

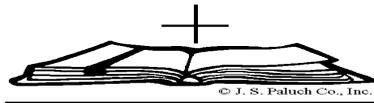
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019**

“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

BLESSED

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

Mass Intentions



Sat., Feb., 16, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Karge Family, Nick Sita, Louis Perschall Sr., Mehaffey Family (L), R.J. Rogers (L), Amy Goff, Benita and Jerry DePratt (L), Donna Polencheck (L), Lynn Johnson (L), Huval Family, Huey Bankston

Sun., Feb., 17, 7:30 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule’, Carol Pieri, David Tucker, Jon Craig (L), Alvin Satches, Guy and Lillian Addotto, Ruth Christie (L), Gloria Fabre, Larry Kass, Dr. Frank Minyard (L), Julia Kass (L), Evelyn Kinchen, Olga Mathes (L), Joey Cherry, Ruppert Dubuisson, Georgene Rupley

Sun., Feb., 17, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Feb., 17, 11:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

Mon., Feb., 18, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule’

Tues., Feb., 19 NO MASS

Wed., Feb., 20 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Thurs., Feb., 21, 8:00 a.m. Mary Jane Mehaffey,

Fri., Feb. 22, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Sat., Feb., 23, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Karge Family, Nick Sita, Louis Perschall Sr., Benita and Jerry DePratt (L), Lynn Johnson (L), Huval Family, Marcie Reed (L), R.J. Rogers (L), Huey Bankston

Sun., Feb., 24, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Feb., 24, 9:15 a.m. Mary Jane Mehaffey, Rosalie DeMaria, Harrison Brooks III, Henry Bradford (L), Arthur Bartel, Cham Mehaffey Family (L), Cora Morgan, Patti Johnson (L)

Sun., Feb., 24, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

We welcome all newcomers to St. John’s Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a “Parishioner Form” located in back of church and drop it in the collection basket. A member of St. John’s Church will contact you to assist you with registration.

PRAYER LIST

Helen Lafleur	Rosalind Baham
Ruth Christie	Louise Cashmere
Alicia Pertuit	Ethel Istre
Carolyn Pierre	Rhonda Taylor
Josie Leathem	Rolland Golden
Pam Addotto	Ruthi Olson
Freddie Addotto	Roy Kellum

Please remember these parishioners and friends in your prayers. May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and restored soon to the full active life of our community and their families.

Weekly Collections
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Envelopes	\$ 2,261.00
Loose	\$ 1,273.11
Bldg. and Preservation Fund	\$ 380.00

Would like to give someone special a thoughtful gift? Consider a seven day devotional candle. The candles burn from Friday and are changed out the following Friday. We will be happy to send a special card to the person with personalized message that you would like it to say with the date and the candle will burn for them. For more information please call the office.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<i>Sanctuary:</i>	Alexander Bradford
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Hazel Dupre (L)
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Gary Treuil
<i>St. Ann</i>	Huey Bankston

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLORALS

The flowers at the Altar
in memory of

Bob Kerry

REMINDER TO PARENTS: Please feel free to use the vestry as a quieting place for your young children if they need a break.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NORTHSORE CHOIR:

On February 24th at the 11:00 a.m., the K.C. Fourth Degree Choir will sing at St. John’s for the corporate Mass.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

The Knights of Columbus are holding their Lenten Fish Fries every Friday during Lent beginning Friday, March 8th from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. The cost is \$9.00 per plate. They will be serving your choice of fried or baked fish, cole slaw, potatoes and hush puppies. Eat in or take out. Everyone is invited to attend.



FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION

For Lent our parish will be participating in a food drive that will benefit our neighbors who are living in poverty. The non-perishable food items we collect will be sent to the Covington Food Bank which serves families in St. Tammany, Washington and Tangipahoa Parishes. To help with the process we will distribute brown bags on March 16th and 17th at Church at all Masses. We ask that you fill the bags during lent and return the filled bags during Lent and the Food Bank truck will come and pick up the bags.

The Prayer Blanket Ministry has blankets available to parishioners only to bring to loved ones who are ill. Blankets are available in two sizes, babies and adults. Completed blankets are blessed, and packaged with a prayer card. This is usually done at the meetings. Blankets are free, but any donations received will be used to purchase material and supplies. For more information, call Kathy Mauthe at 985-796-9245.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Basic workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and basic workshops for Readers will be presented in March on the Northshore. Attendance at the workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is required before a person can be delegated by the Archbishop to serve in this ministry. Attendance at the workshop for readers is strongly recommended for new readers and all readers who have not previously attended a workshop. If you are interested in this rewarding ministry please call the office at 796-3806.

Register Now for Confirmation 2019:

Sophomores and juniors in High School should register by April 15. The first meeting with parents, students, and sponsors is Sunday, April 28 at 10:15 am. Five classes, all-day retreat, and rehearsal are required for Confirmation in late September. The Confirmation date has not been set by the Archdiocese. Forms are available on Church credenzas or in the office. Amanda Fraisse will be the teacher. Call Theresa Wilfert at 796-3806 office or 778-0548 home.

ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl after all Masses on March 2nd and 3rd. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor. Get the CRS app for the Rice Bowl Campaign

The ceiling fans in Church play an important role in circulating the heat down from the ceiling (heat rises). It also plays a part in entergy saving propane. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Our Catch Fire Youth Group has pre-registered for the upcoming Abbey Youth Fest scheduled for March 23, 2019. For more information about the Abbey Fest or our Youth Group please call 789-7239.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL

FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT 8:00 A.M. EVERY MONTH

CATCH FIRE YOUTH GROUP MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6 – 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL.

PSALMS ADULT BIBLE STUDY, THURS. OR FRI. IN LIBRARY AT 9 A.M.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES EVERY SUNDAY, NOON UNTIL 1:15 IN LIBRARY

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, REVELATION, 7:30 PM IN LIBRARY

PSR CLASSES ARE EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR 6:15 – 7:30 P.M.

EVERY THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP MEETS AT 7:30 PM IN LIBRARY

INSEPARABLE

Faith and works are like the light and heat to a candle; they cannot be separated.

NONSENSE

A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest among us.