

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2010

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.”

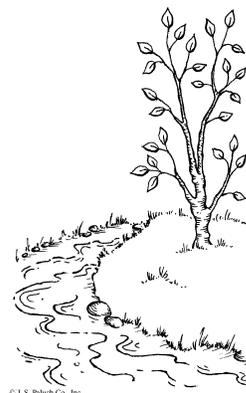
~Luke 6: 20-21a

PEOPLE OF THE RESURRECTION

In the past few weeks we have been hearing about the beginning of Jesus' ministry as written in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus began his ministry in the synagogue in Nazareth by reading, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me / because he has anointed me / to bring glad tidings to the poor” (Luke 4:18). With those words Jesus announced the whole purpose of his ministry. He himself was to bring the kingdom of God to the poor. This is the good news of salvation that he preached and brought about during his ministry.

Today we hear the Beatitudes, in which Jesus explains more fully what those “glad tidings” really mean. The good news is about salvation from suffering on earth and in the life to come. It is about divine favor resting on those who trust in God's love and mercy, rather than on those who trust in human plans, possessions, and power.

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We are His Hands

Submitted by Greg De Cristofaro

We are called as Jesus commanded, “go forth and serve one another as I have served you” with our God given gifts of time, talents and treasures.



Each week one or more parish ministries will host the coffee and donuts after the 8 am and 10:30 am masses.

This would be an opportunity for you to investigate if that particular ministry is a way for you to serve our parish community with your God given gifts.

Next week, February 21st, the **Ladies Guild** and **Rosary Makers** will be hosting the coffee and donuts.

The **Ladies Guild** assists the pastor and stimulates the work of Catholic women in parish ministries and other Catholic women's organizations. This group meets once a month, conducts the annual rummage sale and Christmas Boutique, and furnishes and cares for the altar linens. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Pat Wallila at 876-9185.

The **Rosary Makers** ministry is an apostolate with thousands of members throughout the 50 states and several foreign countries who make and provide rosaries to help missionaries and other ministries in order to spread devotion to Our Lord and Our Lady by praying the rosary. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Loretta Collins at 876-1484.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

The office will be closed Monday for President's Day and Tuesday as preparation for the Fat Tuesday Volunteer Dinner begins. We will open at 11:00am on Wednesday.

Missal reading for February 14th is located on page 74.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 14

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Valentines Day, World Marriage Day
Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by KOC



Monday, February 15

Parish Office Closed

President's Day

Noon Hot Lunch Provided by Methodist Church, main hall

7:00pm RCIA Inquiry, church conf. room

Tuesday, February 16

Parish Office Closed in preparation for Mardi Gras

9:15am Legion of Mary, church conf. Room

6:00pm Mardi Gras Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday



6:30am **Prayer and Ashes, church**

8:30am **Mass and Ashes**

9:30am Mothers and Others, small hall

11:00am Catholics Come Home, church conf. room

Noon **Mass and Ashes, church**

Noon Wednesday Hot Lunch, main hall

1:00pm 50+ Singles, main hall

4:00pm **Prayer and Ashes, church**

6:30pm **Mass and Ashes ~ bi-lingual, church**

7:00pm Breath of the Spirit Prayer Group, library

6:30pm Inquiry for Secular Franciscans, church conf. room

7:00pm Breath of the Spirit Prayer Group, small hall

7:30pm **Catholics Come Home (large hall)**

Thursday, February 18

7:00pm **Adult Faith Formation , small hall**

Friday, February 19

9:00am Building/Finance Committee, church conf. room

10:30am Table of Plenty Food Distribution, garage

6:00 **Stations of the Cross—Church**

Saturday, February 20

3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, church

5:00pm Vigil Mass



Sunday, February 21

First Sunday of Lent

Coffee & Donuts: Ladies Guild & Rosary Makers

Lent Arrives Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is this week, kicking off our Lenten observance. This is a time of prayer, sacrifice, fasting and making quiet time to communicate with God. Lent should not be seen as a time of sacrifice as much as a time to ensure that we are properly focused on God and that He is primary in our lives. The sacrifice is a means of practicing our belief that God is primary. Through sacrifice we demonstrate and practice that nothing will get in the way of our relationship with God.

The Central Theme:

Lent focuses very much on the passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The "passion" refers to His willingness to suffer and die on our behalf. It is amazing enough that God loves us so much that God joined us in our created status, becoming a man born as a helpless infant and growing into adulthood just as we experience this gift of life. In Jesus Christ our God reaches out to us and demonstrates to us how we too can live out our relationship with God. The humanity of Jesus is very much in touch with the Father through prayer and sacrifice and He continually gives up His own will for the will of the Father.

