

Proud History Bright Future

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A Beatitudes' Attitude

The mission of Jesus was to take people from the mysteries of sin and death into the happiness of heaven. The Beatitudes describe his vision and chart the paths to make that journey. In the end, it is all the work of the Holy Spirit. In Matthew's Gospel the notion of beatitudes conveys deep joy flowing from the grace of salvation and the promise of God's kingdom.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In our more honest moments, we recognize our profound neediness – our intellectual, spiritual, and moral failures. In our helplessness, we turn to God.

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." The journey of life involves having our heart broken time and time again. Sometimes this is due to our own sin, sometimes because of the cruelty of others. Those who are honest about their sorrows and sins will gain the consolation of the Lord.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land." The meek know that God is ultimately in control, and they are about doing the divine will. Their inheritance is everlasting.

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied." We all desire that relationships and life be properly ordered. When we fulfill our obligations to God and to one another, we have this hunger and thirst satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." If we give mercy, we shall get mercy. Mercy is the presence of Jesus in Christians showing love in a wounded and fractured world.

"Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God." The pure of heart have values and attitudes toward self and others that lead them to God.



Work for Service, Justice and Peace – Carol Praq, portal.chaminade-stl.com

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." God's peace is the rightness of relationships based on truth, charity, freedom and justice.

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." This Beatitude shows how radical the message of Jesus is: that persecution and happiness go together. The true Christian longs to share fully in the life of Jesus: his life, suffering, death and resurrection. This is the gateway into the kingdom of heaven.

Most of all, Matthew's beatitudes show that Christian witness is the center piece to a happy life. In our busy, high-stressed lifestyles, Matthew's beatitudes can be our means to a happy, blessed life.

Bishop Robert F. Morneau, Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin.
www.americancatholic.org
www.word-sunday.com -Larry Broding, 1999 - 2008

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

**4th
Sunday
In
Ordinary
Time**



Today's Reflection: What does it mean to be a disciple who belongs to Christ? In today's Gospel the Lord gives us the Beatitudes, which offer clear directions for faithful discipleship. The Beatitudes fly in the face of so much of what our society sets up as its own "beatitudes." Many messages we hear today tell us to be strong, to be number one, to amass wealth, never to take an insult without avenging it. Jesus tells us to show mercy, to be poor in spirit, to be meek, to be peacemakers, to accept persecution for the sake of righteousness. As we listen to these words, let us pray that we can grow closer to the kind of disciple who embodies these principles.

Which one of the Beatitudes do you find yourself most closely associated?

Next Sunday's Reading – February 10, 2008

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

These verses begin with the apex of the second creation story in Genesis, the creation of humanity. They end with the temptation and fall of the first humans. The story is familiar.

The evil serpent had a dialogue with the woman as he tempted her with the illusion of desirable fruit and with the possibility of elevated stature. Implicit in the temptation was the possibility that God lied to the couple. It appealed to false pride. Such pride replaced God and made the person the center of creation.

The cycle of illusion and pride are at the root of any temptation. Temptation afflicts all of us. We all sin. Christians see in Jesus the Hope that the cycle of temptation and sin can end. Jesus does not give in to evil when Satan tests Him in the desert.

How does Christ help you overcome temptation in everyday life?

Romans 5:12-19

When we trust God in the person of Jesus Christ, we find freedom from our lowly status. Jesus obeys the Father. Through his faithfulness, we see life without evil. When we are one with him, we are free.

This is Paul's insight. He clearly makes his point. Sin is a reality that leads to death, but God wishes life for us, a life with him. So God gives us Jesus, who has power so great that he overcomes evil and death.

Paul sees that the Risen Lord is the One who has unseated death. In its place, God reigns. All who put their trust in God and his Son will enjoy the privileges and benefits of divine favor. The work of Christ gives us hope. He has been where we find ourselves now. He can lead us to victory!

How does God give you hope? How does your faith in Christ comfort you in the dark times?

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus' encounter with Satan details the means and substance of temptation. The temptation of Jesus is in three areas: food, mighty deeds, and power. Each represents a type of leadership that Jesus rejects. In his denial of each, Jesus defines what sort of Messiah he is. Satan tempts the Lord with three popular views of the Messiah: care-giver, wonder-worker, and source of power.

