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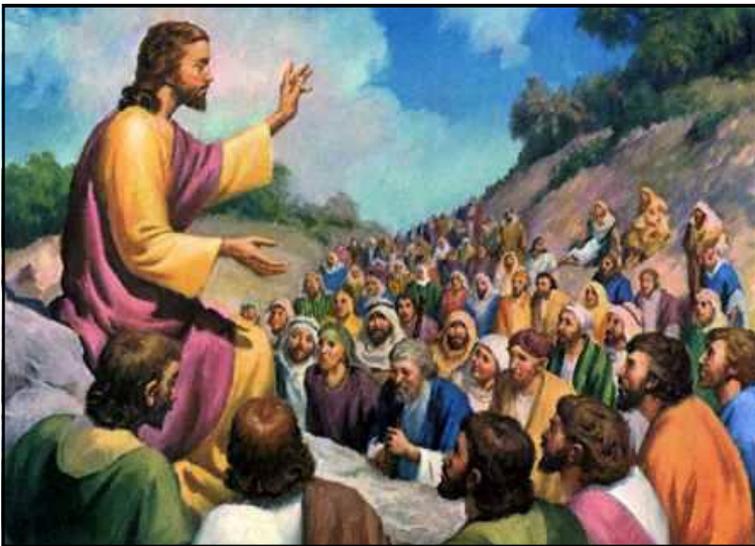
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1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the Lord: “Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. “Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. This tree shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1.1-2, 3, 4+6 (R. Ps 40.4)

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.



2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Tract (Psalm 84:12-13)

V. The Lord withholds no good things from those who walk without reproach

R. O Lord of hosts, happy are those who trust in You.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

+ Jesus came down with the twelve 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 Jesus 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 in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. “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. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

For Reflection:

We are starting today a new season in the Church which is called Pre-Lenten Season . This season includes the three Sundays before Lent called Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima (seventy, sixty and fifty days to Easter).

Today in the gospel reading we are going through what is called ‘the sermon on the plain.’

In this sermon, Jesus is speaking to his disciples, for it says, in Luke 6:20, “he looked up at his disciples and said . . .” – and then he gave his sermon. This is not just the twelve. There is also the “great crowd of his disciples” as verse 17 says. All of these disciples are the “you” that is addressed throughout the sermon. This shows us that his teaching here is not for the super-spiritual. It is meant for every follower of Jesus – including you and me.

What Jesus was preaching about in today’s Gospel?

First of all, Jesus’ goal in preaching was never intended to give people what they want to hear, but to give them instead what they need to hear.

He gave them the hard truth – that following Him would be a tough road. Jesus spoke of poverty, hunger, and persecution as blessings, and of wealth, being well-fed and favor as bringing a curse. He taught people to love their enemies, and not to retaliate. He taught that one should give to those in need, knowing that they would never be repaid. These are not very popular teachings. Yet He knew that it is better to speak the truth and not be popular with men, than to speak lies and have everybody like Him.

This is what we see him doing in Luke 6:20-26. These verses contain four blessings and four woes. And it is in these blessings and woes that we run head-long into Christ's upside down world which is actually right side up.

Let us listen to these words once again:

“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 in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. “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. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

At first reading the words of our Lord are incredible. It would seem as though Jesus has said that all who are poor, hungry, mourning and persecuted are blessed, while all who are rich, well-fed, happy, and honored are cursed. Is it a blessing to be poor, hungry, sorrowful, and rejected? Are all the hurting people of the world suddenly so fortunate, while all of the comfortable, happy people of the world are really cursed?”

The answer is No. Jesus does not say that being rich, well-fed, happy, and honored is wrong. He said that seeking them first, and being satisfied with them is wrong. Seeking these things as more important than the things of God will lead to an empty and meaningless life. There will certainly be Christians in heaven who did chase after riches and fame and glory, but because they chose to chase after worldly pursuits, they will miss out on great reward in heaven and a wonderful, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ here and now.

You can be poor and be a great success. You can be persecuted and be popular with God. You can be hungry, and yet have food this world knows nothing of. Not all Christians are called to a life of poverty, hunger, weeping, and rejection. But when a choice must be made between money and God, God must come first (Matt. 6:24). Money is not evil, unless it takes the place which only God should have (cf. 1 Tim. 6). When we must choose wealth or Jesus, being well-fed or Jesus, laughter or Jesus, we must always choose Jesus.

Let us think about these world of Jesus during this week.

