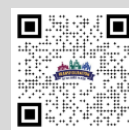
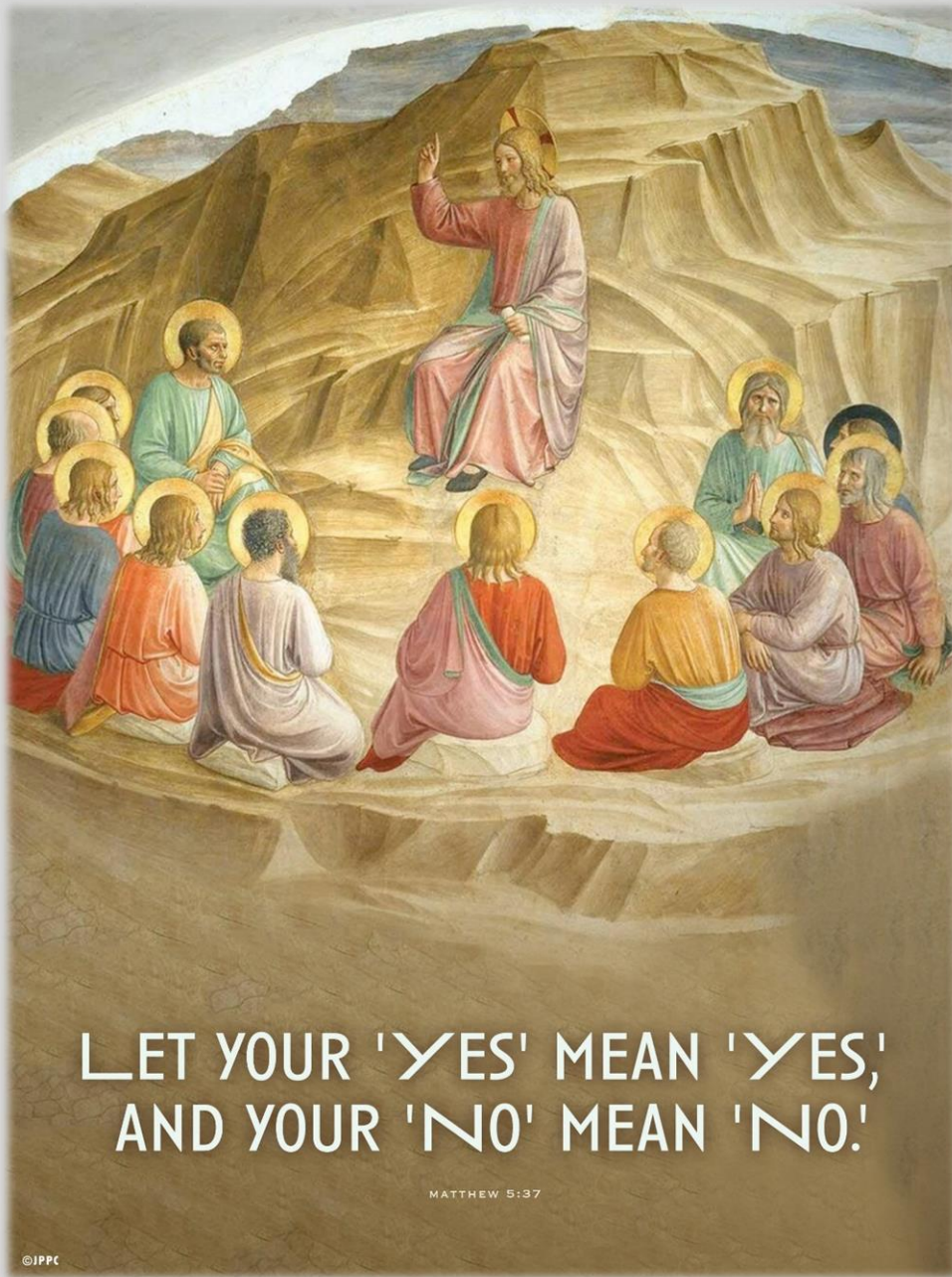


Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart. Baptisms are scheduled for 12:30 pm with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at stmaryna@noozi.com for more information and available dates.

Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday morning and afternoon. Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance to begin preparation.

Sacrament of the Sick

Pastoral care to those in need of the sacrament of the sick is arranged through the parish office. Please call to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the first Friday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 6:00 pm with Benediction.

Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. You are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. You may also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Or you can use this link for online giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary Church

Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Sunday 9:30 am Saint Mary Church

Sunday 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

Weekday Masses

Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service

Saint Mark Church

Links to: Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/ysfaxaty>

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February 12 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>February 11</u>
4:00 pm	Susanne Wignall
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 12</u>
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 12</u>
9:30 am	Patricia Marchese
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 12</u>
11:00 am	Thomas Sirois
<u>Monday</u>	<u>February 13</u>
4:30 pm	Paul S. Dumas, Sr.
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>February 14</u>
8:00 am	Jane Sellner
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>February 15</u>
4:30 pm	David Parenteau
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>February 16</u>
8:00 am	

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February 19 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>February 18</u>
4:00 pm	Alyssa Pastore
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 19</u>
8:00 am	Doris Legg
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 19</u>
9:30 am	Bob Schnack
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 19</u>
11:00 am	R. Brent Derik

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Parish Contributions

Collection figures
January 28/29: \$11,589.65

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Pope Francis

“The Lord is to be sought and loved in the poor. As Christians, we must take care not to distance them from us. There is something wrong when a believer keeps Christ’s loved ones at a distance.”

February 3, 2023

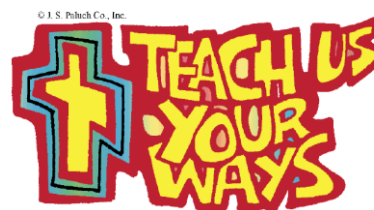
CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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Readings for the Week of February 12

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Saint Mary –Sacred Heart School

Do you have a child who will be 4 years old by August 2023?

As parents, you are the primary educators of your child; thus, it is never too early to plan for your child's education. Our LITTLE SAINTS program is an adventure to help each child encounter feelings of success and experience opportunities for discovery. We build upon a child's natural talents and curiosity to help your child become a confident learner and be fully prepared for Kindergarten – academically, socially, and spiritually. Call us at (508) 695-3072 to set up a time to tour our school and meet our amazing Pre-K4 staff!



A Catholic education is one of the best gifts you could ever give your children. From preschool through Grade 8, our SMSH students grow in faith, knowledge, character, and grace, thriving in an atmosphere where they feel respected and loved by their teachers and fellow Saints.

We invite you to learn more about our preschool through Grade 8 Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School students and programs by visiting our website www.smschool.com.

Lenten Diaper Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be organizing a Lenten Diaper Drive, to benefit Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center. We are requesting donations of diapers in sizes 4-6. These are the sizes that are used most frequently by the clients at Abundant Hope. Some clients whose babies have allergies to certain brands of diapers, and Pampers seems to be the brand that works best for many of the babies - but donations of all brands are appreciated. We are also requesting donations of diaper wipes. We will have containers at each of the three North Attleborough churches, starting the weekend of February 25-26, and continuing throughout lent. Thank you very much for your support of Abundant Hope PRC.

Prayer and Pizza

Looking for another way to deepen your spirituality? Do you have “knots” in your life that you need help undoing? Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month for “Prayer and Pizza”. Following the 4:30 pm Mass together we will pray the rosary, which will be offered up to Mary, Undoer of Knots (maryundoerofknots.com). As St. Padre Pio said, “The rosary is the weapon for these times...”. Whether you pray the rosary daily or have never prayed it before, please consider joining us for “Prayer and Pizza” *the next gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16.* Pizza from Bill's Pizza in North Attleboro will be provided as well as bottled water in the parish center at Saint Mary Church following the rosary. Voluntary donations will be accepted and donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their charitable works. All are welcome! Come and see what it is all about this summer! Please contact Rick Leco (508 930 9264) or Vicky Curran (508 930 3306) with any questions.



Donation Statements

The 2022 year-end contribution reports are available from the budget envelope company **for those parishioners using the budget envelope system. Loose checks mailed or placed in the collection are not recorded by the budget company.** Please contact Monica in the office, email preferred (stmaryna@noozi.com), if you would like your statement. You may also call (508-695-6161) and leave a message with your name and address. Contribution letters can be mailed or emailed to you. Please indicate your preference when you contact the office. Thank you for your support of our parish community.

