

LIVING FAITH

Archdiocese of St. John's



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 17, 2019

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Lk 6:17, 20-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

Many of us know this Gospel well. We call these statements the “Beatitudes.” The word “Beatitude” means “blessed” or “happy.” The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus’ teaching. They present a set of ideals for Christian living, ideals that focus on love and humility, rather than force and exaction. In a way, the Beatitudes express the highest ideals of Jesus’ teachings on spirituality and compassion.

PONDER AND DISCUSS

- How does your relationship with Jesus make you happy?
- How do you experience being blessed?
- How do you share your happiness with others?
- How do you bless others?

The Beatitudes

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."

Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)



S T H I R S T G V H M Q B U S
T O D O Y R G P R E E O A F L
K T T Q O M Y L B Z J A U M K
X D A O M H U N G E R W V R Z
P L P N F U R W Y I D T X E N
E U E J M E R C Y A I M E M N
G B R W S P U L E R I S E N B
N C H E P B W D E I E D D U K
K H E E I T K H V G Q E R N I
T Q A R R Y N O F Y S E Y C N
E N R Y I I H H N S V N K W G
M A T S T J P L E S E C N A D
E U R P F I L L E D D I X N O
E Z F T H S B P X R I P L Q M
K Z H U H U C J L H O H C M R

KINGDOM
HUNGER
THIRST

MERCY
HEART
MEEK

EARTH
SPIRIT
PURE

FILLED
BLESSED
POOR

MOURN
INHERIT
HEAVEN

Copyright © Sermons 4 Kids, Inc. • All Rights Reserved • www.sermons4kids.com

Used with Permission

THE CHURCH TEACHES THE BEATITUDES



From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

1725 The Beatitudes take up and fulfill God's promises from Abraham on by ordering them to the Kingdom of heaven. They respond to the desire for happiness that God has placed in the human heart.

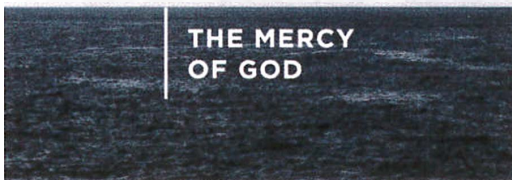
1726 The Beatitudes teach us the final end to which God calls us: the Kingdom, the vision of God, participation in the divine nature, eternal life, filiation, rest in God.

How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord? Since in seeking you, my God, I seek a happy life, let me seek you so that my soul may live, for my body draws life from my soul and my soul draws life from you. *St. Augustine, Confessions, 10:20.*

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.”
“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.”
“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh...”
“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.”
“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.”
“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.”
(Lk. 6:20-21, 24-25)



From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:



1727 The beatitude of eternal life is a gratuitous gift of God. It is supernatural, as is the grace that leads us there.

1728 The Beatitudes confront us with decisive choices concerning earthly goods; they purify our hearts in order to teach us to love God above all things.

1729 The beatitude of heaven sets the standards for discernment in the use of earthly goods in keeping with the law of God.

Subscribe to our weekly catechetical resource by e-mail :

<http://www.eepurl.com/cimDOL>

FEASTS THIS WEEK FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

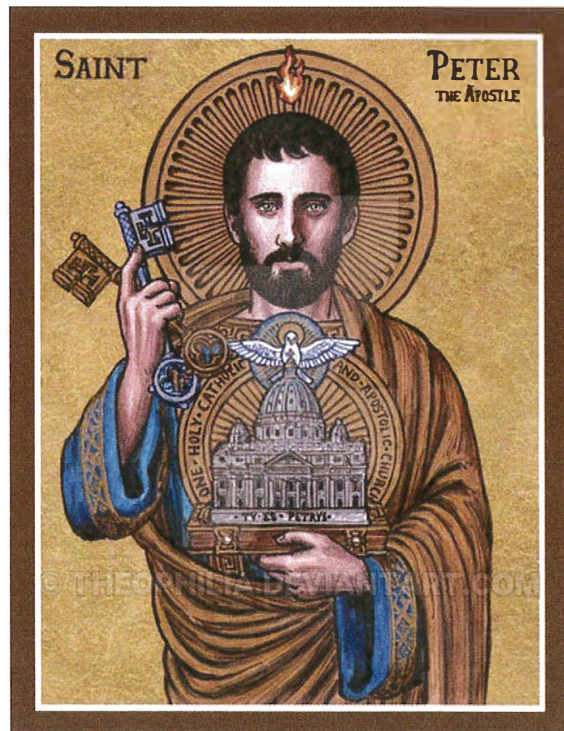


This feast commemorates Christ's choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church. Jesus told Peter that "you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." It is with this pastoral responsibility given him that the Pope shepherds Christ's flock. As Pope emeritus Benedict XVI said in 2012, the Chair is "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity."

Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that no tempests may disturb us, for you have set us fast on the rock of the Apostle Peter's confession of faith.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=5358