



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠ FEBRUARY 16, 2025



- Sat. Feb. 15 **VIGIL-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
4:00pm Ann Marie White by Arthur and Charlene Fick
- Sun. Feb. 16 **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00am Col. Stephen A. Winsor by Kathy and Glenn Simpson
10:30am Frank Gubbiotti by Parents Frank and Linda Gubbiotti
- Tues. Feb. 18 **SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00am Kelly Felins by St Catherine's Morning Mass Friends
- Thru. Feb. 20 **SIXTH WEEK I IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00am Frank Gubbiotti by Paul and Janet Demuth
- Sat. Feb. 22 **VIGIL-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
4:00pm Marie Metcalfe by Melissa and Dave Fraga
- Sun. Feb. 23 **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00am Vince Chiodo by Mary Ann Chiodo
10:30am Jack Sherwood by Karen Jantz



Parishioners who are sick and in need of prayers can be added to our prayer list by calling the parish office at 570-842-4995. Please pray for: Margaret Adamiac, Camille Albert, Josephine Amato, Joanne Arredondo, Chelsey Bartro, Michael Bota, Rose Bremer, Reilly Canas, P.J. Cappola, Jane Colwell, Dennis Corbisiero, Marilyn Croak, Jim Dantis, William Delahanty, Scott Demarest, Barbara Derrenbacher, Carole Dougherty, Linda & Bob Earthy, Dan Edwards, Mary Ann Flaherty, Kyle Gemberling, Tyler Hanson, Pat Henes, Marge Imperatrice, James Imtanios, Mary Knowles, Sue Krayeski, Betsy Kressler, Susie LaFave, Tim Lenihan, Viviana Lewis, Donna Jean Marabella, Michael Martino, Stephanie Martino, Tammie Martino, Alice McAfee, Ellie McCauley, Tim McGovern, Carol McKnight, Donald Migliorato, Judy Morris, Paul Natoli, Tom Natoli, Marc Negri, Gioia Palmerio, Victor Panzella, Reed Phillips, James Pulosi, Ruth Pulosi, Edward Pizzo, Frank Quattrock, James Quinn, Jennifer Quinn, Pam Quinn, Steve Rish, Anthony Romaro, Joanne S., Mark Sallust, Lisa Sarnicola, Michael Sawko, Beth Schuil, Ellen Soloman, Duane Sprovach, Millie Stoia, Luke Stricker, Jason Scott Taylor, Dana Thorne, Skyler Thorne, Jack Tizio, Thomas Tizio, Gregory Tobin, Linda Wahlers, Helen Zerbe, and all the sick of the Parish.

Please call the Parish Office if someone should be taken off the list.

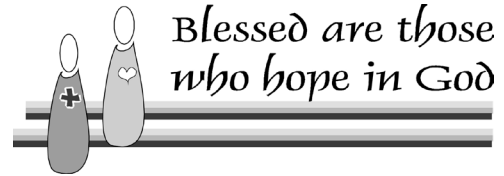


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First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah compares a man who seeks strength in flesh but abandons God to a bush in the desert, bereft of nourishment and unable to grow. Yet a man who trusts in God is like a tree beside a river, fed & strengthened by it even during times of drought.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Paul addresses those who believe in Christ's teachings, but are not convinced that he rose from the dead. He calls their faith worthless, because they have not been freed from their sins. Paul then emphatically declares that Jesus did rise up again, as will all those who truly believe in him.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus tells his followers that those who are insulted in this life because of him will be rewarded richly in heaven. Yet those well received by all will despair in heaven, since people had often respected false prophets and mistreated true prophets. Those who hunger, perhaps for spiritual knowledge, shall be filled. Yet those who are full in this life will be hungry.

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Sunday

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

Monday

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday

Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

Friday

Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19



Sacrificial Giving

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

God's Plan for Giving 01/29/2023

Sunday Offering	\$1335.00
Loose	\$ 96.00
Utilities	\$ 101.00
Fuel	\$ 20.00
TOTAL:	\$1552.00

Online Included above

Mass Attendance: Sat: 4:00PM--36
 Sun: 9:00AM--26
 10:30AM--10

Winter is here!
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IS IN EFFECT



Daily Mass will be cancelled any time North Pocono School District is delayed or cancelled. Weather delays and cancellations are broadcast on TV channels: WNEP 16 WYOU 22 – WBRE 28



The Holy Father has announced the 2025 as a Jubilee Year. This is something that happens every 25 years. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hop



Father Ravel's Corner

TRUST IN THE LORD AND BE BLESSED

The first reading explains the differences between trusting in the Lord and failing to trust in the Lord. Our sins are the main causes which lead us away from God. The reading invites us to have complete trust in the Lord which makes us blessed and worthy in the eyes of the Lord.

The second reading tells us that Christ has been raised from the dead and He is the ultimate Hope for the Christians to believe in the resurrection.

In the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples that the kingdom of God is for those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, reviled and defamed because of the Son of man.

Jesus also spells woe to those who are rich, who are full, who are laughing and who want others to speak well of them. Because they are too attached to the worldly aspects and always seek comfort in their lives. As Christians, what is our disposition to the call of Christ? Are we ready to bear witness to the values which are at the heart of Christian living?

May the Good Lord, grant us the grace to believe in the resurrection. Help us to overcome our sinfulness and trust in you completely in every moment of our lives. Bless us so that we may follow Christ more closely and remain always blessed by making the Christ given beatitudes as part and parcel of our life.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEKEND!





Sunday, February 16, 2025

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Put trust and hope in the Lord, not in human beings.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-4,6

Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17,20-26

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in [Matthew 5:1-7,11](#) that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the [Ten Commandments](#). As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the [Beatitudes](#) in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God. From Loyola Press

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“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream. It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green. In the year of drought, it shows no distress, but still bears fruit...When Jesus came down the mountain, he stopped at a level stretch...then raising his eyes to his disciples, he said: ‘Blest are you poor...who hunger...are weeping for life, strength and the power...when they shall hate you.’”

Saint Luke offers us the ‘sermon on the plain’ while we are also familiar with Matthew’s ‘sermon on the mount.’ The beatitudes of both, varying slightly, offer us a plan for our lives as disciples, relating what confronts us, our opportunities for growth, and the promised rewards.

The image of the strong tree of Jeremiah portrays all of us, trusting in the Lord, resisting the many evils which confront us. We cannot do it alone, but draw our strength from a life of prayer, celebration of the sacraments and being ‘people of the beatitudes.’

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

GREAT
STRENGTH
COMES FROM
FAITH
IN
GOD
