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Weekend Magazine

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January 29, 2023 ▪ The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope: Let's rediscover with awe that God speaks to us



In a world beset with loneliness, Pope Francis gives a tip for finding someone beside us.

After praying the midday Angelus on January 22, which this year is Word of God Sunday, Pope Francis invited the faithful to rediscover the awe that God speaks to us.

He also repeated an invitation that he has made to find Christ accompanying us through the Gospels.

Here's what he said:

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is dedicated in a special way to the Word of God. Let us rediscover with awe the fact that God speaks to us, especially through the Sacred Scriptures.

Let us read them, study them, meditate on them, pray over them. Let us read a passage from the Bible every day, especially from the Gospel. Jesus speaks to us there, he enlightens us, he guides us.

And I remind you of something I have said other times: Let's have a small Gospel, a pocket-size Gospel, to take in your bag, always with us. And when there is a moment during the day, read something from the Gospel. It is Jesus who accompanies us. So, a small pocket-size Gospel always with us. Reprinted with permission from Aleteia.org



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
website, btsp.org.

Confessions will be held
Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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Appeal

THANK YOU!

Final results for the Catholic Ministry Appeal for 2022 show Blessed Trinity reaching 84% of its goal of \$74,741, with a final contribution amount of \$62,834. The parish will not be assessed for the shortfall, as was the case in previous years.

Thanks to all who contributed to the appeal. Many people have benefited from your generosity.

Let's pray for an even better outcome for the 2023 appeal.



Catholic Ministry Appeal

Today Jesus said in the Gospel, "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." (Matthew 5:12) He commanded us to rejoice in our persecution. Jesus doesn't ask us to rejoice in pain for pain's sake. As he faced his agony, Jesus himself asked that the cup of

suffering "might pass from me." Jesus shares our very human and very good desire to avoid pain when it makes sense to do so. He commanded us to rejoice when in pain for his sake. "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you," he candidly reminded those following him (John 15:20).

Pain comes to those who follow him. That's the bad news. The good news is it will eventually be okay—more than OK. We will possess him in perfect beatitude one day. It's worth anything this valley of tears can throw at us because the valley has an end.

Today, Jesus entrusts our parish with the mission to help local Christians make it there. With your help, our Catholic Ministry Appeal will enable us to reach those Jesus asks. Jesus is meek, merciful, pure of heart, and himself persecuted like no one else.

Please help us to shine as brightly as Jesus' face did when he first revealed the beatitudes. Jesus is the way, and he will show you which way to help.



January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 | 1 Cor 1:26-31 | Mt 5:1-12a

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have a competitive streak. Whether it's guessing Wordle in one try, grabbing the last Doorbuster deal at Kohl's or snagging Boardwalk early in a game of Monopoly, I like to win. For this reason, the readings today especially challenge me. In a world that values success, wealth and "winning," today's readings turn things upside down when it comes to status and justice. In Zephaniah, God chooses the "humble and lowly." In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus lays out a road map to lasting happiness that bears little resemblance to what the world tells us, and even what our own instincts may tell us, about being "happy." I'll still buy Boardwalk at the first opportunity, but Jesus' words invite me to focus on seeking righteousness, and to be merciful and "clean of heart." They encourage me to seek the happiness that only Christ can give. Through prayer and reflection on these words, we can ask the Lord to transform our hearts and lives to align with what it truly means to be blessed.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Pope Francis has referred to the Eight Beatitudes as a kind of Christian "identity card." (General Audience, Jan. 2020) And he had a suggestion for those of us, like me, who love to listen to the Sermon on the Mount but may not be sure where to start when it comes to living it. His suggestion is simple: "There are eight Beatitudes, and it would be nice to learn them by heart and to repeat them in order to keep this law that Jesus gives us in our mind and in our hearts." Perhaps we can place each Beatitude on a sticky note by the mirror, incorporate them into our morning prayers, teach them to our children or discuss them with friends. Practice makes perfect, yes? As Pope Francis reminds us, "the Beatitudes always bring you to joy; they are the paths to reach joy."

