

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

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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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12–13 / 1 Corinthians 1:26–31 / Matthew 5:1–12



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?



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

MATTHEW 5:12



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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Green

01/28/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Gwen Waechter

E.O.HC: Rosemary & Tom Bachman

01/29/2023 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Julie Kaps

E.O. HC: Del & Julia Kaps

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Green) 02/04/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Volunteer, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Karen Burden

E.O.HC: Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter

02/05/2023 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller, Volunteer

Reader: Fred Jones

E.O. HC: Toby & Jessica Luhman- Fuller

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Jan. 28	4:00 p.m.	Suellen Bergkamp
Sunday, Jan. 29	9:00 p.m.	Kathi Sullivan
Monday, Jan.30	8:30 p.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Tuesday, Jan. 31	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Thursday, Feb. 2	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Friday, Feb. 3	8:30 a.m.	S.Int. Burden Family
Saturday, Feb. 4	4:00 p.m.	Carter Brown
Sunday, Feb. 5	9:00 a.m.	Sp.Int. –Healing J& MM

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven

Friends, this Sunday’s readings are all about a certain kind of “power.” But this “power” is unlike any other we can imagine. This power doesn’t help us build up wealth. It doesn’t help us get our way. It doesn’t help us control others. It is a very different kind of power --- a power that can change hearts, change minds, change lives. The power that God gives to us is shown in the Gospel passage from Matthew --- what we call the Beatitudes. (Matthew 5:1-12)

People, that means you and me, so often want to be the center of the universe. God wants us to be poor in spirit --- recognizing our total dependence on him.

People so often choose to be bullies and want to get their way in this world. God wants us to be meek --- being gentle rather than aggressive, humble rather than exalted.

People so often seek revenge on those who have wronged them. God wants us to be merciful --- showing compassion and being understanding of others.

People so often choose to hold on to grudges and enjoy putting people down and spreading gossip. God wants us to be peacemakers --- building bridges and forgiving faults and bringing about healing among all people.

The world needs to change. We need to change. Let’s embrace the Beatitudes with our whole hearts and minds and souls --- and thereby help God change the world.

Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for January 22, 2023: Envelopes: \$475; Loose: \$147.30; Online Giving: \$257.64; Total 879.94
Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under - 881.23

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Building Fund To Date: \$19100.27 *Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.*

PARISH BREAKFAST— SUNDAY JANUARY 29—RIGHT AFTER MASS You are invited to join us for food & fellowship on January 29th served by our K of C Council.

PARISH MEETINGS—FEBRUARY

Altar Society— January 29, at 5:00 p.m

Pastoral Council - February 1, at 5:30 p.m.

K Of C - February 1, at 7:30 p.m.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (adapted from a prayer by Henri Nouwen) God, give me the courage to be as revolutionary as your Son Jesus Christ was. Give me the courage to loosen myself from this world. Teach me to stand up in freedom and to accept just criticism. Make me ready for your kingdom. Make me free. Make me poor in this world, so that I will be rich in the true world, which this life is all about. Thank you for the vision of the future, but make it real for me and not just an ideal. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Matthew 5:1-12a)

Good news Last Sunday we heard how Jesus started his ministry by teaching, proclaiming the kingdom, and healing. In chapters 5-7 Matthew gives us much of the content of Jesus' teaching. People are blessed for having attitudes or behaviors that conform to God's will. Such people can rejoice because God will bring them into his kingdom. These beatitudes also challenge people to act differently so as to be included in God's reign. (Jewish law forbid people from saying God's name, so Matthew uses the phrase kingdom of heaven.) • the poor in spirit and the meek fully trust in God; they wait rather than try to force God to act • those who long for righteousness want God to hurry up and set things right • the clean or pure of heart always think, speak and act uprightly; they aren't kind on the outside but cruel on the inside • Verses 11-12 probably reflect the animosity that Jews felt toward the followers of Jesus. Matthew wrote his Gospel when Christianity was separating from Judaism.

What's a beatitude? Beatitude comes from the Latin word for blessed. In the Old Testament people are happy because God has blessed them for being good and acting well. (See Psalm 1, Proverbs 3:13, and Sirach 14:1-2.) Jesus called blessed those who felt left out from God's promises: people who were poor, had bad reputations, or were ridiculed for trying to live as God wanted. Jesus surprised them all by saying that God welcomes them into his kingdom.

Righteousness Righteousness is interchangeable with justice. It describes acting in the way God wants and becoming the person God helps us to become. It can also describe God and his action. Matthew uses this word throughout his Gospel.

Up the mountain Moses went up Mount Sinai to bring the law down to God's people. Jesus goes up the mountain to teach. Matthew thus presents Jesus as a law-giver like Moses. Jesus, however, is not a mediator of God's law but the Son of the law-giver. He teaches on his own authority. He freely interprets the law so that it reflects what life should be like in God's kingdom. Jesus also teaches from a seated position, the customary posture of a teacher at that time (v.1). (oursundayreadings.wordpress.com)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13)

The day of the LORD Most of what Zephaniah prophesied was terrifying. He spoke in the late seventh century BC when the Israelites were once again worshiping false gods. The day of the LORD was originally a way of referring to Israelite celebrations of the freedom and protection God had given them. The prophet Amos turned the phrase into a warning that God would judge and punish people for their idolatry and injustice. Zephaniah goes further: not only people but the whole earth is subjected to God's punishment.