Parish News

- **Today's Mass Intention:** For our sick Parishioners , Relatives and Friends.
- **Coffee Hour : Hour:** Ethier Family.
- **Next Sunday Mass intention:** For God's blessing for the Watson Family.
- **Coffee Hour:** Ethier Family.
- **Today before Mass-**The sacrament of penance (confession) for children and those who are interested.
- **Pierogi workshops are starting for Easter sales!** They will be held on Saturdays February 6th and 20th, beginning at 8:30am. Please come help your fellow parishioners!
- **Easter Pierogi orders are now being taken.** There is a limited amount available, so please place your order with Sally asap. Thanks.
- **Meat Raffle.** Our Parish will hold a Meat Raffle on Friday evening January 29, 2016 in the church hall. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and a free light supper including beverages and dessert will be served. For further information please call Pat at 766-5998, Cell 580-6587. Thank you for the publicity...we appreciate it! Phil&Pat.
- **District 3 PNU Easter Raffle.** The Easter Raffle will take place on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at Holy Cross Parish in Central Falls, RI. There will be four (4) \$25.00 cash prizes selected. Tickets are \$1.00each, 6 for \$5.00 and 13 for \$10.00. Your generous support of this District's fund raiser is greatly appreciated. For tickets ask Phil Kaczorowski.
- **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on Sunday, February 7th, following mass. Just a reminder that in order to vote or hold an office, your parish dues must be paid up.
- **Northeast Seniorate Lenten Retreat will be held** on Saturday-February 27, 2016 at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester, NH. The retreat will begin at 10 am and end at 3 pm. The Retreat is for all of us a good opportunity to deepen personal faith as we prepare for Easter. For more info see the flyer in the vestibule or ask Fr. Henryk.
- **Fr. Jan Wilczek** will be having surgery at MA General Hospital on Friday January 29th to remove cancerous tumor. Please keep him in your prayers.
- **Pray for comfort, and healing for our sick Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:** Robert Jones, Barbara Rutka, Mitch Sherman, Mary Bibeault, Roy Watson, Fred Baker, Beatrice Bielat, Julia Hutnak, Phyllis Zielonka, Mary Stefanick, Evelyn Tenczar, Edna Nawrocki, Katherine Kirk.

*Our Christmas Flowers
are in loving honor or memory of*

*John and Victoria Zajchowski,
and Stephen and Lillian Bator,
By Marilyn Goktuna*

*Jules and Sally Misiaszek, Helen, Peter, and Mark Calo,
By Wanda Misiaszek*

*Our grandchildren, Emma, Daniel, Zachary, and Ryan,
By Philip and Patricia Kaczorowski*

*Alyce and Michael Kuchar,
By Michael and Linda Kuchar*

*Rose and Odbert Fox, and Okoniewski Family,
by Edmund Fox*

*Anna and Michael Prymak, Walter Prymak, Peter Prymak,
Sally and Charles Caranci, Sister Vené and Jennie Caranci,
By Charles and Katherine Caranci*

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Rouillard, and Marcel Lariviere,
By Jill Deschamps*

*Walter "Eddie" Bielat,
By Beatrice Bielat*



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By Ed Nawrocki*

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by Lonnie and Sally Watson*

*Joseph Hutnak, Sally and Julian Misiaszek,
By Julia Hutnak*

*My Dad, Louis 'Red' Callegaro,
By Patricia Kaczorowski*

*My Babci, Mrs. Regina Kaczorowski,
By Peter Kaczorowski*

*My Dziadziu, Rev. Louis J. Kaczorowski,
by Mark Kaczorowski*

*Lawrence and Josephine Kurek, Michael Kurek,
Gerard and Germaine Ethier,
Jules and Sally Misiaszek,
By Gerry and Nancy Ethier*



May they always be in our prayers
*Thank you for your donations to our Christmas Flower
collection. The beautiful flowers enhance the celebration
of the Nativity of Our Lord!*

Pre-Lenten Season-what does that mean?

This Sunday (February 1st) we begin Pre-Lenten Season. In the Christian tradition, it is the period of preparation which covers three Sundays before Lent called: *Septuagesima*, *Sexagesima*, and *Quinquagesima*.

Septuagesima Sunday is the name for the ninth Sunday before Easter, the third before Ash Wednesday. The name comes from the Latin word for "seventieth" with *Sexagesima* and *Quinquagesima* equaling "sixtieth" and "fiftieth" respectively. They are patterned after the Latin word for the season of Lent, *Quadragesima*, which means "fortieth", as Lent is forty days long excluding Sundays. Because every Sunday recalls the Resurrection of Christ, they are considered "little Easters" and not treated as days of penance.

Amalarius of Metz would have the name indicate a period of seventy days made up of the nine weeks to Easter plus Easter Week, which would mystically represent the seventy-year Babylonian captivity. Septuagesima was also the day on which one could begin a forty-day Lenten fast that excluded from its observance Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Devotional and liturgical practices

The 17-day period beginning on *Septuagesima Sunday* was intended to be observed as a preparation for the season of Lent, which is itself a period of spiritual preparation for Easter. In many countries, however, *Septuagesima Sunday* still marks the traditional start of the carnival season, culminating on Shrove Tuesday, sometimes known as Mardi Gras.

Moreover, during this period are worn rose or violet vestments, except on feasts, from *Septuagesima Sunday* until Holy Thursday. As during Advent and Lent, the *Alleluia*, *Gloria* and *Te Deum* are no longer said on Sundays.

**Next Sunday Readings: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-113, 22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49, Luke 6:27-38**

Our Saviour's Parish Schedule:

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING - Sunday-9:00 AM

HOLY MASS - Every Sunday-10:00 AM

COFFEE HOUR – Sunday-11:00 AM

SICK CALLS – Anytime-day or night

BAPTISMS -By Appointment

NEW PARISHIONERS- Call Rectory