Jesus fights against greed and envy, pride and lust for power. He shows a poverty of the heart and a desire to see God. A poverty of the heart means a certain spiritual detachment from material goods. Poverty of the heart helps us consider others' needs alongside our own.

Jesus shows us the way to overcome temptation. He endures temptation and eventually death to destroy evil for our sake. As he overcomes the evil one, so can we with his help. The tempter uses evil means to gain an evil end. God challenges us to see evil as it truly is, not as the illusion it pretends to be.

What are my personal temptations? How has God helped me in the past to overcome these temptations?

www.wordsunday.com -Larry Broding, 1999 - 2008

World Library Publications, Jerry Galipeau DEC 2007 – FEB 2008

Please pray for:

Our deployed Military Personnel: Joseph K. Adams, Scott Alexander, Ronald (Jess) Andert, Gilbert Aquino, Richard Ikaika Au, Scott Bode, Al Chong, David Clemons, Michael DiFolco, Frank Dugger, Conrad Encarnacion, Gerald Erece, Terrance Fee, Fernando Fletcher, Seth Gibson, Walter Guity, James Hall, Keith Helgeson, Michael Hill, Garfield Humphreys, Michael Hun, Zachary Hun, Dolores Labanon, Ken Lam, Kai`ulani Marsh, Jerald McClain, Scott Miller, Michael Moose, Michael Perez, Jason Porras, Spencer Ryan, Patrick Salanoa, Macky Sarsuelo, Michael Savard, Joe Patrick Tablante, Li Tamondong, Saffery Thompson, Jose (Joey) Trevino, Ryan Vanterpool, Julius Ventura, Chase Wiedmann, Jacob A. Wruck, Tara Yogi

Please continue to pray for all our military and their families and help us be current in our listing by letting us know when they return.

Our sick members and friends: Sharron Aana, Josanne Arriaga, Mina Ayers, Connie Clamucha, John Connors, Mark Conrad, Phillip DeSilva, Carol Duvachelle, Fr. Nobi Fernandes, Frank Foti, Betty Funayama, Whitney Grace, Fr. Joseph Hendriks, Aulani Kauhane, Mabel Kihara, Bill Kissenberger, Lawrence Lau, Kahana Lee, Calvin Lock, Steven Matsuo, Dorothy McCumber, George McCumber III, Cleghorn McKee, Josh Miller, Robert Procopio, Judi Spencer, Anastacia Tabugadir, Ruth Tavares, Jeannette Taylor, Millie Thomas, Sarah Vanterpool, Patricia Vasconcellos, Bernard Vierra, Asae Watanabe, Duke Watson, Clyde Yagi, Renee Yasso, Robert & Rosalie Yee, Jack Yuditsky

Our deceased members & friends: Ernest Aana, Dorothy Chang, Bill Correa, Louis Correa, Jack Dumadag, Pedro D. "Pete" Espiritu, Jr., Frank Freitas, Kenneth Hamilton, Evangeline Hong, Henry Ibara, Francis Kau, Godfrey Leong, Evelyn Lum, Mary Marks, Audrey Moniz, Emma Pires, Thelma Rezendes, Andree Pu`u-Rice, Ben Velarde, Carrie Young

Anniversary of Death:

Charles Thater (5th), Violet Castro (10th)

Special Intentions: Brian Cayetano, Sam & Emily Halas, Ernie Kalaaukahi, Anuheia Kauwale, Francis Mundon, Aniana Saavedra & Family, Germaine Williams



Cleaners: Week of 1/27/2008:

Don Barton, Mervin & Renae Chun, Charlie Cummins, Stella Dela Pina, Angela Jocson, Barbara Kaina, Robert Kalua, John & Betty Kaniaupio, Frank & Carmen Kiyabu, Kapua Kauwale, Agnes Leong, Julie Meheula, Karen Peters, John Quisano, Bill & Arlene Rodenhurst, Curly Rodrigues, Gary Sakamoto, Rochelle Wright, Sr. Ivy Yim

Available Position

St. Ann's Model School

P/T Extended Day Afternoon Aide

Monday - Friday, 2:30P – 5:30P

Job duties are monitoring and assisting children with homework. (12:30P Dismissals, two times per month) To apply, please call the school at 247-3092, ext.222.

