

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." Here, in a nutshell, is the Christian belief about the afterlife. We trust that heaven is open to believers who accept the gift of salvation and follow the way of the Lord, even (or especially) when that way is difficult!

The beatitudes in today's Gospel give us a program for following the path to heaven. These famous words offer a kind of twofold image. There are, on the one hand, the beatitudes about what we should do and be: poor in spirit, meek, merciful, clean of heart, and peacemakers. Such qualities are reflections of the nature of God in whose image we are meant to live. When we embrace and reflect this image to the world, there is no doubt we are walking on the path of God's will.

Then, there are also the beatitudes about what we are called to endure: mourning, hunger for righteousness, persecutions and insults due to our belief in Jesus. These are the trials that often beset the life of a faithful Christian--admittedly more so in some ages and areas than in others. But Jesus makes it clear that even these trials and struggles are a sign that a Christian is on the right path, not that God has abandoned him or her, but that the reward of heaven lies around the corner.

One of the greatest consolations of our faith is that even when life does not unfold according to our own perfect designs, even when there is suffering to deal with, even when we do not have great success in the eyes of the world, we can maintain hope and peace as we await the "reward" of the just. The eternal happiness of heaven will be worth every ounce of temporary trial here on earth.

Sunday Collection

The Sun. Collection for Jan. 21/22 was \$3,702.00.

Help with Snow Removal

Our parish is looking for persons willing to be on call to help shovel snow when the emergency arises. The parish will pay for your service to the church. If interested, please call the rectory office and we will fill you in on the compensation offered. Thanks. Fr. Tom

4º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Las lecturas de este domingo nos invitan a estar siempre en constante búsqueda del Señor. Las personas sencillas y humildes solo pueden esperar en Dios, son los que con su fe en medio de las tribulaciones salen al frente de sus dificultades. Y no se diga en cuestión de justicia es su baluarte. La humildad en estos tiempos no tiene cabida, es más, muchos ni siquiera saben el significado de la humildad. "El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica" en el número 2540 nos da pautas de cómo poner en práctica la humildad. "La envidia procede con frecuencia del orgullo; el bautizado ha de esforzarse por vivir en la humildad".

Tengamos cuidado esmerado en este asunto ya que en nuestra época muchas veces no se aprecia el llevar una vida sencilla y humilde. El ser humilde consiste en confiar en Dios, es también la verdad sobre nosotros mismos. La persona verdaderamente humilde no se infla de orgullo y vanidad, sino que es capaz de llevar una vida equilibrada. San Pablo lo describe de otra manera. "El que se gloria, que se gloríe en el Señor" (1 Cor 1, 31). Qué bello sería el apreciar con sencillez de corazón el ser hijos de Dios, el querernos como hermanos y hermanas. Finalmente, quiero dedicar unas frases al sermón del monte o bienaventuranzas, donde el humilde tiene un papel muy importante. Alcanzar la pobreza de corazón, la mansedumbre, la misericordia, la capacidad de trabajar por la paz y la pureza del corazón es el reto de nuestra vida. Porque solo así podremos vivir felices. ¡Jesús, que es manso y humilde de corazón, tenga piedad de nosotros! ¿Qué piensa usted de la humildad? ¿Conoce personas sencillas y humildes en su vida?

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2017

Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday:	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

A Message from Fr. Tom

Our Gospel this Sunday is one of the most well-known and significant excerpts from Matthew's Gospel. We hear the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. Before the readings of today we can pose two questions which aid our reception of the message: (1) What are attitudes at work within us with which God *can* or *cannot* work? (2) By what conditions does one enter into the Kingdom? Clearly, social injustice and acceptance without criticism or discernment of foreign ways will lead us away from the Kingdom. The saving remnant of Israel will live with trust and humility. The acknowledgement of our own poverty of spirit will render it possible for us to participate in the saving plan of God.

Fr. Tom

Generations of Faith

It has been one year since we introduced the Generations of Faith Campaign to our parish. I am very pleased to say that we made our pledge goal of \$375,000.00, and exceeded it by about \$25,000.00. Of particular note is that at this point, thirty five percent (35%) of our pledges have been fulfilled. I am told this is a very good place to be. Of the many work projects that were mentioned as part of this pledge drive; Divine Mercy Parish has completed every one of them in all three of our churches.

