

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich ? who are filled now ? who laugh ? when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor ? you who are now hungry ? when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?

### Sunday Collection

Sunday's Collection for February 9/10, 2019 will appear in next week's bulletin.

### TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

Do you have an interest in giving back in our community of Divine Mercy Parish? Is so, please consider spending some time with our young people. We have a weekly youth group meeting every Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm, at St. Francis. Any time you can spend with our youth is a gift to them. For more information please call the rectory at 718-387-0256 or email our youth minister at [youth@dmbk.org](mailto:youth@dmbk.org).

## 6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En este domingo las lecturas nos invitan a reflexionar en lo que es vivir siempre luchando por una sociedad más justa. El Papa Francisco hizo una meditación para pensar en los que no tienen ni siquiera lo necesario para vivir. Dice así:

¿se rinde un culto idolátrico al dinero. ¡Porque se ha globalizado la indiferencia!, se ha globalizado la indiferencia: a mí ¿qué me importa lo que les pasa a otros mientras yo defienda lo mío? Porque el mundo se ha olvidado de Dios, que es Padre; se ha vuelto huérfano porque dejó a Dios de lado.

Algunos de ustedes expresaron: Este sistema ya no se aguanta. Tenemos que cambiarlo, tenemos que volver a llevar la dignidad humana al centro y que sobre ese pilar se construyan las estructuras sociales alternativas que necesitamos. Hay que hacerlo con coraje, pero también con inteligencia. Con tenacidad, pero sin fanatismo. Con pasión, pero sin violencia. Y entre todos, enfrentando los conflictos sin quedar atrapados en ellos, buscando siempre resolver las tensiones para alcanzar un plano superior de unidad, de paz y de justicia. Los cristianos tenemos algo muy lindo, una guía de acción, un programa, podríamos decir, revolucionario. Les recomiendo vivamente que lo lean, que lean las bienaventuranzas que están en el capítulo 5 de San Mateo y 6 de San Lucas, (cfr. Mt 5, 3 y Lc 6, 20) y que lean el pasaje de Mateo 25. Se los dije a los jóvenes en Río de Janeiro, con esas dos cosas tiene el programa de acción.

(Discurso de S.S. Francisco a los participantes del Encuentro Mundial de los Movimientos Populares, octubre de 2014).

¿Crees que vale la pena meditar lo que dice el Papa?

### Readings for the week of February 17, 2019

Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13

## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### A Message from Fr. Tom

This Sunday we hear the Beatitudes according to St. Luke. They vary somewhat in presentation from the Beatitudes we find in Matthew's Gospel. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus does not spiritualize his words. That is to say, they are more concrete and it is not so easy to interpret them on diverse levels of meaning. Today, Jesus is speaking directly to those in poverty, those who are physically hungry, and those who are mourning loss, and who are hated, and excluded because of Jesus.

Dr. Alan Keyes—who is African American and you may recall ran for President of the United States a few years back—wrote about a recent trip to Africa. He went there to promote a cheap, easy to produce drug proven to fight Malaria—however, none of the major pharmaceutical companies want to touch it—because according to him—there's no money to be made. Appropriate for our message for today, Dr. Keyes spoke eloquently about the Christian people of the African Continent. While many people he met were quite poor—there was an abiding sense of joy and gratitude for their Christian faith. Of course, we must all be realistic about the great harm poverty can do to the human spirit. But simplicity of life and gratitude are virtues so often cultivated in adversity. The privations of the African people—he observed—brought the average Christian into a closer relationship with God and with their community. Consider the condition of the church and the Christian faith in the developed West. We find many obstacles to genuine faith. Dr. Keyes goes on to say, we find a “prosperity that makes us neglect our dependency on God; we live now in neatly paved environments thickly lacquered with pride [that] foster delusions of human self-sufficiency.” The Beatitudes of today help us to understand the great reversal so often spoken of in Luke's Gospel. “The Almighty will cast down the mighty from their thrones and lift up the lowly.” Help us God, by your grace, to embrace the privations that this life presents. Help us by our faith to make of them opportunities to be closer to you in your own passion and with those now in need.