Calling All Songbirds

Join the 2008 Easter Choir as we prepare our hearts and voices for the upcoming Lenten Season. Rehearsals begin:

Tuesdays: 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/18

Monday 2/4 & Thursday 3/13

Time: 7:15P – 9:00P

Place: St. Ann's Church

For more information, call 247-3092, ext. 231.

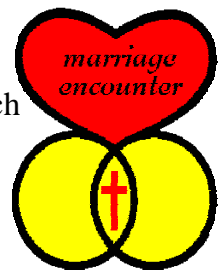
Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend (WWME) can help enrich and strengthen your marriage. Call to register for the next

**Oahu WWME Weekend on
March 7-9, 2008.**

For more information & registration, please call Duane & Wanya Ogata at (808) 625-8863.

Visit their website at www.lovemoredeeply.org



Free Income Tax Preparation

Tax preparation service is available for middle to low income families (especially 60+).

Date: February 2 – April 5, 2008

(Closed 2/22, 3/21, 3/22, 4/11, 4/12)

Time: 8:30A – 12:30P (Friday & Saturday)

Place: Key Project, 47-200 Waihee Road

Walk-in e-file available.

Information fliers are available at the back of the Church.

Catholics Returning Home

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Someone who for whatever reason has felt left out or alienated? St. Ann's Church is now offering the program; Catholics Returning Home. It is a ministry geared for non-practicing Catholics who wish to return to full participation in the Church.

The program began on Monday, January 28, and continues through March 3, 2008. The sessions extend for six weeks. Meetings will be held on:

Mondays: 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3

Time: 7:00P - 8:30P

Place: St. Ann's Parish Center, 2nd flr.

Find your way back to God through the Catholic Church and/or help others return home. For more information, call Jerry or Lilian McClellan at 247-7561.

What Is Taizé Prayer?

Taizé (pronounced "tay-zay"), in the south of Burgundy, France, is the home of an international ecumenical community dedicated to reconciliation. Founded in 1940 by Brother Roger, it is made up of more than 100 men, Catholic and Protestant, from more than twenty-five nations. Life in the community focuses on prayer and Christian meditation. Young people from all over the world visit Taizé each week to join in the community life.

Taizé has spawned a unique style of worship that reflects the meditative nature of the community. Taizé prayer is done worldwide in prayer services that include scripture readings, meditative songs, silence, and Veneration of the Cross.

<http://www.taize.fr/en>

Everyone is invited to St. Ann's Taizé prayer service on Friday, February 8, at 7:30 PM (Starting after Stations of the Cross)

Catholic Roots of Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras, literally means "Fat Tuesday" in French. The name comes from the tradition of slaughtering and feasting upon a fattened calf on the last day of Carnival. The day is also known as *Shrove Tuesday* (from "to shrive," or hear confessions.)

Mardi Gras has roots that lie in the Christian calendar, as the "last hurrah" before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. That's why the enormous party in New Orleans, for example, ends abruptly at midnight on Tuesday. What is less known about Mardi Gras is its relation to the Christmas season, through the ordinary-time interlude known in many Catholic cultures as Carnival.

Carnival comes from the Latin words *carne vale*, meaning "farewell to the flesh." Like many Catholic holidays and seasonal celebrations, it likely has its roots in pre-Christian traditions based on the seasons. As early as the middle of the second century, the Romans observed a Fast of 40 Days, which was preceded by a brief season of feasting, costumes and merrymaking.

The best-known celebration in the U.S. is in New Orleans and the French-Catholic communities of the Gulf Coast. The official colors of Mardi Gras, with their roots in Catholicism, started in New Orleans in 1837: purple, a symbol of justice; green, representing faith; and gold, to signify power. - www.americancatholic.org/Features/MardiGras

This year Ash Wednesday is on February 6th. Traditionally, the day before is called Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) - a time of celebration and festivity.

Please join us for a special presentation on the "Traditions of the Catholic Church" by Fr. Herman:

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Time: 7:00P -7:45P in Church

Followed by Malassadas outside the church building.



