

Your reward
will be GREAT
in HEAVEN



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February 17, 2019 • Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hard-

ships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today?

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CHURCH
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 17, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 16, 2019
5:45 pm †Peg Hansen req. by Craig & Marilyn Cieply

Sunday, February 17, 2019
9:00 am †Loretta Long req. by Rick Gallagher & Dee /
Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, February 18, 2019
9:00 am NO MASS

Tuesday, February 19, 2019—NO MASS
6:00 pm NO Adoration

Wednesday, February 20, 2019—NO MASS

Thursday, February 21, 2019
9:00 am Special Intention

Friday, February 22, 2019—NO MASS
9:00 am Adoration until 11 am

Saturday, February 23, 2019
5:45 pm Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, February 24, 2019
9:00 am †Ed Crossin req. by Steve & Grace Niemiec

Altar Servers:

Saturday, February 23 - 5:45 pm
Emily, Andy & David Horath
Sunday, February 24 - 9:00 am
Alexander & Annabelle Lawson

Cantor / Lector (Reader):

Saturday, February 23 - 5:45 pm
Linda Cakora /
Sunday, February 24 - 9:00 am
Amy Pfeifer / Paul Rossi

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, February 23 - 5:45 pm
Sunday, February 24 - 9:00 am
Paul Engler

Usher:

Saturday, February 23 - 5:45 pm
Eddie Horath, Brad Phelps
Sunday, February 24 - 9:00 am
Bruce Boyle, volunteer

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Hoehn & Nugent

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,584.62

Sunday, February 10\$1,744.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :
1(815) 476-2037.



Our Two Week
Candle is burning for a
Special Intention
Req. by
Roger & Janet Keigher

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2018.

Thank you for using Online Giving. Parishioners who have used this service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, then please consider this option. This is a perfect tool for anyone who shops online! By using Online Giving you are helping the parish to improve our operational efficiency. Visit our website and select Online Giving.

**REMINDER
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17
ENJOY THE LONG WEEKEND**

Prayerfully consider your support of the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The Diocese of Joliet is mailing information about the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) to all registered parishioners this month. As you know, the CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit every parish in the diocese, including ours, and are *Signs of Hope* to our brothers and sisters most in need.

Our parish's goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$10,400. Please remember that 70 % of any amount we raise over the goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

POSITION AVAILABLE: PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER

Holy Family currently has an opening for a full-time Parish Business Manager. This professional administrator will report directly to the Pastor, assisting the Pastor with the stewardship of the financial and personal resources of the parish, in accordance with diocesan policies and guidelines. They will also be computer-literate, have experience in accounting, be knowledgeable in communication, have an undergraduate degree in business or related field, and five years of business and/or church related experience. We are looking for a person of faith committed to Gospel values that is a responsible manager of resources and helps the Church fulfill its mission of purpose.

Interested candidates should submit their resume to Fr. Dennis Paul at

dpaul@holymfamilyshorewood.org

Please contact the Parish Office with any questions. 815-725-6880

The **PEOTONE SENIOR ASSISTANCE CENTER** is in operation the third Thursday of the month, **this Thursday, February 21**, from 10 am—3 pm to accommodate walk-in clients at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Crawford, Peotone.

This is part of our **Respect Life Ministry**, whose mission is to protect the vulnerable and provide seniors, low income and disabled persons with assistance from county state and federal programs, including Medicare, Social Security, Illinois License Plate Discounts, and services offered through Catholic Charities. We are also a certified SHIP site (Senior Health Insurance Program). The center is staffed by three volunteers who serve the community without cost.

BLESSED

When we think of the word Beatitude we think of today's discourse from Luke's Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John's Gospel, Christ proclaims, Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the Beati, the Blessed, for they are the ones who lived the blessed life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

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Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of marriages at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too! For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming Retrouvaille program weekend on March 1 -3, 2019 call 815-246-2080, visit our web site at <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>, or email us at retrouvaillejoliet@gmail.com.




