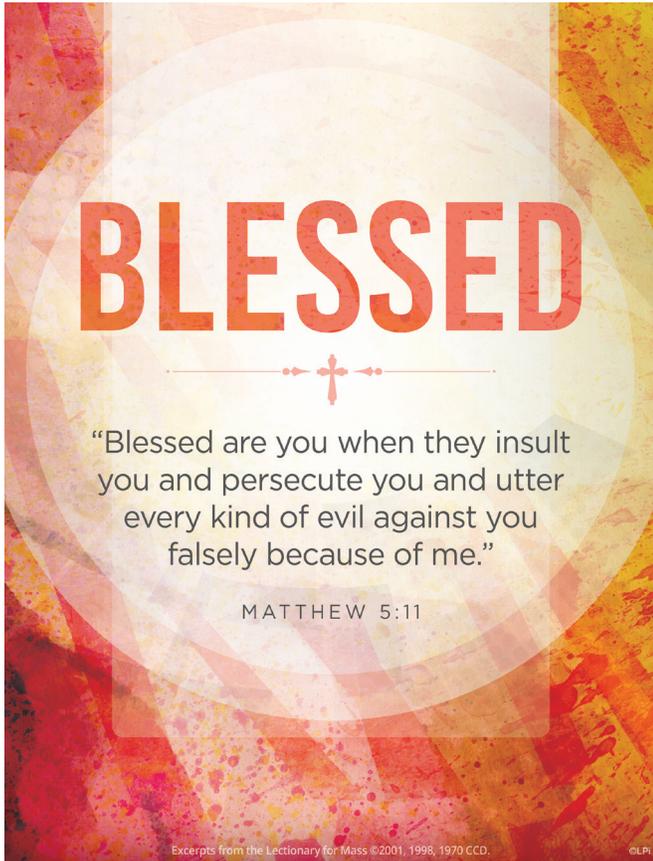


Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2023



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does he beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does he ask you to make peace? ©LPi



Sunday Gift Offering: January 22 including electronic donations: \$3254.00. Our 10% tithe: \$325.00 will go to assist those in need.

*"Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."
-Mt 5: 12*

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30, 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday 5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m.



January 28 - February 5

Sat	5:00 pm	Heather Lauwers
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Paul's
	11:00 am	For Bonnie & Sam Chavez on their 57th anniversary
	5:00 pm	Thomas E. Loftus
Mon	5:00 pm	Kermit Brown
Tues	5:00 pm	Esther Zeltner
Wed	5:00 pm	Adelene Hill and Levin Comley
Thurs	5:00 pm	no intention
Sat	5:00 pm	Arlowe Hulett
Sun	8:30 am	Karen Polis
	11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Paul's
	5:00 pm	no intention



SAVE THE DATE!

**Resident SEARCH
February 24 - 26 at
the Vee-Bar Ranch.**

Take a step away from your busy life

and grow your relationship with the Lord, and with your community. Sign-up now for Resident SEARCH. Paper applications are available after mass this weekend or go **here** to complete an online application. For information, email Aimee Gray: aimeegray23@gmail.com or Zach Parson: parsonszachm@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Mass on Campus Resumes

Thursday, February 2
Business Building, Room 211

Praise and Adoration

Wednesday, February 8 at 8:00 p.m.

Southwest Liturgical Virtual Conference

Keynote Presentations at Newman

Saturday, February 11 at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday

February 22

Resident Search

February 24 - 26 at the Vee-Bar Ranch



For those needing a spiritual mid day jumpstart midday from teaching or classes, plan to attend Mass on Campus at 12:25 p.m. on Thursdays in the Business Building, Room 211.



Adoration and Praise

Come experience an hour of Praise & Adoration with our students, Wednesday, February 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the Worship Space. This time

includes silence, prayer, scripture, and music in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Our entire community is encouraged to come and pray.

Southwest Liturgical Conference 2023

This year's virtual conference is chocked full of great keynote speakers and discussions. We hope you can join us at the Newman Center on Saturday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. for an opportunity to listen to



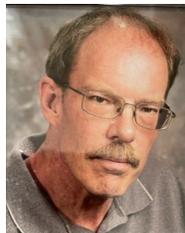
keynote speaker, Guadalupe Ramirez enlighten us on *Eucharist and 21st Century Missionary Discipleship*. Then at 10:00 a.m., Msgr. Ray East will present *Good News: Sharing and Shaping the Kingdom*. Coffee and light refreshments will be available throughout the morning. A complete schedule can be found [here](#).

A Reminder to Liturgical Ministers

Assignments through March are posted on *Ministry Scheduler Pro*. If you have any questions regarding the schedule, contact Brenna in the parish office.



Matthew Sprinkle, husband of Rosalie Sprinkle, has entered the kingdom. A Vigil will be held Friday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. and the funeral liturgy is Saturday, February 4 at 10:00 a.m. Please come to support Rosalie and family and to celebrate his life.



