

Groundhog Day!



February 2nd!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 29, 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like *that*? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— Father John Muir

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does he beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does he ask you to make peace?

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Humble of the Earth

When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words *Blessed are the peacemakers*, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.

Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven's sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.

But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous.

Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to?

What did the world tell you this moment should mean?

What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. — 1 Corinthians 1:27

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Saint Vs. Blessed

Question:

What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “Blessed”?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.”

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

A Prayer to the Friends of God

Glorious Saints of God, Blessed and Venerable, pray for us that we might know more fully the lov of God, the mercy of Jesus the Lord, and be inspired by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. As you were models of holiness and yet human in every possible way, with gifts and flaws, joys and trials, pray before the Face of God in our behalf. Saints of God, preserve us!
Saints of God, pray for us.
Saints of God be near us!
Amen.

Blessed John Paul I and Blessed Carlo, pray for us!

“To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others.”

[ST.Pope John Paul II](#)



If Candlemas be fair and bright, / Come, Winter, have another flight. / If
Candlemas brings clouds and rain, / Go, Winter, and come not again.”



“Candlemas is celebrated on 2 February and marks the return of light, a symbol of protection and prosperity. This Christian festival commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem, referring to him as the light of the people of Israel. On this day, Christians take candles to be blessed in church, while for those with a sweet tooth, this day is also a chance to eat pancakes. Elsewhere in the world, people eat corn-based dishes or watch out for a groundhog emerging from hibernation.”

“The United States and Canada celebrate Groundhog Day on 2 February. On this day, the custom is to try to predict the end of winter by observing a groundhog burrow. If the weather is cloudy and the emerging rodent does not see its shadow, spring will soon arrive. However, if it is sunny and the mammal sees its shadow, it will be frightened and retreat to its den to continue hibernating. It is then said that winter will last another six weeks.”

“From eating pancakes to watching groundhogs

As to the origin of pancakes, Pope Gelasius I is said to have given wafers or flatbread to pilgrims arriving in Rome. However, there are also other stories and superstitions. Round, golden pancakes served in February are evocative of the sun and may have been a symbol of fertility and prosperity. In order to obtain an abundant harvest, a farmer would traditionally flip the first pancake with his right hand while holding a gold coin in his left hand. The gold coin would then be wrapped inside the pancake and kept at the top of a wardrobe until the following year, to then be given to the first poor person encountered.”

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**GROUNDHOG DAY
PANCAKES!**

...the things
we hold close
to our heart...



The Women's
Retreat falls
on a weekend
celebrating *Our Lady of
Lourdes!*

Don't miss the chance to
celebrate with 'friends'
of the parish.

There are a few openings left!

Call the parish office and
reserve your place today.

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The Men's Retreat is set for

MARCH 24-25

It will be held during Lent. Our
theme is '**Will you be a Simon of
Cyrene?**'

Don't miss the chance to join the
men of the parish in this
celebration of Faith & Lent!
All ages invited!

Call the parish office to reserve
your place now or drop
this in the collection/office.

Name: _____

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Details will be provided.



“The trouble with
weather
forecasting is that
it's right too often
for us to ignore it
and wrong too
often for us to rely
on it.” — Patrick Young



Waiting
for the
Ground-
hog!
Will it be
an early
Spring or
Dinner!



WEDNESDAY February 1 - Weekday
11:00 AM F. Teubl family (A)

FRIDAY February 3 - *St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr;*
St. Ansgar, Bishop
11:00 AM Deceased Members of Michaud Family (K)

SATURDAY February 4 - Weekday
4:00 PM +Patrick Fahey (K)

SUNDAY February 5
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 AM +Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Krakowiak (A)
10:00 AM + Robert P. Dyko (K)
11:45 AM +Jean & Frank Novak & Kim (K)



**Our friends and
relatives who are ill.
May God grant them
Healing and strength.**

These are remembered by Perpetual Help Prayer Team

Larry Bender, Carol Biggs, Karen Biggs, Trevor Biggs, Fr. Ralph Coletta, Frank Cseh, Ella Dumke, Robert Dumke, Sr., Mary Dumke, Gene Egnot, Dan Elber, Amber Fitzgerald, James Gresko, Marlene Geho, Flyod Geho, Jr., Nancy & Bob Grau, Amy, Barb, Marilyn, Sandy, Bill, Tina Healy, Kim HelleBurgess M Holt, Rita Jamison, John & Dori Kole, Patricia Korbel, Mary McKeown, Tammy Monroe, David Murrin, David Myers, Timothy Peterson, Jesse Prybis, Ron & Pat Prybis, John Rossborough, Mary Lou Sarama, Ken Schroeder, Angela Schurger, Pat Schwark, Christopher Seman, Dolores Stanchina, Lisa Szymanski, Bill Thompson, Becca Vickery, Carol Weiss, Anthony & Matthew Williams, Donna & James Woodyard, Ruth Ziccardi.

CLUB 52 RAFFLE

Our winner drawn on January 22nd:
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Whether you have been Catholic your whole
life there is still plenty to learn!!

Come join us this week

Eucharist

You can meet us in the church on
Wednesday at 7pm. All invited!

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of January 29, 2023

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Observances for the week of January 29, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Monday:

Tuesday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Wednesday:

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

Friday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Saturday:

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi

SAINT OF THE WEEK Ven. Nelson Baker

A Union veteran of the civil war, Father Baker later donated his life savings to support the outreach institutions he ran. He created the Our Lady of Victory Association uniting Catholics around the USA in support of these successful missions.