### Pro-Life Help

Catholics and all people of good are still reeling from the extraordinary, scandalous anti-life laws passed by the governor of our state last month. We must, however, recognize the great good that is being done by so many people. Please consider supporting some of these organizations that give women real, material support as an alternative to an abortion:

1. Sisters of Life, 38 Montebello Road, Suffern, NY 10901 T. (845) 357-3547
2. Life Center of New York, 6802 Fifth Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11220, T. (718) 748-4992
3. Pregnancy Help, 229 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10011, T. (212) 243-0970
4. The Bridge to Life, 147-32 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, NY 11355, T. (718) 463-1810
5. Good Counsel Homes, 411 Clinton Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030, T. (201) 795-0637

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### Transfiguration Men's Shelter February 24 to March 2, 2019

We are once again asking for volunteers to provide a hot meal for the men of the Transfiguration Men's Shelter, our Parish will be serving the weeks of Feb. 24 to March 2, 2019. We are required to provide a complete meal including beverage and dessert. Whether you decide to do it personally, as a family or with a group or organization, please know that your generosity and kindness is appreciated! Anyone who is interested in providing food or helping with serving please contact Angela Scotti at 718-782-3881, or the Parish Office at 718-387-0256.

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### Servicios Católicos de Migración,

Una representante de los Servicios Católicos de Migración, una organización legal afiliada con el Diócesis de Brooklyn, estará presente en la parroquia de San Nicolás el 3 de marzo después de las misa a las 10:30 para dar información sobre los servicios que provee. Si Usted tiene una pregunta o duda acerca de un asunto de inmigración, de un problema que tiene con sus sueldos en su trabajo o quiere saber más sobre los servicios que esta oficina provee a los inmigrantes de Brooklyn y como puede hacer una cita con un abogado o consejera de inmigración, venga al sótano de la iglesia después de la misa.

A representative from Catholic Migration Services, a legal organization affiliated with the Diocese of Brooklyn, will be at St. Nicholas Parish on March 3 after the 10:30 Mass to give information about the services that they provide. If you have a question or problem with an immigration matter, with your wages at your job or you want to know more about the services that this office provides to immigrants in Brooklyn and how you can make an appointment with an immigration lawyer or counselor, come to the basement of the church after Mass.

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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)*

We wish to extend a very loud and hearty THANK YOU to Rebecca Ortiz and Antonio Moschella for packing 100 grocery bags for our February pantry distribution. Rebecca and Antonio will be receiving Confirmation this year and volunteered their time and energy to assist us in serving the needy in our community.

Great Job!

We appreciate your gift of time and effort!

Items needed this week: **Canned Meats**  
Food Pantry Coordinators and volunteers

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**St. Francis of Paola Church  
Memorial Gifts – February 17, 2019**

**BREAD & WINE**

Florence & Anthony Giglio by daughter Carlotta

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

In Thanksgiving

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**New Kawai / Baby Grand Piano**

Recently, a new Kawai baby grand piano has been put on the market at half price. It is in the interest of the music ministry to purchase this piano. The cost is 18 thousand dollars.

Already, Fr Tom has received slightly more than half that amount from a donor who will remain anonymous. The piano would make an excellent addition to our parish, and expand the quality and types of concerts we can offer, these concerts and recent exhibitions in our gallery space have been extremely well received and can lay a vital role in reintroducing the Christian faith to the secular community that surrounds us.

We understand that Christ is the origin and endpoint of all beauty, and encountering something truly beautiful is the beginning of an encounter with Him.

We are asking for donations towards the purchase of this piano. Please speak with our music director Justin Fields.

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**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Francis of Paola Church**

**Saturday, February 16, 2019**

5:00pm Vincenzo & Rosa Tropiano by Son  
Salvatore Tropiano

**Sunday, February 17, 2019**

8:00am Mercogliano Rafele by Gelsomina  
Acierno  
11:30am Racippi Family

**Monday, February 18, 2019**

7:45am Nicola Baglivo by Mr. & Mrs. Aniello  
De Sarno

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

7:45am Florence & Anthony Giglio by daughter  
Carlotta

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

7:45am Michael & Angelina D’Annunzio by  
Grandchildren

**Thursday, February 21, 2019**

7:45am Aniello De Sarno by Maria Cimino &  
Family

**Friday, February 22, 2019**

7:45am Pacifico Family by Children

**Saturday, February 23, 2019**

7:45am Birthday In Heaven Corona D’Ambrosio  
Sepe by Marie Sepe  
5:00pm for the People of Divine Mercy Parish

**Sunday, February 24, 2019**

8:00am Aniello De Sarno by Gelsomina Acierno  
11:30am Dominic Ciorciari by Scotti Family

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**Join the St. Anthony Society  
For “Carnevale Dinner”**

**Fat Tuesday**

**March 5, 2019 - 6 to 9 PM**

**In the St. Francis of Paola Auditorium**

Tickets are \$30.00

and are available in the Rectory. Limited number of  
tickets available. This event will sell out again.

