



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

St. Jude's Shrine, February 15, 2026.

**COMMENTARY** Brothers and sisters, what a joy it is to be in the house of God! Today, the Lord's Day, His Church gathers to praise the Father, through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. He is the fulfillment of the divine promises, written in the Law and proclaimed by the prophets. We wish to listen to His Word, welcome His life-giving commandments, and be nourished by the Bread of salvation, so that we may leave this place more prepared to proclaim the heavenly Kingdom by the way we live. Let us, therefore, glorify the Lord our God! Please stand as we welcome **Father Maximiliano**.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### 1. ENTRANCE SONG

- Many faces, the young and the old (gathered as one in our God!) / Throughout hist'ry the stories retold (gathered as one in our God!) / Like those come before us we listen and learn, we remember the promise and await your return, so without hesitation, a new generation, proclaims the salvation of God.

**Gathered as one, in Jesus your Son  
Lifting our voices in praise/ We know and believe,  
and long to receive/ The bread that is strength for  
our days!/ Gathered as one!**

- Many pilgrims sharing as feast (gathered as one in our God!) / All are welcome, the greatest and least (gathered as one in our God!) / Like those come before us we listen and learn, we remember the promise and await your return, so without hesitation, a new generation, proclaims the salvation of God.

**Refrain**

- Many voices, raised up in song (gathered as one in our God!) / In one fam'ly where all can belong (gathered as one in our God!) / Like those come before us, we listen and learn / We remember the promise and await your return. / So without hesitation, a new generation proclaims the salvation of God.

**Refrain**

### 2. GREETINGS

**Celebrant:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**Celebrant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you All.

**All: And with your spirit.**

### 3. PENITENTIAL ACT

**Celebrant:** My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

**(SILENCE)**

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking breast three times) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels**

**and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

- Kyrie eleison (2x)  
Christe Eleison (2x)  
Kyrie eleison (2x)
- Lord have mercy (2x)  
Christ have mercy (2x)  
Lord have mercy (2x)

**Celebrant:** May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **All: Amen.**

### 4. GLORY

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on Earth! (2x)**

- Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory!

**Refrain**

- Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father  
Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sins of the World,  
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our pray'r, receive our pray'r

**Refrain**

- For you alone are the Holy One  
You alone are the Lord  
You alone are the most high - Jesus Christ - with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father... Amen

**Refrain (2x)**

### 5. LET US PRAY

**Celebrant:** Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 6. FIRST READING (Sirach 15:15-20)

**A Reading from the Wisdom of Jesus, son of Sirach:**

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

**The Word of the Lord**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**7. RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**(PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34)**

**(2x) Response Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed are they who observe his decrees,  
who seek him with all their heart.

**Response**

<sup>4</sup> You have commanded that your precepts  
be diligently kept.

<sup>5</sup> Oh, that I might be firm in the ways  
of keeping your statutes!

**Response**

<sup>17</sup> Be good to your servant, that I may live  
and keep your words.

<sup>18</sup> Open my eyes, that I may consider  
the wonders of your law.

**Response**

<sup>33</sup> Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes,  
that I may exactly observe them.

<sup>34</sup> Give me discernment, that I may observe your law  
and keep it with all my heart.

**(2x) Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

**8. SECOND READING (1 COR 2:6-10)**

**A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians:**

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. 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. But as it is written: What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**9. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (cf. Mt 11:25)**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia**

<sup>25</sup> Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia**

**10. GOSPEL READING (MT 5:17-37)**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you!

**All: And with your Spirit.**

**Celebrant:** A reading from the Holy Gospel, † according to Matthew:

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 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. 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."

**Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**All: Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**11. PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLE'S CREED)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**All: Amen.**

**12. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** Brothers and sisters, on this Lord's Day, let us present our prayers to Him, saying:

**Response: Lord! Hear our prayer!**

1. Lord, You who guide Your people and teach Your truth through the Pope and the Bishops, be always the refuge and strength of our shepherds, and grant that the faithful may recognize Your voice in what they teach.  
**R: Lord! Hear our prayer!**
2. Lord, You who revealed the mystery of faith through the Holy Spirit, grant that the Church in São Paulo may always be guided by Your Holy Spirit. **Response**

3. Lord, You who are the source of purity, do not allow us to be a cause of stumbling for anyone, but help us to love virtue and practice charity. **Response**
4. Lord, You who are the strength of the weak, make us humble and steadfast in Your commandments, so that we may not renounce the demands of the Gospel.  
**Response**
5. Lord, You who have a meek and humble heart, make our hearts like Yours and free us from any resentment toward our brothers and sisters.  
**R: Lord! Hear our prayer!**

**Celebrant:** Eternal and almighty God, You command us to love without measure; pour into our hearts the charity of the Holy Spirit, so that, inflamed with such great love, we may love You above all things and love everyone for Your sake. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### 13. OFFERING SONG

Take this bread, gift and work of human hands,  
Take this wine from this branch of your vine.  
Take our lives as an offering to you,  
God of mercy, singing "Blessed be our God!"

**Celebrant:** Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### 14. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS LET US PRAY

**Celebrant:** O Lord our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

### 15. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**All: It is right and just.**

#### Preface II:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption and, making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory as without end we acclaim: **Holy, Holy...**

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God of host  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory

**(2x) Hosanna in the highest**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

**(2x) Hosanna in the highest**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

(Epiclesis calling upon the Holy Spirit) **(Kneel down)**  
**Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and † Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.**

**(Institution Narrative) (recalling the words of Jesus at the Last supper)**

For on the night, he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

**The mystery of faith.**

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

**(Anamnesis, Offering, and Intercessions) (Stand up)**

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice. Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ. May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Her spouse St. Joseph, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs (St. Jude) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help. May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the World. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant LEO our Pope and ODILLO our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own. Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the World. † To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy forever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good. †  
**(Doxology and Great Amen)**

**Celebrant:** Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

## 16. COMMUNION RITE

**Celebrant:** At the Savior's command, formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**Celebrant:** Deliver us, Lord; we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, Who live and reign for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All: **Peace be with you.**

## 17. LAMB OF GOD

(3x) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World: grant us peace.

**Celebrant:** This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## 18. COMMUNION SONG

Jesus, you're the one I love,  
You're the one I know.  
You're the one who makes me strong,  
Spirit in my soul.

1. From the clouds of yesterday,  
Through the night of pain,  
Teach me, Lord, to know your way  
Know it once again.
2. Bread, blessed and broken for us all;  
Symbol of Your love from the grain so tall.  
Bread, blessed and broken for us all;  
Bread of life you give to us, bread of life for all.  
**Refrain**

## 19. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION LET US PRAY

**Celebrant:** O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord. All: **Amen.**

# CONCLUDING RITES

## 20. FINAL BLESSING

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

**Celebrant:** May the Lord let his face shine upon you and show you his mercy. All: **Amen**

**Celebrant:** May he turn his countenance towards you and give you his peace. All: **Amen**

**Celebrant:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son † and the Holy Spirit. All: **Amen**

**Celebrant:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: **Thanks be to God**

## 21. FINAL SONG

1. Hallelujah, sing a song  
Hallelujah, we'll follow along  
With their simple word of singing the world  
We've blast the sky, the tree, the bird  
And we feel a heart with joy, hallelujah.

**Hallelujah, sounds of love  
Hallelujah, the sunshine above  
Hallelujah, the bells will go ringing  
And take it from dawn to night, hallelujah.**

2. Hallelujah, day by day  
Hallelujah, don't throw it away  
*Flying, spread your wings, have a try  
Be free again like a butterfly.  
Come along and sing with us hallelujah*  
**Refrain**
3. Hallelujah, hand in hand  
Hallelujah, all over the land  
Hallelujah, let's try from the start  
And singing with all the heart, allelujah.  
**Refrain**
4. Hallelujah, the bells will go ringing  
And take it from dawn to night, hallelujah, hallelujah.

## 22. ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

### 1. PRAYER TO MOTHER MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### 2. GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

### 3. PRAYER FOR THE SPECIAL YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all Reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. All: Amen.



**Next English Mass - March 22**  
**Join us every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month**  
**at St. Jude's shrine at 10 am.**