Eucharistic Nights & Relic Tour

*Coming this Lent as Part of the National
Eucharistic Revival*

These evenings will feature a talk by Fall River Diocesan priest Father Roger Landry who is among 50 priests from across the country commissioned to serve as a National Eucharistic Preacher, along with Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and an opportunity to venerate the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Garcia. In addition, a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit will be present for viewing. Catholics from across Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands are invited and encouraged to attend any one of the evenings to unite in prayer during that week, asking the Eucharistic Lord to renew our Fall River Diocese.




Inclement Weather Policy 2023


Please refer to this policy when winter storms approach.

1. If North Attleborough schools **cancel** classes for the day, daily Mass is canceled for that day and the Parish Office will be closed for the day. All scheduled activities and meetings are canceled for the day.
2. If North Attleborough schools have a **delay** in opening, daily Mass is canceled for that day and the office will open later if it is safe for travel. Scheduled activities and meetings are canceled for the day.
3. If there is a severe storm on a weekend, we would not risk travel. Masses would be held on Saturday at 4:00 pm Mass and/or Sunday at 9:30 am at Saint Mary Church only. Sacred Heart Church and Saint Mark Church would not be open for use under these circumstances. We will indicate this plan on the parish voicemail and website and if possible via the parish Facebook page. Common sense should always prevail. If we are told to stay off the roads in a storm even if it is not a declared snow emergency, then you should stay home. This is for your safety and the safety of others.



4. If a snow emergency is declared and travel is restricted to emergency vehicles on a weekday, Saturday or Sunday - no Mass celebrated in the parish that day. Please consider watching the Fall River Diocesan Television Mass on Sunday at 11 a.m. on WLNE-TV, ABC Channel 6, New Bedford-Providence or online at <https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/tv-mass/>. We will indicate this plan on the parish voicemail and website and if possible via the parish Facebook page. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation concerning these directives.





Eucharistic Nights & Relic Tour


Monday, March 13 at 6pm
St. Anthony Church, East Falmouth

Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30pm
Holy Name Sacred Heart of Jesus, New Bedford

Wednesday, March 15 at 6pm
Cathedral of St. Mary, Fall River

with talk by
Fr. Roger Landry
National Eucharistic Preacher
Priest of the Diocese of Fall River

Each night will also include:
Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, opportunity for veneration
of the relics of Bl. Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Garcia, and the
Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit





Did you know... Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center offers a mentoring program for new or expecting dads called "The Best Dads Challenge". Many men did not grow up with a father in the home and may benefit from some extra education and encouragement. For further information, contact 508-455-0425. Serving the community since 2011 - from pregnancy testing to potty training!

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education ~ Mrs. Elaine Corvese

508-695-3823

TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com

First Communion and Confirmation Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at **Saint Mary Church** for ALL second grade students on **Saturday, March 18, 2023** beginning at 10:00 am

First Communion will be held on **Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, May 20, 2023** at Saint Mary Church at 11:00 am. Please see your email from Mrs. Corvese for information about your date assignment.

Confirmation is scheduled for **Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 11:00 am in Saint Mary church** for all Confirmation Candidates.

Confirmation Rehearsal dates:

Wednesday, February 15

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Saint Mary Church

CANDIDATES ONLY

Tuesday, February 28

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Saint Mary Church

CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS

Other Class dates:

Grades 1 and 2: Classes: Tuesday, February 28 and Saturday, February 11

Grades 6 and 7: The next class for 6th Grade is Monday, February 13, and 7th Grade is Monday, February 27.

Grades 8: The next class for 8th Grade will be held Wednesday, March 8.

2023 Women and Men's Conference

To register or for more information please visit the Diocese of Fall River website at <https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/>

Saturday, March 11, 2023 • 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stonehill College

Dynamic Guest Speakers | Music | Adoration | Reconciliation | Morning Refreshments | Lunch | Vendors | Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit with Relics of Bl. Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Garcia present for Adoration. Breakout Sessions available in English, Portuguese and Spanish. 4 p.m. Closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha. S.D.V. CEU's available



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal Catholic organization focused on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Council #330 has been serving the Catholic community of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish since 1898. The Council is committed to assisting local causes that align with our Catholic values such as the Parish, St Mary-Sacred Heart School, Adopt-a-Family, and Abundant Hope. If you are interested in becoming a member or have questions, please contact Jim Schromm at jim.schromm@verizon.net

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. The Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the parish hall in Saint Mary Church. Please join us!