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Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
January 29, 2023

The Beautiful Beatitudes

By Mark Haydu, LC

To follow Christ is to seek lowliness, humility, mercy, and righteousness. The Ten Commandments summarize God's teaching to his people. Jesus gives us a new law that builds on the old. Before it was "You shall not..."; now it is, "Blessed are you when..." He calls us to greater happiness, greater blessing, but it comes with a challenge. Saint Augustine says that Jesus went up the mountain to preach the Beatitudes because he was preaching a higher moral doctrine: "greater precepts of righteousness."

The new law contradicts what our wounded human nature tends to think and feel. We are challenged to believe blessings can come from tears, meekness,

and poverty; that living meekly leads to strength and security. Appreciating these truths requires transforming our minds and hearts. Faith is required. Deeply desiring and living in the right does bring satisfaction. There is consolation in mourning the things that sadden Christ's heart.

If we live by the Beatitudes, many will treat us more generously. We know people who are merciful, and we are quick to show them mercy. When our hearts are clean, we can see God more clearly. Those who seek and create peace are considered by all to be children of God. They are not without trials and suffering, but they are blessed and happy.

Christ calls us to store up treasures in heaven, spiritual blessings that cannot be taken away. Even if we experience difficulty, we will still receive the highest and greatest gift: the kingdom of heaven. +

Sunday Readings

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, / who have observed his law; / Seek justice, seek humility.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.

Matthew 5:1-12a

[Jesus said,] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

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A Word from Pope Francis

What does...*blessed* mean? The original term does not mean one with a full belly... but rather it is a person who is in a condition of grace, who progresses in God's grace and progresses on God's path: patience, poverty, service to others, comfort... Those who advance in these things are happy and shall be blessed.

General Audience, January 29, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I really believe the messages of the Beatitudes?
- How does believing the Beatitudes make a difference in how I live?

Softening Christianity

By Fr. John F. Kavanaugh, SJ

If we are to judge by the Sermon on the Mount, even Jesus, who is God with us, has a view of human affairs thoroughly at odds with our own. If we have to tune out the prophets' mistrust of humankind, imagine the skills of repression we must employ to ignore Christ's rejection of our every human impulse.

The benighted Nietzsche was clever enough to see the terrible truth in the Sermon on the Mount. What Jesus proposes is a bald reversal of human nature. Nietzsche knew that every last one of us wants wealth abounding and a full stomach. We dread suffering and tears. Being hated, ostracized, and insulted by others is among our greatest nightmares.

But Jesus deemed such conditions blessed. We are to rejoice if we are poor and hungry. We are to take delight in our tears and accept gladly our rejection by the powers of the age. This outright rejection of natural wisdom and desire so infuriated Nietzsche that he raged at those who might dare to follow Christ.

Perhaps the most constant failure of Christians is our reluctance to take our own gospels seriously and accept them in their entirety. We have an uncanny ability to block out those portions of Scripture that challenge our prejudices and to magnify those that confirm our own advantage.

A question much ignored these days is whether our faith has anything to do with justice, economics, poverty, or other



sociopolitical issues. We have pried open a yawning gap between the world of faith and the world of "real" issues. As a result, we never have to worry about changing our behavior or confronting our culture. This is quite strange for a people that contends that its way is the way of the Lord Jesus.

Nietzsche realized that there is something in Christianity dreadfully at odds with our natural impulse. He would never settle for some watered-down, feel-good Jesus who pals along with us in our strutting.

Unfortunately, Christians have done just that. Rather than rejecting outright Christ's teachings, we soften and suffocate them with the pillows of our more realistic wisdom. As the great

English writer and theologian Dorothy Sayers observed, we have snared the lion of Judah, trimmed his claws, and turned him into a domesticated kitten. +

Excerpted from *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter* by John F. Kavanaugh, SJ. Visit Liguori.org to learn more and review our list of *Daybreaks* authors, including Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Daniel Horan, and others.

Henri Nouwen writes: Jean Vanier, who founded a worldwide network of communities for mentally disabled people, [said] Jesus did not say, "Blessed are those who care for the poor," but "Blessed *are* the poor." As simple as this remark may seem, it offers the key to the kingdom. I asked Vanier: "How do you find the strength to see so many people each day and listen to their many problems and pains?" He smiled and said: "They show me Jesus and give me life." Here lies the...mystery of Christian service: those who serve Jesus in the poor will be fed by him whom they serve. +

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**PRAYER**

Gracious God, you who have blessed us so richly, please give us the grace to be a blessing to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

January 30—February 4

Monday, Weekday:

Heb 11:32–40 / Mk 5:1–20

Tuesday, St. John Bosco:

Heb 12:1–4 / Mk 5:21–43

Wednesday, Weekday:

Heb 12:4–7, 11–15 / Mk 6:1–6

Thursday, Presentation of the Lord: Mal 3:1–4 /

Heb 2:14–18 / Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32

Friday, Weekday:

Heb 13:1–8 / Mk 6:14–29

Saturday, Weekday:

Heb 13:15–17, 20–21 / Mk 6:30–34

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