations to Charlie and Evelyn Rogers!**

Call Deacon Bill or Don Haley (509-989-9309) if interested in a small  
 group study for 8 weeks on either Tuesday nights @ 6 pm or  
 Wednesday mornings @ 10:15 am starting 2/24 or 2/25.

Rice Bowls are at the entrances to the church, a good way to practice  
 almsgiving. The Diocese of Spokane gets 25% of this collection for  
 the poor in our own Diocese.



*Blessed are they who  
 follow the law of the Lord!*



Fire & Water



*Please  
 Remember  
 in Your  
 Prayers*

- Judy Dayharsh
- Dayharsh Family
- Cor Bader
- Wannita Knox
- Malachi Knox
- Jeff Springer
- Hal Groat
- Anna Cotner
- John Spannuth
- Joseph Carbajal
- Mark Crum
- Roland Cruz
- Jim Perra
- Brooke Stendera
- Lupe Garcia
- Sheila Kerr
- Jonathan Kessler
- Fr. Sean Thomson
- Thomson Family
- Evangeline Grace Knox
- Melissa Larson
- Howard Burcham
- Terry & Barb Anderson
- Bernice Morgan
- Fred Nowicki
- Bode Maxwell



*Rest of the Soul of*

- Bill Wilburn
- Robert Springer
- Mary Cucci