With all the good news there are some areas where we can still make progress. There are still some people that have not made any contribution to the pledge they made during last year's campaign. We have approximately 600 registered families in the parish, but only 135 have made pledges. Please do what you can in the coming days to continue to fulfill your pledge or make one if you have not already done so. It is my hope that every family or person who attends Mass here regularly would find the generosity to make a pledge. If you cannot make a pledge, I ask that you continue to pray for the success of this campaign. Thank you

Saint Blaise – Friday, February 3, 2017

St. Francis of Paola - after the 7:45am Mass

St. Cecilia - after the 8:30am Mass

St. Nicholas - after the 11:00am School Mass

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Join the St. Anthony Society for “Carnevale Dinner”

Fat Tuesday, February 28, 2017 -- 6 to 9 PM

In the St. Francis of Paola Auditorium

Tickets are \$25.00

Limited number of tickets available. This event will sell out again. Don't wait! For more information please contact the rectory or Christina Scotti (718-782-3881).

Married Couples Retreat

Our parish will sponsor a retreat for married couples the last weekend of March during Lent. The dates are Friday, March 24th to Sunday, March 26th at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, L.I. The retreat will have two language tracks—English & Spanish led by Deacons John Warren (English) and Elkin Tamayo (Spanish). There is space for 23 couples and the cost for the entire weekend is \$110.00 per couple. Please call the rectory office to reserve your space.

New York City Universal Pre-K

Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy—our affiliated school—would like to remind all members of the parish community that the application period for New York City's Universal Pre-K begins January 17.

Queen of the Rosary participates in the UPK program and invites you to select their school for your child. Please feel free to call the school for more information or to schedule a tour.

Beginning Experience

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation is one of life's most traumatic experiences; often resulting in feelings of loneliness and grief. When those feelings remain, it can be overwhelming and hard to move forward.

The Beginning Experience weekend is a grace filled time to focus on you, to feel understood by peers and experience a sense of peace and a renewed hope for the future.

The next weekend is on Long Island at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore on February 24th—26th, 2017. For information and reservations, call MARY at (516-) 413-6209 or JEAN at (631) 903-0973, JIM at (718) 474-3779 or JOHN at (516) 822-0635.

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GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH

"For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome..." (Matt. 25:35-36)

In the presence of our loving God, let us remember to express our gratitude each day through lives of service, generosity, kindness, care and compassion.

Specific item needed this week: **Canned meats**

Youth Update

Last Saturday, the 21st, I and one young person attended Brooklyn Catholic Youth Day (BCYD) in Middle Village. We joined 400 other youth in games, Mass, Pro-Life and Vocation talks, and Eucharistic Adoration. The next BCYD is April 1st at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, Queens. All young people in 8th - 12th grade are welcome to participate. Those who will be confirmed are strongly encouraged to attend.

This coming Thursday-Sunday, the 26th-29th, another young person and I will attend the March for Life in Washington D.C. This pro-life March begins near the Washington Monument, and marches down Constitution Ave past the D.C. Court House and the U.S. Senate Buildings. We will travel with Ss. Peter and Paul/Epiphany Parish and spend time on retreat with other young people following Friday's events.

The March for Life has been happening every year since 1974 around the time of the Supreme Court Decision Roe v. Wade (January 22, 1973). Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States, has done a grave harm to both women and the unborn. Hundreds of thousands of attendees march to give voice to the preborn, and defend the basic rights of humans.

For more information about this, and for registration, call the parish office (718)-387-0256 or email Lauren at youth@dmbk.org.

Divine Mercy Parish Choir

The Parish Choir will be meeting regularly in the St. Francis of Paola Choir Loft after the Saturday 5PM Mass. Rehearsal is open to anybody who wishes to sing with us. No prior singing background is required. Please speak to our Director of Music, Justin Fields, for more details.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, January 28, 2017

5:00pm Gloria Sekac by Fr. Eugene Carrella

Sunday, January 29, 2017

8:00am Gaetana Sepe by Marie Sepe

11:30am Gerard Cirone by Scotti Family

Monday, January 30, 2017

7:45am Clara Monti

by Carmelo & Diana Altadonna

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

7:45am Vittoria Santoro Altadonna

by Carmelo & Diana Altadonna

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

7:45am Cono Cimino

by daughter Filomena Babino & Family

Thursday, February 2, 2017

7:45am Felice Baglivo by Family

Friday, February 3, 2017

7:45am Sylvester He

by daughter Agnes & Joseph Sun

Saturday, February 4, 2017

7:45am In honor of St. Veronica

by Carlotta Giglio

5:00pm Frances Tizzio by Family

Sunday, February 5, 2017

8:00am Joseph & Pauline Beneventin

by Marie & Dom Perrotto

11:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Saint Theresa Guild

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will take place on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:30pm in the St. Francis of Paola rectory basement. Please bring a Valentine themed raffle gift.

