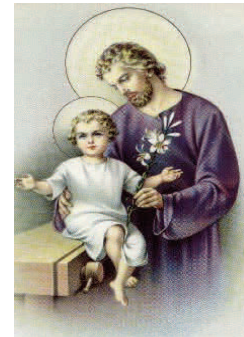


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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 17, 2019



Sermon on the Plain - Gospel of Luke 6:17, 20-26

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[] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 16

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Children of Tom and Becky Jackson

Sunday, February 17

- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Lena Felger +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, February 18

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Mary Beth Paterson Family

8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, February 19

7:00 a.m./8:00 a.m. Adoration
8:00 a.m. Mark Makowski +
8:30 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Wednesday, February 20

6:25 p.m. Rosary
7:00 p.m. Charles Ault +

Thursday, February 21

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Mike and Debbie Lautzenheiser Family

8:30 a.m. Rosary

10:30 a.m. Mass at Christian Care Retirement Ctr.

Friday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Diane Humphrey Family
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, February 23

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Jane Case +

Sunday, February 24

- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Dale Helmer +

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb 18 - Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - Gn

4:1-15,25/ Mk 8:11-13

Tues., Feb. 19 - Gn 6:5-8,7:1-5,10/ Mk 8:14-21

Wed., Feb. 20 - Gn 8:6-13,20-22/ Mk 8:22-26

Thurs., Feb. 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Gn 9:1-13/ Mk 8:27-33

Fri., Feb. 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle - 1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19

Sat., Feb. 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr - Heb 11:1-7/ Mk 9:2-13

Sun., Feb. 24 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38

Our Love & Prayers Go Out To... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson, John R. Smith, Carol Leitner and Pat Pfeifer.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 17, 2019- C

As we begin the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are only three weeks away from Ash Wednesday and the beginning of our Lenten Season. As we will soon walk these 40 days of prayer and fasting to more fully unite ourselves to the joy of Easter Sunday, now is as good a time as any to begin prayerfully discerning what Lenten observances we will follow. While in the seminary, we had the practice of undertaking three *bona opera*, or good works, as part of our Lenten discipline. (This practice historically originated from the 6th Century *Rule of St. Benedict*, which guides the life of monks living in community.) This is a practice that I try to continue each year and would invite you to do the same this Lenten Season.

In the seminary, we divided the *bona opera* into three categories: fasting, charitable work, and spiritual growth. To fast, we abstain from some practice (e.g. watching television) or indulgence (e.g. hitting the snooze button) throughout the Lenten Season. This self-denial serves as a reminder that we live not for the things of this world, but for God alone. To perform charitable work, we commit ourselves to perform some form of outreach (e.g. volunteering at a nursing home) or provide for those in need (e.g. donating to a charity). This giving of ourselves serves as a reminder that we can glimpse the face of Jesus Christ anew each and everyday in the faces of our brothers and sisters in need. Finally, to grow spiritually, we commit ourselves to some additional form of prayer or devotion throughout Lent. This practice can take on either a personal commitment, such as dedicating an additional 15 minutes each day to reflecting on the Sacred Scriptures, or a communal commitment, such as joining in the Stations of the Cross each Friday or making an effort to attend an additional daily Mass each week. This time spent in prayer allows us to be more attentive to the voice of God speaking to us.

Whichever form our Lenten devotions may take, let us spend these next three weeks prayerfully discerning how the Lord is calling us to use these coming 40 days. This time of penance is meant to open our hearts and allow the light of God to pour into our souls. These 40 days of Lent are too precious and pass too quickly to risk approaching unprepared. Over the next few weeks, our schedule of liturgies and devotions for Lent will be included in the bulletin. May each and every one of us be preparing to have a good and a challenging Lent.

Scriptural Reflection for the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Having heard the vocational call of the prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah, we now hear Jeremiah fulfilling his vocation as a prophet in our first reading (Jeremiah 17:5-8). The Lord's message to Israel is very similar to the message that He gave to Jeremiah when He was first called him: Trust in the Lord always or, as our psalm response echoes, "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." The Lord is chastising Judah for constantly choosing to follow men over Himself. And, as they see time and time again in their journey, their faith is in vain when placed in other men. It is only when they place their faith and their trust in God alone that they find true prosperity and joy.