That God made man in Jesus Christ would also allow Himself to suffer on our behalf and even to undergo the trials of a painful death, all done on our behalf, is an even greater gift. Jesus Christ suffered and died for our benefit only. All God gains by this is the hope that we will respond with our own love and will make God primary in our lives. Through the gift of free will, God will not force Himself on us. God wants us to freely choose to love Him as He loves us and to give ourselves over to Him as He has given Himself for us in Jesus Christ.

A Time of Renewal of Faith:

Lent is that annual time when we remind ourselves of God's sacrifice and try to respond in small sacrifices of our own. It is a time to put into practice our beliefs and become more in unity with our Father in heaven. By the example of Jesus Christ we are led to the loving relationship God offers us. Lent then should not be seen as a time of suffering sacrifice but as a time to grow in our relationship with God and to rediscover the joy of that relationship. It is a time to put the troubles of our lives in perspective and to realize just how blessed we are.

We should embrace the sacrifices we make as a way to improve our lives by improving our relationship to God. This is particularly important as we sacrifice the noise of the world to make quiet space for God to work in our lives. By turning off TVs, radios, computers, the internet and other distractions in our lives, we can tune in God and find that deeper relationship that will have such richness to our day to

day existence. We can go through the day seeking distractions of moving from problem to problem or we can embrace each day as a new opportunity to be in union with God and to allow Him to continue His formation of our lives.

If we take this Lenten season seriously then we will be different people when Easter comes. We will be holier, more in tune with God's will in our lives, less selfish, more loving and better disciples. God can do wonderful things, beyond what we believe is possible for ourselves, if we allow Him to be first in our lives and lead our actions. It is what Jesus means when He says we must "die to ourselves" When we quit putting our own selves first in the world and allow God to lead us, then we find a new life filled with His blessings.

Holy and Counter Cultural:

Being a good Catholic is in many ways, countercultural. The world tells us to strive for the most things and to achieve high praise for ourselves. It says that we can have it all and can have it now. If we don't the world tells us that someone else must be blocking us or holding us back. The world pays lip service to helping our fellow man but it holds highest those who draw attention to themselves and those who hold and wield great power.

God tells us to not put ourselves first. We are to look out for the weakest among us. We are to not seek glory for ourselves but seek glory for God. God wants us to realize that God is great and than none loves greater than God. It is the humble man and woman that God holds high. It is the one who does not put him or herself first that God puts first in the world. It is not easy being a Holy People, but it is rewarding. It will bring us peace in this life and everlasting life with God ... forever.

Faith into Action:

As a parish we need to praise God in Lent and to find ways to make God first. In ministry, in helping others, in doing something we are uncomfortable with but which we know is right, in being generous towards the works of God, in giving God time, prayer and silence; in these ways we make God first and die a bit to ourselves while finding the true joy that comes with being a child of God.

Please use the form on this page for your own plans for Lent. Make this a special Lenten season that will have life long consequences. God's creative work is able to continue when we say "yes" not just with our lips but with our hearts, mind and actions. Together let us make this a season that will change our lives forever.

Father Steven Foppiano

The form is for your use only.

My Lenten Pledge

For Lent I will make quiet time for God by tuning out those things that are distractions and which often yield no good effects. I will make room for God in the following ways:

- My television will be off all during Lent
- My TV will be on only during the hours of: _____

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I will limit my internet time to the following hours/period each day/week. _____

- _____
- I will not play video games during Lent.
- I will turn off my radio during Lent
I will drive with the radio off and spend that time in
 prayer.

I will listen to the radio only during the period of:

- _____

I will spend more time in prayer:

___ I will pray the rosary daily

___ I will pray daily during the hours of:

___ I will attend daily Mass on:

___ I will make time for silence to place myself in
God's presence at these times: _____

- _____
___ I will attend First Friday Adoration

Besides following the Lenten regulations, I will make the following sacrifices during Lent: _____

- _____
- _____

I will attend confession often during Lent

Together as a family or as a gathering of friends, we will engage in the following sacrifices or activities:

“Table of Plenty” Food Ministry

Once again, we would like to thank all parishioners who have so generously made monetary and food donations to this ministry. The monetary donations we receive are necessary to purchase perishable items (milk, eggs, lunch meat, chicken, hamburger, carrots, bananas, etc.). This money is always spent very carefully on food we find on sale or buy in bulk. There are Table of Plenty envelopes on the tables in the vestibule if you feel you would like to contribute to this ministry. Also, each food item added to the basket in vestibule really does add up to provide a lot of groceries for the families we serve. Thank you for coming together as a parish to share the love of Christ!