Please join in prayer following the 5pm Mass on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at St. Francis of Paola Church. We will assemble in the front left pews. New Members are always welcome.

Gregorian Mass: Join us on Sunday February 5, 2017 for our monthly Gregorian Mass at our Parish Church of St. Nicholas at 12:45pm. Worship booklets will be available to help all participants.

JANUARY 29, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, January 29, 2017

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
12:45pm Marie Guarino Babino
by Mr. & Mrs. J. Baldassarro

Sunday, February 5, 2017

10:30am Paulette Menard Family by Paulette
12:45pm Paul Pallotta
by Richey's Wine & Liquors

Pray For the Sick

Please remember to your prayers those who are ill

Craig Washack, Patricia Clarke, Elizabeth Lucivero, Wanda Zadwarny, Carmella Caiafa, Maureen Conlon, Sister Rose Ellen McCann C.S.J., Raul Carreiras, Christina Giron, Patrick Del Vicario, Dora Lo Gosso, John Porcelli, Nancy Gonzalaz, Vinny Gonzalas, Marti Latterman, Rae Pacifico, David Pelletier, Richard Schloop, Frank Cremato, Nicolet Latore

Pray for Our Recently Deceased

Patricia Krieger, Louise M. Cyrus, Michael J. Piro, Nicholas La Veglia, Kathleen Egan, Andy Gonzales

Upcoming Events for Youth

Our Parish's after school program will start Friday February 3rd. All young people in grades 4-12 (ages 10-18) are welcome to participate! The program will meet in the St. Francis Rectory Basement (219 Conselyea St.) from 2:30-6:00pm for a brief time of prayer and reflection, followed by focused study time, and lastly time for socializing.

Youth service event

On February 5th, all young people are invited to a service project at St. Nicholas Church from 1:15 - 3:15. If your child needs service hours, this is the perfect event for him/her!

Please have lunch beforehand. Hope to see you there!!

Retreat Opportunity

All high schoolers and young adults, ages 15-30 are invited to attend Youth 2000's retreat *Face 2 Face*. This three day retreat, February 17, 18 and 19 will be at St. Mark's Church in Sheepshead Bay. This Eucharist-centered retreat is not to be missed, and there is a suggested donation of \$35!

For more information about these, and for registration, call the parish office (718)-387-0256 or email Lauren at youth@dmbk.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, January 29, 2017

9:30am Roger Kobel
Delores Ross
Raffloer Family
Kathleen Egan
7:00pm Open Intention

Monday, January 30, 2017

8:30am Nicholas La Veglia

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

8:30am Roger Kobel

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

8:30am Ida Solis

Thursday, February 2, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Friday, February 3, 2017 – FIRST FRIDAY

8:30am Purgatorial Society

Saturday, February 4, 2017

8:30am Open Intention

Sunday, February 5, 2017

9:30am Tessie & Julia Caliendo
Fred Lovero
Rosary Society
Kenny Tenzycki
In Thanksgiving by Josephine Elizee
Bill & Jere Horne
7:00pm Open Intention

Affordable Housing

Applications are now being accepted for affordable housing at 325 Kent Apts, 325 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11249.

Address to obtain paper applications:

325 Kent Apts.
243 5th Avenue, Box 425
New York, New York 10016

We encourage interested persons to apply online at www.nyc.gov/housingconnect.

Please remember that online applications must be submitted by the deadline date and that the applications received after this deadline date will not be considered. Deadline date is January 30, 2017.

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Memorial Gifts At Divine Mercy Parish

Bread & Wine Sanctuary Lamp Tabernacle Candles Altar Candles Blessed Mother Candles St. Joseph Candles Memorial Gifts are a wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones. Please come to the Rectory (or call) for information on available dates. Also available are Tree of Life Leaves and Blessed Mother Yearly Candles (this candle is lit for a year). All memorials can be In Honor Of or Remembrance Of a family member or friend.

A Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage To Catholic Cuba

Join Bishop Octavio Cisneros as Spiritual Director, March 24-31, 2017 on a Celestial Cruise, with visits to Our Lady of Cobre, Havana, Punta Frances, Cienfuegos. Call 1-800-CATHOLIC X 208 for more info.

St. Vincent De Paul Gives Back

The St. Vincent De Paul Society will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle for each car, truck or van, running or not that you would like to dispose of. Call 718-491-2525 for more information.