BELLARMINÉ
Jesuit Retreat House

Men's Weekend Retreat:
"Ignatius' Story of How God Cares"

February 22-24, 2019
Retreat Master, Fr. Ron Bieganski, SJ
an Ignatian, Silent Retreat for Men

420 W County Line Rd • Barrington, IL 60010 • 847-381-1261
www.JesuitRetreat.org





*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*



Eucharistic Adoration

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BEGIN
AT 9AM UNTIL 4 PM.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2 IS THE
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT
9:00 AM IN CHURCH**

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO SPEND 1 HOUR WITH OUR LORD SIGN
UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE PLEASE
MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IS
CORRECT IF WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU.**



The Diocese of Joliet Cemetery Office is seeking to hire Seasonal Cemetery workers (positions available in Wheaton, Romeoville, East Joliet and Kankakee). These positions consist of the performance of seasonal work in the cemetery for the maximum period as outlined in the union contract (March through October). A valid Illinois drivers' license is required. Must be willing and able to perform tasks as outlined in the Cemetery Seasonal job description. To view job description, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>

Normal 40 hour workweek. Ninety-day (90) probationary period. Union membership is required. Conditions and pay-rate (\$13.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour based on qualifications) as outlined in the current union contract. Seasonal/temporary with no benefits. Interested applicants may email a resume and/or application to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org. To mail resumes and/or applications, mail to: Office of Human Resources Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, ; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Judith Wright; Cecelia Mundt; Lorenzo Rossi; Holly Flint-Jones; Cathy Engler; Brett Burkhalter; Norma Boyle; Michelle Schneider

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list, should contact the office.

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

- For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

**BRING IN YOUR
OLD PALMS
BY MARCH 3**

**ASH WEDNESDAY
IS MARCH 6**



We are collecting old palms that will be burned and used on Ash Wednesday. There is a container in the Narthex for your old palms.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

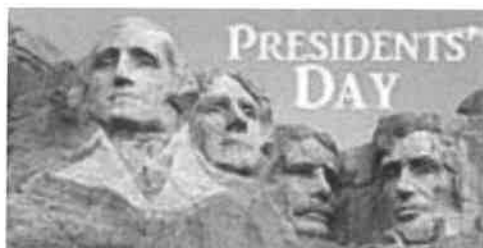


February 17, 2019

- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
- Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCE**

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Presidents Day
- Thursday: St. Peter Damian
- Friday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
- Saturday: St. Polycarp





CONGRATULATIONS!

Today's Gospel from Luke is the Sermon on the Plain with the Beatitudes, what we usually think of as the Sermon on the Mount. It seems as though Jesus is congratulating those who would have been considered unfortunate, doesn't it? The Beatitude statements overturn the concept of "fortunate" in Jesus' time, naming those who are poor, hungry, mourning, or marginalized as those who should rejoice.

Jesus continues with prophetic and startling "Woe to you!" statements, directed to those usually thought of as blessed. Heavenly reward is not a privilege of the rich and comfortable but a blessing for all who trust in God, whose reward will be great in heaven.

WHOM DO YOU TRUST?

The first reading and the psalm take a somewhat different focus: trust in God, not people or things of this world. One who trusts in God is fortunate, like a plant that produces good fruit, sustained by living waters and currents of grace. "Not so the wicked," who wither and vanish, blowing away like the illusions of their self-absorption.

Paul, in the second reading, confronts members of the early Christian community of Corinth who were doubting, or devaluing, belief in Jesus' resurrection and the general resurrection of the dead. Depending on the material world in their spiritual pride, they believed that their righteousness was something they had achieved on their own. They felt self-sufficient, "rich," not in need of the ongoing saving power of Christ's resurrection that completes the sacrifice of Good Friday through Easter, which is our true blessing.

So, congratulations! Acknowledging our need for God, we are rich in the Kingdom love of our Father. Our hunger is satisfied by the sustaining nourishment of the Spirit. Our weeping is "turned into dancing" knowing that Jesus is with us in our sorrows, in fact knew them when he walked upon earth. Reasons enough for us to rejoice, always, even when people treat us badly. God's reward to us is the Kingdom, now and always.

Today's Readings: Jer 17:5–8; Ps 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16–20; Lk 6:17, 20–26

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