



"Blessed are you... Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:12



Blessed Are Our Hassles

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As much as we all might like a hassle-free life, for the person of faith the Beatitudes are markers of when God slips into our consciousness. They are life's doorways to a deepening sense of God-with-us.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit" is not about material poverty, though it may include such times. To be poor in spirit is to be dependent upon God because we have run out of our own self-sufficiencies. There is nowhere else to go.

"Blessed are they who mourn" is about times when we grieve the loss of someone or something we love deeply. Who or what will now sustain us?

"Blessed are the meek" is about giving up the need to have our own way all the time. It recognizes that sometimes God's way is breaking into what we prefer.

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness," that is, for a relationship with God. It is ultimately a hunger for harmony.

"Blessed are the merciful" is about being forgiving and about those who live out the corporal works of mercy—feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and the rest. In them we find the presence of God.

"Blessed are the clean of heart" is when we come to realize we cannot have it all. Then there is only one who will satisfy our longing.

"Blessed are the peacemakers" are those who not only love peace but work for peace, for God is peace.

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness." They live for an ultimate good greater than their own. ●

Reflect

**Which Beatitude would be a good title
for your autobiography?**

**Which Beatitude needs the greatest growth
in your life?**



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9:30 am - 10:30 am at Cherry Church Hall
Sunday, January 29 - K thru 4th Grades
Sunday, February 5th - 5th thru 8th Grades
CCD email address is holytrinitycherry@gmail.com

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of January 30, 2023

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| Monday | 1/30 | | | † No Mass |
| Tuesday | 1/31 | 9:00 am | STM | † Geraldine Sondgeroth |
| Wednesday | 2/1 | 5:30 pm | HT | † Jerry Joiner |
| Thursday | 2/2 | 9:00 am | HT | † Daisy Kopek |
| Friday | 2/3 | 9:00 am | STM | † Janice Rynkewicz |

Mass Intentions for the weekend of January 28-29, 2023

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| Saturday | 2/4 | 4:00 pm | St Thomas More | † Dominic Orlandi |
| Sunday | 2/5 | 8:30 am | Holy Trinity | † Wayne Pinter |
| | | 10:30 am | St Patrick | † Lucy Taylor |
| | | 5:00 pm | St Thomas More | † For the Parishioners |

Dear Parishioners of our Three Churches,

In an effort to keep you well informed about the "Growing Disciples" process, we will try to pass on to you as much related information as possible. As we have already mentioned in last Sunday's bulletin, our three churches have formed "Growing Disciples" teams, which consists of five members each. They are known as "leaders", who will work directly with Bishop Tylka and his panel of diocesan consultants during the whole operation.

The names of key leaders of each church are (in alphabetical order):

Holy Trinity Church: Jim Hoscheid, Carol Lauer, Jeff & Sheila Pinter, Mary Van Fleet

St. Patrick Church: Ernie Bartoli, Lynne Bonnell, Bruce Galloway, Lauren Koch, Mary Stouffer

St. Thomas More Church: Mary Jo Brust, Jyll & Kenny Pozzi, Ben & Sharon Schweickert

We would like to thank all these leaders for their dedication and generosity. Please feel free to communicate with them as much as you want to.

The Catholic Story Behind Groundhog Day

Did you know that Groundhog Day is a direct descendant of one of the most ancient feasts of the Church? The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Falling exactly 40 days after Christmas, this feast commemorates Mary's obedience to the Mosaic law by submitting herself to the Temple for the ritual purification and the presentation of Jesus in the temple as commanded in Leviticus.



On this day, Catholics traditionally brought their candles to the church to be blessed. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Canticle of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas. While the procession and blessing of the candles is not often performed in the United States today, Candlemas is still an important feast in many European countries.

The theme of light is an important one to this feast that falls at the end of the darkest days of winter. In the minds of our ancestors, the feast also marked the coming of Spring. Their understanding of the world was intricately connected to their understanding of faith. The celebration of Christ as the "Light of Revelation to the Gentiles" was also the celebration of the darkness of winter giving way to the light and new life of Spring.

As cultural traditions continued to develop, they evolved into superstitions that claimed the weather (particularly the amount of light) on Candlemas could predict the coming of Spring. An overcast Candlemas meant that winter was coming to a close, whereas a sunlit Candlemas indicated six more weeks of winter.

Bears or badgers are watched in some European countries, but German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania found an abundance of groundhogs and late in the 19th century residents in Punxsutawney began celebrating the groundhog as weather prophet.

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND JAN 22ND

HT – \$665.05

SP – \$456.50

STM – \$482.00



CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS

WILL BE SAT. FEB 4TH

10:30 - 11:15 AM AT

ST PATRICK'S

IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

At Mass, why does the priest put a part of the consecrated host into the chalice?

The celebration of the Eucharist was known as "the breaking of the bread" in the Acts of the Apostles (2:42). "The gesture of breaking bread done by Christ at the Last Supper, which in apostolic times gave the entire Eucharistic Action its name, signifies that the many faithful are made one body (1 Corinthians 10:17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life, which is Christ..." (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 83). At Mass, bread is broken and wine is poured for Communion, just as the Body of Christ was broken and the Blood of Christ was poured out on the cross. In this fraction rite, we recognize Christ in "the breaking of the bread," as did his disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 23:30-31).

After the fraction of the bread, the priest places a small piece of it into the chalice "to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious" (*GIRM* 83). This rite is called the commingling.

While the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God") accompanies the fraction of the bread, the priest quietly recites a prayer of preparation for Communion "so that he may fruitfully receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful do the same, praying silently" (*GIRM* 84). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Sisters and brothers, I am convinced that "the world can be seen more clearly from the peripheries." We must listen to the peripheries, open the doors to them and allow them to participate. The suffering of the world is better understood alongside those who suffer.

FOURTH WORLD MEETING OF POPULAR MOVEMENTS,
OCTOBER 16, 2021

MONDAY

January 30
Weekday
Heb 11:32-40
Mk 5:1-20

TUESDAY

January 31
St. John Bosco,
Priest
Heb 12:1-4
Mk 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY

February 1
Weekday
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15
Mk 6:1-6

THURSDAY

February 2
Presentation
of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or
Lk 2:22-32

FRIDAY

February 3
Weekday
Heb 13:1-8
Mk 6:14-29

SATURDAY

February 4
Weekday
Heb 13:15-17,
20-21
Mk 6:30-34

SUNDAY

February 5
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10
1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

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