This sentiment is reflected by St. Paul in our second reading (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20): Our hope is in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Having reasserted the basic truths of the Faith, or the *kerygma* (Greek for "preaching"), St. Paul now reaffirms the truth of the resurrection. We cannot simply find Jesus Christ to be a good teacher and nothing more. He is truly our Saviour who has defeated death and calls each and every one of us to eternal life. To deny this, as some of the Corinthians have begun to do, makes faith meaningless. For this reason, St. Paul offers this beautiful passage as a reminder to the Corinthians (and us today) that we cannot water-down the Gospel message. To do so renders it ineffective and meaningless; a message that cannot save. Instead, we are a people called to faith and to place our trust entirely in our risen Lord. Such faith, when placed in God, is never in vain.

Our Lord Himself, in our Gospel (Luke 6:17, 20-26), continues this call to trust. In His sermon on the Plain (paralleled with Matthew's account of the Sermon on the Mount [Matthew 5:1-7, 11]), Jesus teaches the crowd the path to obtain true happiness. This path, though, seems very difficult and one full of many trials. In His enumeration of the Beatitudes, the careful listener finds those called blessed to be ones suffering greatly. In the same vein, those cautioned with "woes" would, in a worldly sense, seem to be those who are prospering in this life. Yet, the Lord calls us time and time again to go further than we ever think possible; to trust in Him completely.

Worldly prosperity can never satisfy the human heart. Those who are satisfied in this world are cautioned so that they may not grow complacent and may never forget that we live not for this world, but for life in the world to come. Those who are suffering as they live out the Gospel message are reminded to remain steadfast and to continue on the narrow way. For, it is the narrow way that will lead us to beatitude and the heavenly kingdom. It is only this that will satisfy us; it is only true union with God that will fulfill the longing of our hearts. Our Lord's words seem a great reversal, and that is exactly what they are. He challenges us today to take a deep look at our own lives and to reflect upon them. Are we living for the luxury of this world or are we striving for something greater? How can we incorporate the Beatitudes into our lives? - In Christ, *Fr. David*



Welcome to the St. Joseph Parish Family!
FEBRUARY 16, 2019

Zayne Steven Dunn, son of Erin Dunn,
Grandson of Corey and Stacey Coulardot
Baptized in the name of the FATHER and of the
SON and of the HOLY SPIRIT, AMEN.

MASS ADDED!

Mass is celebrated for the residents of River Terrace on the last Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m., which has been a tradition of St. Joseph's for many years. Fr. David is now offering Mass for the residents of Christian Care beginning Thursday, February 21st and every third Thursday of the month. Anyone is welcome to attend!



ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6 -

Masses: 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Each Friday night of Lent beginning
March 8- serving from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Watch for more details and a sign up sheet
in the narthex for soup-making
volunteers.

PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Feb. 18 - *Alpha* 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Wed., Feb. 20 - St. Joseph church will host the monthly luncheon for the Ministerial Association at noon.
- Sat./Sun. Feb. 23/24 - 7th and 8th Grade Bake Sale after all Masses - proceeds to Bolivian Mission School Program.
- Mon., Feb. 25 - *Alpha* 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Mon., Mar. 4 - *Alpha* 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Tues., Mar. 5 - Knights of Columbus meeting with recitation of the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church and meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Wed., Mar. 6 - Ash Wednesday Masses - 7:00 a.m. / Noon / and 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar 7 - All day Adoration 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 8 - Lenten Soup Supper - Serving from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Come any time!! (Lenten Soup Supper each Friday during Lent except April 5 - K of C Fish Fry and April 19 - Good Friday).
- Fri., Mar 8 - Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. and each Friday of Lent.
- Mon., Mar. 11 - *Alpha* 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the social hall.
- Tues., Mar. 12 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting- 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.

WEEKEND OF February 23/24, 2019

CANTORS:

5:00 Marita Crawfis
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Larry Leitz

LECTORS:

5:00 Dan Geimer
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 John Vanderkolk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Linda Huseman, Christine Zadyak, Volunteer
7:30 Dave Gruss, Jill Morrissey, Sherry Makowski
10:00 Tammi Helm, Sandy Smythe, Luisa Sumabat, Diana Cole, Ann Reifsteck

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Todd Hartman Family, Chris Reifsteck Family

SERVERS:

5:00 Catherine Crawfis, Jacqueline Mayer, Volunteer
7:30 Mark/Beth Geisel, Abby Wagner
10:00 Eve/Gabe McElhaney, Alex Mechling

Collection for Weekend of February 9/10, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$3,983.00
Child Envelopes- \$29.50
Loose- \$442.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$125.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-
\$195.00
Bulletin Ads- \$575.00
Christmas Offering- \$50.00
Spiritual CDs- \$20.00
Total- \$5,419.50

The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.

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monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$30.00
Bolivian Mission- \$1,260.00

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*Recitation of the Rosary
20 Minutes before all
weekend Masses
and immediately following
weekday morning Masses.*

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h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?