Prayer:

Prayer for the Cause of V. Father Nelson Baker

Lord, you gave us Your Servant Nelson Baker as an example of service to the poor, homeless and the young. By Father Baker's ardent concern for those in need, inflame our hearts and lives with compassion for the poor, justice for the oppressed, hope for the troubled and courage to those in doubt.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory, if it be Your will, that Your Servant, Nelson Baker, may one day be canonized.

Amen. ©LPi

The next Sanctuary Candle will be light in
memory of

Suzanne Maphis



St. Blaise, pray for us!

Daytime Believers

If you have children and grandchildren, and are concerned about how the changes in our world are affecting them, their beliefs and faith, come pray for them here at St. Colette. Father has been gracious to let us use the office meeting room every Wednesday morning at 10:00am. Along with reading Sunday scriptures we ask the Holy Spirit to keep our families strong in true beliefs. This also strengthens our own faith. We conclude with the 11:00 am mass.

Funeral Luncheon Bakers

We are currently updating our list of bakers for funeral luncheons. If you would like to continue baking, please call the Parish Office and ask for Mary Dowling. New parishioners or you just want to start baking for the luncheons please call the Parish Office also.

Expectant mothers and families praying to conceive:

In honor of the Feast of St. Colette, patron saint of expectant mothers, parents praying to conceive, and sick children, on Sunday March 5th after the 11:45 Mass, there will be a special prayer service and blessing for all expectant parents and those families seeking to conceive. We extend the invitation to all parents and grandparents to join us in leading the prayer for these women and their families. St. Colette, pray for us! Call the parish office to RSVP by Feb. 26th



Feeding the birds is also a form of prayer. - Pope Pius XII



There are less than 50 days till the First Day of Spring no matter what the groundhog says!

WOMEN's RETREAT TEAM meets Tuesday, Jan. 31st at 6:30 pm

Congrats to the Men's Retreat Team under the leadership of Matt Lombardo. The Team will be meeting this Monday, Jan. 30th at 7pm

FISH FRY

Thank you to all who have already signed up. Sign-up sheets are still in the atrium so check your schedule for those who still want to volunteer.

All are Welcome!

Saint Ambrose invites you to join them for Reboot! With Chris Stefanick on March 1 Wednesday, March 1, 2023 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm Internationally acclaimed speaker, author, and TV host, Chris Stefanick, will be bringing his Reboot! series to Saint Ambrose!
Questions: Contact Gayle at GOboy@stambrose.us
Tickets \$39 each or \$30 when purchasing 4 or more

WANTED

Are you a person who likes people?
Smiles easily?
Then, we are looking for you.
We are in need of Ushers for our 8:00am masses
If interested, please call the Parish Office

A warm Welcome to our Parish!

Mrs. Sandi Terlop
Mr. & Mrs. John & Kathleen Printy

Happy to have you with us

Remembering with Love....

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family of Joseph Prada (father of Debbie Prada, grandfather of Lauren Nowak Long) who was called to his Eternal reward. Please pray for him and all the faithful departed.

Live in Light & Peace!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

**OLPH -Thursday, February 2nd
7pm**

**Brothers - Saturday, February 4th
8am**

The next annual
Catholic Men's Conference
is Saturday, March 18, 2023.

Why Pursue Holiness?

There is a new location this year:

St. Albert the Great Parish
Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Rd.
North Royalton

For information or to register, go to
www.cmfneo.com or call 877.208.5585

Registration: 8am

Mass 4pm

Adjourn 5pm



Please pray for those serving in the
Military



Joseph Adams	PVT Rylee McIlvain Army
MJR Sylvester Azap	CDR Robin Murphy
SrA Aimee R. Budzinski USAF	S/SGT Daniel Novak
GySgt. John Burrell	1LT Mark Oswald Army
E5/2nd Class Jacob Camper USN	1LT Gwen Oswald Army Nat.
S/A-Dept/State Bradley Carlson	Guard
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S/SGT Sam Lupica	
Col. Andrew W. Mack	
Lt. Colonel Jeremy Matyas USAF	

Please email updates to kplumb@stcoletteparish.com



WELCOME HOME!

HA Margaret Gasbarri, USN.
Thank you for your service.

IN HONOR OF AIDEN!

Aiden Middendorf, called home on 12/14/22 would have celebrated his 4th Birthday on February 24th. "Aiden's Fun Bunch" is hosting a blood drive on Sunday February 26th from 11am-2pm in the Parish Hall. Help them honor Aiden's memory and save a life! Appointments are strongly recommended. Visit vitalant.org and use group code 5058. Or call 877-258-4825."

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00-10:00- and 11:45
Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00pm
Holy Day: NOON and 7:00pm



SACRAMENTS

Baptism - following 11:45 Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance through the Parish Office. Baptism Class required for first child.
Matrimony –Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest.
Sacrament of the Sick - contact the Office for home visitations and Eucharist.
Reconciliation - Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

THANK YOU!!!

Sunday, January 15, 2023.....\$12,255.00
 Capital Improvement Fund.....\$1,818.42
 Children's.....\$15.00
 Project Endeavor..... \$1,512.56
We sincerely & always appreciate your kindness & generosity!

To help start and build an endowment fund, please remember St. Colette in your will. We also have a Memorial Scholarship /Education Fund.

PARISH STAFF

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