



PARISH BULLETIN 521

Sunday, February 15, 2026.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mt 5:17–37.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. 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. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into 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, and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca', will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, 'You fool', will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny".

"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. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna".

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.' But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife —unless the marriage is unlawful— causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 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; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No'. Anything more is from the evil one".

Commentary by the Pastor:

In today's Gospel, we continue reading Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as presented by St. Matthew.

Here we encounter Jesus as the "new Moses", who addresses the fundamental principles of the Decalogue, speaking with the authority of the Son of God, who does not abolish the old but fulfills it with "But I say to you". He especially focuses on three of God's commandments: the fifth, sixth, and eighth. He does not reject external observance but points to the fundamental question of Christian morality: a Christian must build their heart, that is, both their outward behavior and their inner attitudes.

Jesus speaks sharply and radically because He speaks prophetically; He wants to "shake us up" so that we do not remain Pharisees but become Christians who believe, live, act, and witness what Truth itself is, what life is, what true marital love is. Let us clarify that at that time a husband could dismiss his wife for trivial reasons, for example, snoring too much, which Jesus abolishes "except for sexual immorality." But with adultery in the heart, He wants to emphasize the

completeness of marital love both outwardly and inwardly, meaning there must be such trust, confidence, and strength in marital love that neither party looks at another with even a trace of lust, desire, or fantasy.

The encouragement not to swear oaths leads us to a radical commitment: yes or no for God. Therefore, blessed is the Christian who fulfills the Law without compromise, lives the true spirit of God's commandments, and whose heart is filled with love that moves the limbs!

Holy Masses

MONDAY – SATURDAY
(16.2. - 21.2.)

7:00 BALATINAC
8:00 KNEŽEVIĆ
9:00 PETRIČEVIĆ
12:00 KOČIŠ
19:00 BILIĆ

Confessions (6.2.)

MONDAY – SATURDAY
(16.2. - 21.2.)

6:30 – 9:30
11:00 – 12:30
18:30 – 20:00

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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| Wednesday, 18th February | ASH WEDNESDAY |
| Sunday, 22th February | 1st SUNDAY OF LENT |

BISHOP ŠKVORC: Sunday was the death anniversary of our pastor and auxiliary bishop of Zagreb, Mons. Mijo Škvorc (1919–1989), a great preacher from Palma.

LENT: On Wednesday we begin Lent, a holy time of prayer, acts of merciful love, and fasting. Fasting and abstinence are prescribed. Abstinence obliges all who have reached 14 years of age, and fasting those from 18 until the beginning of 60 years. On Ash Wednesday, during the Masses, which will be as on a weekday, ashes will be imposed as a sign of penance and readiness for conversion. Throughout Lent, the Alleluia before the Gospel is omitted, and the acclamation "Glory to you, Christ, King of eternal glory" or another acclamation is said.

THE WAY OF SORROW (*Via Dolorosa / Stations of the Cross*): we will pray it on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in the garden, weather permitting. Individual prayer is also recommended to the faithful!

PARISH FAMILY COMMUNITY: On Thursday, February 19 at 8:00 p.m., in the hall of Blessed I. Merz on the 1st floor, there will be a meeting of the *Parish Family Community* on the topic of the influence of media (mobile phones, Internet, social networks...) on the development and healthy upbringing of children. Besides a professional lecture, there will be opportunities for questions, exchange of experiences, and socializing. We invite all registered parents as well as others interested in this topic who want the best for their children and family members.

BLESSING OF CHILDREN'S: Next Sunday, on the First Sunday of Lent, children should bring small crosses with hearts and written resolutions of sacrifice and penance for Lent for blessing.

MEETING OF PARENTS OF CONFIRMANDI: Next Sunday, February 22, around 8:00 p.m., there will be a meeting for the parents of this year's confirmands. We invite parents to the Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m., after which the parents' meeting will take place!

MAYBE A JESUIT?: For young men considering a vocation in the Society of Jesus, a discernment weekend will be held on Sljeme from February 20 to 22. Interested parties can contact Fr. Mislav Skelin!

FATHER GABRIĆ DAY: On Friday, February 20, we will pray for his beatification.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN LUŽNICA: Organized by the *Anamarija Carević Foundation* for all benefactors of the renovation and for all our faithful from February 27 to March 1!

CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT: A solemn and charity concert marking six years since the earthquake, "Heart in the Heart of Zagreb", will be held at Lisinski on March 31 at 8 p.m. Mozart's Requiem will be performed by the HRT Symphony Orchestra and HRT Choir, conducted by Robert Homen. Reserve your tickets!

ROSARY AT KAMENITA VRATA: Mondays at 8:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.

"LESS IS MORE" – LAY COLUMN No. 471 – *written by: Robert Crnko*

In today's Gospel, Jesus Christ gives us guidance on how to inherit blessing in life. When I read what Jesus asks of us, it seems difficult. I believe each of us has tried many times to change some of these things in life; sometimes we succeed, but often we fall. So how do we follow the instruction Jesus gave us? Do I really need to cut off a limb or gouge out an eye? I need to finally start surrendering to Him those areas in my life where I stumble and fall into sin. Begin talking to Jesus about your falls and fears, where you falter; invite Him into all of it and say, "Jesus, I allow You now to touch this and that. Jesus, I renounce these things and need Your help; I can't do this on my own anymore". Jesus already knows all this, but through surrendering to Him, a living relationship with Jesus begins to grow, and then change follows. The worst scenario is to deny this truth of your heart, because without honesty there can be no genuine relationship or change. So come to Jesus honestly and weakly, and give up on trying to change yourself alone; learn to let Jesus do it, because He alone can change you and show you how much He loves you precisely in your weaknesses.

Lent begins this week, and it is a perfect time to ask Jesus where you keep stumbling, where there is no blessing but you wish there was. Everything we discover through prayer, reflection, and examination of conscience is a treasure that can help guide us to the cause or root of our repeated falls in the same area. Fabio Rossini says in his book *Healing of the Soul* that our falls and sins are excellent for diagnosing and finding the root cause. At the place where we are wounded, blessing happens, Easter happens, and new life happens – if we surrender it to Jesus Christ, allow Him to touch and heal those places, renewing our relationship and trust!