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REFLECTIONS

"I Give You a New Commandment"

The 5th Chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, known as "The Sermon on the Mount," begins with the Beatitudes and follows with Jesus teaching on a variety of subjects associated with Christian life. Jesus declares: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets. I have come, not to abolish them, but to fulfill them." This is a radical statement and demand affecting all followers of Jesus.

Jesus does not desire to do away with the Ten Commandments, the core of the Jewish Law, but he insists his mission is to fulfill what they represent. That fulfillment does demand change but change according to God's plan. Jesus underscores that all law is ultimately from God, not transitory or changeable but unconditional, immutable truth. Sinful humanity has altered and adapted divine law in order to align with human desires.

In a series of teachings which incorporate the wording, "You have heard it said" and "But what I say to you," Jesus offers the true meaning of divine law. For example, Jesus says we must not kill, but what God desires is not merely avoidance of willful killing but an atmosphere of right relationship between all peoples. Even anger, holding others in contempt or gossiping can be violations of the essence of the divine law.

The underlying foundation of all law is the law of love, God's love which we are commanded to share with all people.

There are no conditions or limitations to God's love and there can be no limitations to our Christian love. To be a follower of Jesus is to embrace a most radical spiritual transformation.

Difficult to imagine and even more difficult to live, but Jesus makes no provisions for partial faith and response. Radical invitation demands a radical response: not my will but your will be done, O Lord!

Become the person God intended you to be. Break the cycle of hate, prejudice, fear and sin. If judged, choose understanding. If rejected, choose acceptance. If shamed, choose compassion. Become the person you are called to be, by birth and Baptism.

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We now begin the 16th Week in Ordinary Time. This week's parables piggy back on last week's Gospel reading concerning good and bad seed sown. The interpretation of the weeds and bad seed being burned in a fiery furnace represents those who reject Christ's words. God is aware of what the evil one (weeds) is up to and knows that that will be worked out at the harvest. The good seed, like a mustard seed, represents the faithful who flourish. In his patience the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together symbolizing that both sinners and saints can receive salvation in his kingdom. Through the mustard seed parable, we are encouraged to trust in God's work, even when initial efforts or faith appear small or unnoticed. And, from the story of woman who mixed yeast with flour, we are taught that God's kingdom grows invisibly but powerfully, transforming the whole of creation through the quiet, persistent work of faith and love. Acts of love, prayer and service, though seemingly minor, are foundational to the growth of God's Kingdom.

Lessons of the "Good" Seed, the Mustard Seed, and mixing in Yeast.



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(St. Leo the Great)

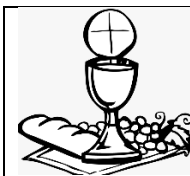


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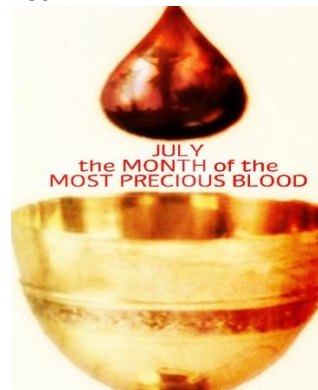


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Mass Intention requests are accepted throughout the year. Masses can be offered in the Chapel by Father Ken or by Father Valentine in Nigeria. Please contact Cat in the Chapel Office with your requests.

The month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. From the beginning, the Church regarded Christ's Blood as inseparably tied to Christ's Passion and death as the source of redemption. Dedicating the month of July to the Most Precious Blood was popularized in the 19th Century. Pope John XXIII wrote an Apostolic letter titled: "Sanquis Christi", inviting the faithful to fervently honor the Blood of Christ as a pledge of Reconciliation and Peace. The two fundamental reasons are: ***Through the shedding of his blood, Christ paid the ultimate price for our salvation, and Christ's blood yields spiritual food that we can share through worship in the Eucharist.***



**May Christ's will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. God Give You Peace.**
Mike Pierson

Mass Intentions

July 19, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
July 20, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Jack Parkhurs By Patty Parkhurst
July 21, 2026	Fr. Bob Strittmatter
July 22, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Sue Hamel By SFV Catholic Chapel Community
July 23, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Janie Hodge By SFV Catholic Chapel Community
July 24, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Marie Benetz By C. Karnezis
July 25, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)