This week Table of Plenty is especially in need of cereal, tuna, peanut butter, and pasta. Please consider bringing one of these items to church next week.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink...I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my brothers, you did it for me.”

Matthew 25:35, 40

Please offer your prayers for our brothers & sisters in Christ

Tille Bacca	Rose Mitag
Art & Jane Crognale	Betty Pompermayer
Pietra Duffy	Jeff Read
Mark and DienaFinn	John Read
Ann Fry	Guillermo Rueda
Robert Leonardo Gelardi	Charles Schuster
Ernie & Elane Guerrero	Janet Smith
Judith Hicks	Allen Snyder
Cindy Hogman	Mary Sparks
Helen Huddleston	Sally Stansfield
Dan and Mimi Johnson	Willard Tenholder
Phil Kelly	Bonnie Thibault
Klair Baranek	Margaret Vandergrift
Debbie Miley	Debbie Wilson
	Selberg Family

Please pray for the recently deceased: Marguerite Speegel

Annual Catholic Appeal

**25% COMES
BACK TO OUR
PARISH.**

Commitment Weekend for the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal will take place in two weeks (February 27/28). Through our support, we can assure the continued existence of many vital social service programs that assist tens of thousands of people in need; assist with the formation of diocesan seminarians, and provide need-based tuition assistance to families desiring a Catholic school education for their children. Please respond generously when you are asked to make a gift. God's return to you will be even more generous.

Mass Intentions

~ February 13-21, 2010 ~

Sat.	8:30am	Intentions of Maura and David Brown
	5:00pm	Frances Dominguez †
Sun.	8:00am	Josephine Mc Carthy †
	10:30am	John Luser †
	5:00pm	Bob Wagner †
Mon.	8:30am	Evelyn Sailors †
Tue.	8:30am	Luiz Gregorio †
Wed	8:30am	Isabella Huckins †
Thur.	8:30am	Tulia Catherine Faugh †
Fri.	8:30am	Intentions of Sister Mary Martin Mulroy
Sat.	8:30am	People of Haiti
	5:00pm	Guy Saiani †
Sun.	8:00am	Evelyn Sailors †
	10:30am	Patricia Coupens †
	5:00pm	People of STM

† Denotes deceased

Table Reserved

New and returning Catholics have a table reserved in the Main Hall for coffee and donuts after the 8am and 10:30am Masses each Sunday.

There will be information provided for the upcoming series of Catholics Come Home and answers for any questions you might have.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8
Second Reading: 1Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20
Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Theme: Trust in Jesus, the way to true happiness.



Question for Children: How do you experience God's blessing in difficult times, when you are sad, hungry, or when friends reject you?

Question for Young People: How does trusting in God make a difference in your life?

Question for Adults: In today's Gospel, we are reminded that we will be either blessed or have woe done unto us. It's a challenging teaching! Which half of this Gospel reading applies to you?

Adult Faith Formation takes place each Thursday at 7pm in the small hall.

CATHOLICS COME HOME

~An invitation to ALL Catholics~
 Practicing and Non-Practicing

Were you raised Catholic but rarely attend church ?

Are you a Catholic who feels separated from the church ?

Would you like to know more about the Catholic church?

Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic church again ?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic church.

Please join us for informational listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith.

These sessions are held at Saint Thomas Moore Catholic Church on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm.



For more information please call 530-877-4501, leave your name and phone number and a parish coordinator will return your call.

Weekly Sacrificial Donations

For the week of February 6-7, 2010

Our Regular Collection Weekly Goal is \$6,000.00

Regular Collection	\$ 5,463.50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 65.00
Table of Plenty	\$ 220.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 650.00

Total Collections \$ 6,398.50

Thank You for your generosity!

ASH WEDNESDAY Schedule



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6:30 am	Prayer and Ashes
8:30 am	Mass and Ashes
12:00 noon	Mass and Ashes
4:00 pm	Prayer and Ashes
6:30 pm	Bilingual Mass and Ashes

A collection will be taken at each Ash Wednesday service on behalf of our Caring Ministry which reaches out to parishioners in temporary financial need.

Stations of the Cross are held each Friday at 6:00pm in the Church

Missing Books from Vestibule

The books and CDs in the vestibule are provided for convenience of our parishioners but must be purchased. Some purchase envelopes have not been returned. If you have taken a book with the idea of returning payment later, please return the envelope payment as soon as you can.