**DON’T WAIT**

For more information please contact: Joseph Scotti  
(718-782-3881).

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Nicholas Church

#### Sunday, February 17, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

#### Wednesday, February 20, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

#### Sunday, February 24, 2019

10:30am Rosa Sanchez (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by  
Ramon Sanchez

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**Pray For the Sick:** John Colasanti, Rae Pacifico, Sawziy Ali, Umberto Caleotafiore, Giuseppe Guadagno, Donato D'Asosto, Frank Morena, Clara Chang, Joe Bavuso, Anthony Porcelli, Wanda Sadwarny, Carmine Giglio, Cathy Chang, Eleanor Heck, Angela Mauceri, Janet Gonzalez

#### **Pray For the Recently Deceased**

Kathleen Sullivan, Anna SanFillippo, Veronica M. Nicholson Murphy, David Baxter, Aniello De Sarno, Joseph V. Reemmer, Nora Martrinez, Rachel Episopo, Marie Bavuso, John Porcelli, Theresa Ronzo, John Pelletier, Diane Sadowski

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### St. Cecilia's Rosary Society

#### At Divine Mercy Parish

Chinese Festival

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 pm

St. Cecilia's Auditorium, 24 N. Henry St.

Dinner, Dessert, Raffles, Door Prizes, 50/50

Cost \$25.00

Call the Parish Office for tickets or see a member of the Rosary Society.

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### UP DATE

Scaffolding will be going up at St. Francis for ceiling replacement, in the Church. Please bear with us as sections of the Church will be corded off.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

The following students from our parish have merited recognition for commendable academic performance during the second quarter of the current school year at St. Francis Preparatory School.

Amy Paredesgonzales

Khloe Romero

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### St. Cecilia Church

#### Sunday, February 17, 2019

9:30am Nancy Formato Zito

Kathleen Sullivan

Domingo Rodriguez

7:00pm Open Intention

#### Monday, February 18, 2019

8:30am Vito Di Donno

#### Tuesday, February 19, 2019

8:30am Open Intention

#### Wednesday, February 20, 2019

8:30am Annette De Florio

#### Thursday, February 21, 2019

8:30am Open Intention

#### Friday, February 22, 2019

8:30am Del Vechio Family by Carl & Valerie  
Battista

#### Saturday, February 23, 2019

8:30am Mary A Kinsella

#### Sunday, February 24, 2019

9:30am Kathleen Sullivan

7:00pm Open Intention

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### St. Nicks Alliance / Affordable Housing

Applications are now being accepted for affordable housing at OTTO Greenpoint, located at 211 McGuinness Blvd., Bklyn., N. Y. 11222, Address to obtain paper applications: Otto Greenpoint, 260 Powers St., Bklyn, N.Y. 11211. Completed paper applications must be sent to the Post Office Box address indicated on the application, postmarked by the application deadline date. Online applications: [www.nyc.gov/housingconnect](http://www.nyc.gov/housingconnect) must be submitted by March 6, 2019.

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### INTO THE DESERT

#### YOUTH LENT RETREAT

For Youth ages 13-17 & Young Adults Ages 18-25

Retiro Para Jovenes 13-17 y Jovenes Adultos 18-25

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2019**

St. Francis of Paola Auditorium, Corner of Woodpoint Road and Skillman Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211 \$10 per person includes registration & Lunch. For information call Sr. Filotea 718-388-9576 [youth.sspp@gmail.com](mailto:youth.sspp@gmail.com).

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### **RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES**

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94<sup>th</sup> Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

Office: (718) 383-3879

Cell: (929) 371-4355

[Andrea.Haro@nypd.org](mailto:Andrea.Haro@nypd.org)

Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm

### **CTKK Summer Camp**

CK Kids is proud to announce their partnership with Queen of the Rosary to offer a convenient summer camp opportunity! Christ the King has over 25 years of summer camp experience and is now offering transportation from the Queen of the Rosary campus.

July 5<sup>th</sup> August 12<sup>th</sup>, for Boys and Girls, ages 5 to 14. \$300 per week. Transportation to and from Queen of the Rosary and lunch are included.

For more information: [WWW.CTKNT.ORG](http://WWW.CTKNT.ORG), or 718-366-7454 68-02 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village NY., 11379