STUDY Memorize the Eight Beatitudes. Learn about each one by reading the writings of Pope Francis or another theologian such as Bishop Robert Barron. Ask God to help you incorporate them into your daily life.



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 28, Vigil for Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lawrence Wohlenhaus (Dec)

Sunday, January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John P. Healy (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Monday, January 30, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jeffery Pikula (Dec)

Tuesday, January 31, Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

8:00 a.m. David Rolph (Dec)

Wednesday, February 1, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, February 2, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Leonard Rinaldi (Dec)

Friday, February 3, Memorial of St Blaise, Bishop

8:00 a.m. The Forteau Family (Liv & Dec)

Saturday, February 4, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Carole & Walter Huff
64th Wedding Anniversary (Liv)

Saturday, February 4, Vigil for Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Antoinette Rinaldi (Dec)

Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Carole & Walter Huff (Liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Philomena Barber (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

01/29 • Msgr. Patrick Irwin

01/30 • Rev. Ronald Marecki

01/31 • Msgr. Thomas F. Earner

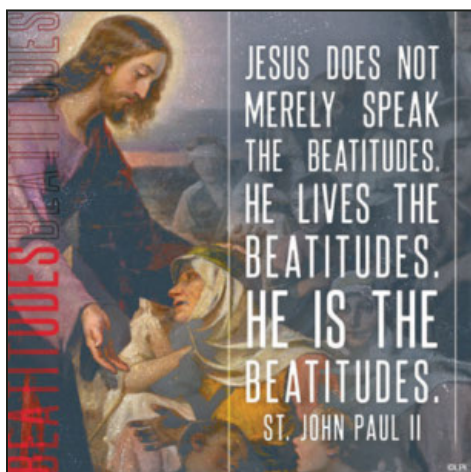
02/01 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

02/02 • Rev. Joshua Bertrand

02/03 • Rev. Theodore Costello

02/04 • Jorel De Guzman, Seminarian

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



Saturday, February 11, 2023

"Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes"



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will present a 1½ - 2 hour Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church on **Saturday, February 11, 2023 following the 8:00 am Mass at the Church. The Virtual Pilgrimage will begin at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall.**

As part of the Virtual Pilgrimage Experience to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette you will:

Immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette

Touch the Grotto Rock and experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water
Pray the Rosary

Receive a bottle of Lourdes Water

Prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France

Encounter the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children and friends! The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend this Experience! For more information, call the Parish Office at 727 867 3663.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman **The Humble of the Earth**

When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words *Blessed are the peacemakers*, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven's sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values.

But I cringed when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

Think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous. Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to? What did the world tell you this moment should mean?

What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. — 1 Corinthians 1:27 ©LPi

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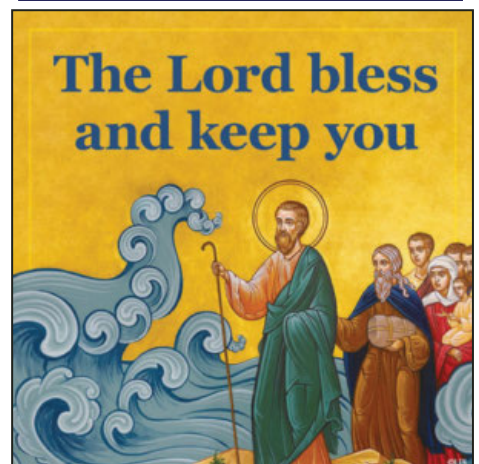
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Messa in Italiano

Our Lady's Chapel,
Cathedral of St. Jude
5815 - 5th Avenue N.

January 29, 2022 at 4:00pm

Please come to pray and sing in
ITALIANO

Celebrant:

Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, OdeM.

Living as a Disciple Takes Courage

We got this!

- Join our Scripture Reflection community!
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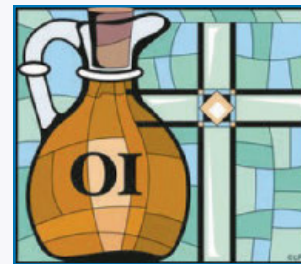
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To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

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