Stewardship

Steward Your Time Well

Stewardship is a life-changing experience. By thinking of creative and prayerful ways to incorporate it into our daily routine, we change our lives. Here are some ways in which families can practice the principles of giving of their time, talent and treasure:

- Place a crucifix in your home. It's a beautiful reminder of what the Lord has given to us.
- Make a simple task a prayerful one by dedicating the work you are about to do to God.
- Practice random acts of kindness, however simple.
- Take an inventory of your family's clothes. Decide which items you don't need and donate them to a charity that will put them to good use.
- Visit senior centers to read to the residents.
- Cultivate the habit of thanking people whose work usually goes unnoticed and unappreciated, including those who clean offices and schools, deliver the mail, or collect the garbage.
- Attend Mass daily as often as possible.



- When purchasing big-ticket items, choose a less expensive version and give the rest of the cost to your parish or favorite charity.
- Visit an elderly neighbor or relative, either in person or by phone.
- Eat all your meals at home for a week or month and donate the money saved to a worthy cause.
- Commit half an hour a week to say the rosary as a family. - *Together In Christ, Dec. 2001-Feb. 2002*

FINANCIAL PROFILE FOR WEEK OF January 27, 2008

Regular Collection	14,732.79	BUILDING CAMPAIGN	
Latin America (CLA)	1,215.46	Loan Amount	441,414.37
Black & Indian Missions	1,048.25	Week of 1/27/2008	2,716.33
Children's Weekly	26.00	Interest	146.16
Building Fund and Pledges	2,716.33		
TOTAL COLLECTION	19,738.83	BALANCE	438,844.20

Your response regarding our new Stewardship Campaign for the needed renovations of the Parish Center and on-going maintenance is overwhelming. We have a great start! **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (This Week's Total): \$1,000.00**

Gift-wrap your Sunday donation by using the church numbered envelopes. Call the Rectory, 247-3092, ext.244

How Do I Share God's Gifts With Others?

I helped my health teacher sort and pass out her papers for class. - Cassidy P.

I helped watch the coach's kids during the game. - Ashley M.

I did my best when the choir sang for Catholic Schools Week. - Christopher B.

I shared God's gifts by playing nicely and including everyone. - Alyssa L.

Presentation of the Lord - February 2



The Mass of the Presentation of the Lord begins with a blessing of lighted candles held by the faithful, who glow with the memory of the birth of Jesus.

The origins of the feast lie in ancient Jewish custom. On the 40th day after childbirth, parents brought the infant to the Temple to present him/her to the Lord and to purify the mother. St. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary sacrificed two birds for the occasion after the birth of Jesus.

The true significance of the feast concerns Jesus' coming to the Temple. He is the Promised One, whose light will shine, beaming rays of hope to the world. Even though the date for the Presentation still depends on Christmas, it has become a feast of ordinary time. Since it is a feast of the Lord, it takes precedence even when it falls on Sunday.

On the day following this feast, our calendar permits the option of commemorating St. Blaise, a bishop and martyr of the early church. Legend has it that he once freed a child from choking, and while imprisoned under persecution he received light from friends who visited his cell with candles.

Our church still uses candles from the Presentation of the Lord in the blessing of the faithful's throats on St. Blaise's Day. Blessed candles in our churches and homes signify the living presence of Christ in our community.

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Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday – February 6, 2008
Masses: 7:00AM & 7:00PM

During Lent, Catholics in the United States abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of the season. They fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. They are encouraged to continue the fast on Holy Saturday as well, in union with those preparing for baptism. *On a fast day, people eat only one full meal; they may also eat two partial meals and should not snack between any of them.*

The laws of fast and abstinence may vary from one country to another; however, they accomplish the same goals. They help us imitate the example of Jesus, who fasted 40 days to prepare for his ministry. They help us display our common repentance. More than declaring our personal desire for conversion of heart, they strengthen our community by expressing our corporate sorrow for social sin. They teach us a detachment from passions and turn our hearts more toward God and less toward food. They make us more disciplined and more charitable.

The purpose of fast and abstinence, then, is not to punish us but to make us more loving, more prayerful, more detached from whatever may keep us from God. Fasting becomes more spiritually effective when sustained by other practices such as prayer, charity, and almsgiving.

Everyone age 14 and older is bound by the law of abstinence.



Younger children are to be educated in its significance. Other Catholics are expected to avoid meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent no matter how old they become. However, fasting binds from after one's 18th birthday until after the 59th. Catholics younger and older than that need not fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Nonetheless, fasting is a praiseworthy penitential practice, even when it is not required.

Throughout the year Catholics fast from food and drink one hour before sharing communion.

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