

PARISH CALENDAR

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019

Lead me, guide me
for the sake of your name, Lord!

Saturday, February 16	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, February 17	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, February 18	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - PRESIDENT DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday, February 19	..... 7:45 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Mass
Wednesday, February 20	..... 7:45 a.m.	Liturgy Committee - Kamiano Trailer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Mass
Thursday, February 21	..... 7:45 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Mass
Friday, February 22	..... 7:45 a.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, February 23	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:30-9:30 p. m.	Mass
		YOUTH NIGHT

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

1 Sam:26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23: David spares his enemy
1 Cor:15:45-49: Live as spiritual, not natural beings
Lk 6:27-38: Jesus' challenge about loving and forgiving



Reflection

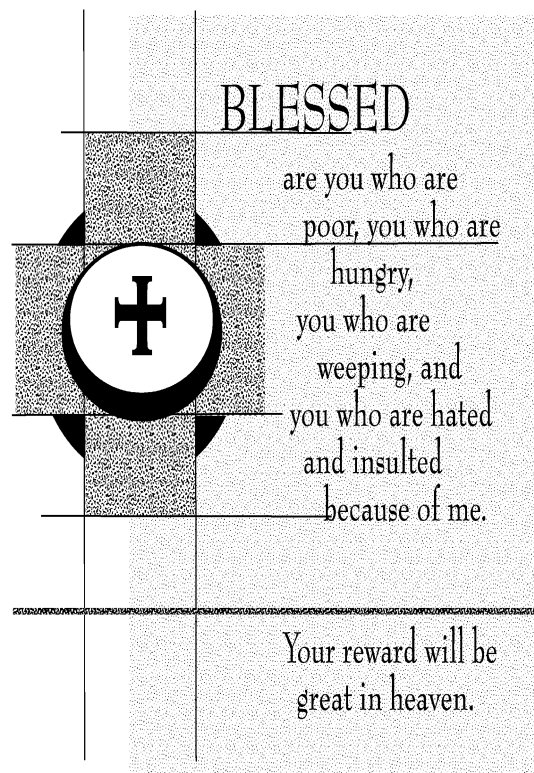
Jesus comes down from the mountain heights to a wide, open place. Here crowds are assembled, eager to hear him, to see him, to touch him. Those who are desperate long for healing. They know they are needy, but they barely perceive the depth of their need. They know that their need impinges, causes physical pain and psychological stress. They are too thin; there is no cushion between their current situation and abject poverty. Their pockets are empty of coins, their stomachs of food; their hearts full of a sadness uniquely their own. They perceive themselves alone and excluded from the circles of wealth and influence.

They wait. Finally, Jesus looks up and utters a startling benediction: "Blessed are you" Not once, but four times, he says this. They are shocked to learn that they are so blessed, they who feel so woeful.

Apparently, there is a poverty, hunger, sorrow, and exclusion that lies much, much deeper than the deprivations his listeners experience. A deeper fulfillment and satiation and inclusion are possible for such as listened to Jesus that day. Their experience of need is exactly the right kind, for it admits of fullness; it draws down God's blessing.

In contrast, Jesus sets forth four woes or curses. The most to be pitied, least to be emulated, are those who are already filled with themselves and their endless grasping, plundering desires. They are the losers. They are engaged in a futile pursuit.

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R. E. "DA" BIG BREAKFAST: Mahalo palena 'ole e ka 'ohana! The RE staff, students, and families send boundless gratitude to everyone who helped to make this year's Da Big Breakfast extra successful. Thanks to your aloha, we sold **241 tickets, made 205 plates, and raised \$3,956!** Mahalo to all our volunteer cooks and to everyone who braved the stormy weather.

YOUTH NIGHT: Hey, teenagers! Let's get together for Youth Night on **Saturday, February 23, from 5:30pm to 9:30pm**. Come as you are, or bring a friend, as we share food, fun, faith, and fellowship. All teens, age 12 through 19, are welcome.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING: The state of New York just voted to expand abortion access right up to the birth of the baby. **The nation has been reeling,** ever since Governor Cuomo celebrated the law's passage. NY now joins Alaska, Colorado, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon and Vermont where abortion right up until birth is legal. We are calling for a **National Day of Mourning** and repentance. We are in desperate need for God to move upon the hearts of young and old in our nation. Join us **February 23rd for "A National Day of Mourning." WEAR BLACK/ DON'T SHOP/- CLOSE BUSINESSES / REPENT FOR ABORTION**

WORD OF LIFE: "Called to serve the people and the common good, [civil leaders] have a duty to make courageous choices in support of life, especially through legislative measures." - **Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 90.** © Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission

WEEKLY READINGS

Feb 17 Sun: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer:17:5-8; Ps:1; 1 Cor:15:12, 16-20; Lk:6:17, 20-26

Feb 18 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

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

Feb 19 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

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

Feb 20 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

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

Feb 21 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

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

Feb 22 Fri: Saint The Chair of Peter the Apostle

1 Pt:5:1-4; Ps 23: 1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt:16:13-19

Jan 26 Sat: Saints Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Heb:11: 1-8; Ps:145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

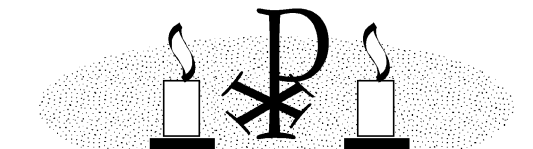
The prophet Jeremiah minces no words in today's first reading: "Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings... whose heart turns away from the LORD." And the prophet's "beatitude" resembles that of Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel reading when he proclaims "Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD." Good stewards understand that what the world values is not consistent with Gospel values. They realize that God has placed in their midst all the gifts, charisms, and resources needed to bring Christ to a world desperately in need of his loving presence. But to exercise good stewardship over God's gifts takes a great deal of trust. How does our stewardship reflect our trust in the Lord? What did we do today to give others hope in Christ Jesus? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council ~e-Bulletin**)

The reading from Jeremiah gives us a firm image of the blessed one—a healthy tree with roots deep in nourishing water. The tree flourishes, even in the unrelenting dry desert winds. So, says Jeremiah, is the person deeply rooted in God. These deep roots are available to both the materially poor and the materially wealthy. The woeful one, on the other hand, is not so rooted, and is as lifeless as a barren bush in the same desert where the other flourishes. Jesus is not extolling a disenfranchised way of life, nor is he condemning the financially well off. But he is saying that there are worse losses than the loss of coin, bread, good cheer, and good company. There is, for example, the loss of God or any interest in God. Now that's poverty, starvation, sadness, and isolation of the worst possible kind. Nothing will fill up that absence of God. We recall Augustine's lovely reminder that our hearts are made for God and they will be restless until they rest in God.

The simple folks on the plain may not have known this when they first looked to Jesus, but they knew it after he had spoken. And it was up to them to take it in and act. In the end, the size of the pocketbook would not be the deciding factor. In the end, the question would be asked, not how full their pocketbook was or how fat their checking account, but how large and welcoming the heart, how anchored in God their lives. They would be asked as we are asked: In whom does your faith, hope, and love rest?

Paul would say to the Corinthians that the source and summit of their striving must be anchored in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul would say that to us, too, offering a beatitude of another kind, which might be construed like this: Blessed are you whose faith is centered in the death and resurrection of Christ, in whose company you find yourselves now and will find yourselves forever.

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