Scraps of cloth Zephaniah warns that God will destroy Israel, pagan nations, and much of the earth itself (see 1:2-4). Not all is lost, however: God will save those who uphold his law and worship him alone (2:3; 3:12). Zephaniah describes such people as a remnant, scraps of cloth that God will stitch into a new, restored Israel. These people will not only survive, they will flourish. Nothing will threaten their animals or crops (v.13). God saves people who uphold God's law rather than pursuing their own wants and interests. Such people are humble, honest, and concerned about the well-being of others. These are the people God brings into his kingdom

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION STEWARDS DENY SELF

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthy things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Stewardship is denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS NEEDS YOU!

SIGN UP FOR NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Individual registration for the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024 has been extended to February 2023. If you are interested in learning more about the Congress and possibly being part of a diocesan delegation to the July 17-21, 2024 Congress in Indianapolis, please contact Father Tim S. Hickey as soon as possible at tshickey@icloud.com or at 203-996-7854 (text/voice). This is not a commitment to attend but only an expression of your interest in the Congress. Please be sure to include the number of tickets you are interested in and your parish.

¡EL CONGRESO EUCHARÍSTICO NACIONAL TE NECESITA!

INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL CONGRESO EUCHARÍSTICO NACIONAL La inscripción individual para el Congreso Eucarístico Nacional de julio de 2024 se ha extendido a febrero de 2023. Si está interesado en obtener más información sobre el Congreso y posiblemente ser parte de una delegación diocesana al Congreso del 17 al 21 de julio de 2024 en Indianápolis, comuníquese con el Padre Tim S. Hickey lo antes posible en tshickey@icloud.com o en 203 -996-7854 (texto/llamar). Esto no es un compromiso de asistir sino solo una expresión de su interés en el Congreso. Asegúrese de incluir la cantidad de boletos que le interesan y su parroquia.

Q: One of the common objections of my adult son raises about going to Church is that all the sin and hypocrisy in the Church is intolerable to him. Any advice on what to say about this?

A: Well, of course, this is one of the objections that Jesus had to face from the Pharisees: This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:2). It's a remarkable thing, Jesus is found among sinners, even hypocrites. He is not found in the perfect places of our imagined "church." He is not simply found in the places or company considered desirable, he is found where he is found: among sinners. Indeed, one image for the Church is Christ, crucified between two thieves!

As for hypocrisy, we do well to wonder if any human being on this planet, save for the most heroic saint, is utterly free from this ubiquitous human problem. Surely your son cannot consider himself wholly free from it can he?

In terms of mission, the Church is a hospital for sinners, and that means sinners will be found there. But so will medicine of the sacraments, the wisdom of Scripture, healing, and encouragement, admonishment, too. And yes, sinners...even some in critical condition. We know our sin. That is why we have confessionals in every parish. Pray God, we always have room for one more sinner.

As for those who seek for Christ apart from the Church, i.e. apart from his Body: no can do. Christ is found with his body, the Church. He associates with sinners and holds them close. He incorporates them into his body through baptism and seeks them when they stray.

Tell your son that Jesus loves sinners and is not too proud to be in their company and call them his brethren. Join us!

Q: Did Satan know Jesus was God, or was he just tempting His human nature to fail? – Ann

A: It would seem that Satan and other evil spirits did know Jesus was God, at least in some general way. Scripture reports: Whenever the evil spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God" (Mk 3:11).

Another time a demon cried out: I know who you are--the Holy One of God!" (Mk 1:24). There are similar passages (e.g. Mk 1:34 and Luke 4:41).

That said, we ought not to conclude that Satan had a comprehensive or flawless knowledge of Jesus, and the full plan of salvation. Had Satan such a complete knowledge, especially of the plan of God, he would not have inspired the crucifixion of Jesus, the very means by which he (Satan) was defeated.

Hence, there is evidence that Satan had a basic understanding of Jesus' divinity, and plan, but one that was limited, and likely flawed to some extent, due to his intellect being darkened by sin and rage.

However, when Satan tempted Jesus, it was only to his human nature and his human will that he could appeal, even though he knew Jesus also to be God. (Msgr. Charles Pope– Our Sunday Visitor)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Blessed are the children –meek and otherwise

Children come in all sizes, shapes, and colors. They possess abilities, talents, and interests, many of which may lie hidden for years to come. Not all young ones, to be sure, are properly described as meek. But it's certain that, one day, the children will inherit the land. Preparing them for this vital task is the job of every grownup in their lives. This week we celebrate Catholic schools, dedicated to assisting families in the education and formation of their children. Book learning is available at any school. Faith and character aren't always on the curriculum. Support our schools! (Preparetheword)

CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Bienaventurados los niños—mansos o no

Hay niños de todos los tamaños, formas y colores. Poseen habilidades, talentos e intereses, muchos de los cuales pueden permanecer ocultos durante años. No todos los jóvenes, sin duda, están debidamente descriptos como mansos. Pero es cierto que, algún día, los niños heredarán la tierra.

Prepararlos para esta tarea vital es el trabajo de cada adulto en sus vidas. Esta semana celebramos las Escuelas Católicas, dedicadas a ayudar a las familias en la educación y formación de sus hijos. En cualquier escuela se puede aprender con libros. La fe y el carácter no siempre están en el currículum. ¡Apoya a nuestras escuelas!