Call for Assistance

If you need assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information.

Mass Intentions

2023 Mass Intention Book

The 2023 Mass Intention calendar is available for scheduling memorial Masses. At this time you are asked to schedule only 2 weekend Mass intentions for anytime in the calendar year. You may schedule as many weekday Masses as you would like. Mass intentions are for the deceased and not for the living. We will continue to have one person or family for each Mass time. Intentions can be scheduled at stmaryna@noozi.com or by phone at 508-695-6161



BAPTISM

Scheduling Baptisms

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis. *Baptisms for the months of January, February and March will be celebrated following the 11:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart.* Baptism will begin at 12:30 pm at 58 Church Street with a maximum of four families. Please contact Monica in the office via email (stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and visit the parish website www.saintmaryna.com and click on the "Sacraments" tab for more detailed information.

Do You Need a Sponsor Form Signed?

What Are The Requirements To Be a Godparent or Sponsor for Confirmation?

If you have been asked to be a godparent or confirmation sponsor, requirements set by the Roman Catholic Church are as follows: You must be a confirmed Catholic, in their 16th year, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by regular participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. If you are currently a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and have been asked to be a godparent or sponsor, please see Father Michael after Mass.

Housekeeping Requests

Please help us keep our parishes clean and tidy. Before leaving the church, please return the kneeler to the upright position. Please take your bulletin home and throw away any debris; tissues, wrappers, etc. Trash containers can be found at the main entrances to the church. We also ask that you supervise any children who are in need of the restrooms during Mass, and that they be used only if urgently needed. Please help us keep our parish clean and welcoming to all who may come after you. *Thank you for your assistance!*

Eucharistic Revival

As part of the initial year of formation and preparation for the National Eucharistic Revival, the diocese will be hosting Dr. Edward Sri for a free virtual session on the importance of the Mass for Catholics and its Biblical Roots on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 PM EST. Dr. Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker throughout the country and on Formed. He is the host of the acclaimed film series Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained and other formation series, including A Biblical Walk Through the Mass. Receiving his doctorate from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, he is an adjunct professor at the Augustine Institute and Sr. Vice President of Apostolic Outreach for FOCUS. To register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZllcumvrT4vGdehi9nuBJQshbl4g95KLOL4>



A Biblical Walk Through the Mass
The Importance of the Eucharist
and Mass for Catholics

Wednesday, Feb 15th
6:30 PM EST | Online

featuring
Edward Sri, Ph.D.
Theologian, Author, Media Producer
featured on Formed, and Visiting
Professor at Augustine Institute

Register for Free at:
<https://bit.ly/ReviveMass>

 NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Eucharistic Adoration

*Adoration takes place each First Friday
in Saint Mary church.*

We invite you to answer His call.

Adoration hours in March: Saint Mary Church, Friday, March 3rd, beginning 9:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. with Benediction For more information call Joanne Regali (508-643-3821) or Arlene Hall (508-801-2243). Please leave a message if the call is not answered immediately.

Readings for February 12, 2023

First Reading

A reading from the Book 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.

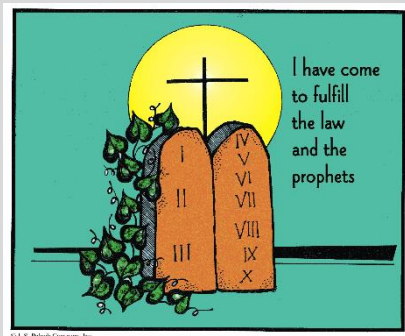
Before man are life and death,
good and evil,
whichever he chooses shall be
given him.

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.

Thanks be to God.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Blessed are they whose way
is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
Blessed are they who observe
his decrees,
who seek him with all their heart.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

You have commanded that
your precepts
be diligently kept.
Oh, that I might be firm in the ways
of keeping your statutes!

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Be good to your servant,
that I may live
and keep your words.
Open my eyes, that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way
of your statutes,
that I may exactly observe them.
Give me discernment, that I may
observe your law
and keep it with all my heart.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Saint 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.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

**† A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew**

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, 'Raqa,' 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."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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 *Love* is patient,
kind, endearing, beautiful,
hopeful, joyful, exciting and
ultimately...given by *God*.

*Your every act should
be done with Love* 