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January 29 – 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



The rendering of the Greek term used in this text as 'happy' is rather weak. A better term is 'blessed'. At the heart of the Beatitudes is Jesus' instruction to his followers to cultivate certain qualities in their lives. To be gentle, to mourn, to thirst for what is right, to be merciful, to be pure of heart and to be peacemakers are signs of the presence of the kingdom of God in our lives. To have such virtues is to be blessed. Jesus teaches that those who suffer some human lack or pain are blessed, not because poverty, pain or sorrow are good in themselves, but because they reveal to us our need for God. Those who are prosperous, comfortable or content find this much more difficult to realise and accept. The final portion of this text speaks to the experience of the early church, which suffered persecution for the sake of faith in Jesus Christ. Christians today are also called to stand against arrogant secularism, which proclaims that humans do not need God. Even today, people suffer for their faith, but they too are assured that their reward will be great in heaven!

(fthe summit)

IV Domenica del Tempo Ordinario (ANNO A)

Beati i poveri davanti a Dio... Che messaggio! Lascia che Dio ti colmi! Egli ti ama malgrado la tua povertà, malgrado i tuoi limiti. Quando sei addolorato dall'effimero della felicità umana sempre minacciata, quando ti senti povero, quando l'afflizione ti paralizza, ascolta la grande promessa di Dio: sarete consolati, sarete sfamati, vedrete Dio... Questa promessa è nel cuore della nostra fede. Tutto il lieto messaggio di Gesù si riflette nelle beatitudini come uno specchio ardente. Colui che ha accolto la buona novella nel più profondo di sé stesso e nel quale questa verità raggiunge le radici dell'esistenza, diventerà naturalmente misericordioso e indulgente nel giudizio che ha sugli altri. Sarà capace di diffondere la pace, perché egli stesso la possiederà. Se solamente fossimo in grado di vivere seguendo l'atteggiamento fondamentale delle beatitudini! Se solamente potessimo amare e avere fiducia come Gesù! Forse allora molti uomini che la vita ha reso amari e chiusi, ai quali le numerose delusioni hanno fatto perdere la fede in Dio e negli uomini, forse potrebbero ugualmente ricominciare a credere nella bontà di Dio e nella sua sollecitudine, attraverso la bontà e la sollecitudine umane. Forse allora molti uomini potrebbero ugualmente contare su Dio per instaurare su questa terra il bene, e offrirci quello che abbiamo sperato e atteso durante tutta la nostra vita: la sicurezza e la gioia. Una gioia che regna. *(LaChiesa)*



We bless you, God of the universe,
 for this land,
 for its contrasts of landscape and climate,
 for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.
 We bless you for our history,
 with all its struggle in adversity,
 its courage and hope,
 Give us in our diversity
 tolerance and respect for each other
 and a passionate commitment to justice for all.
 Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen *(catholicdoors)*

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann and Family, Bob Brown, Angela Barto, Diana Nash, Patrick Brennan, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Floriano Pivetta, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, John Privitera, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Josie, Mark.

Recently deceased: Cardinal George Pell, Pope Benedict XVI, Pietro Paolo Falcone, Peter Corcoran, Immacolata Cesare, Pina Troise, Franceschina Bonadio

Anniversaries: Maria and Camillo Lamonaca, Maria Lanci, Jacinto and Maria Torcaso, Rosa Lattanzio, Maria Barbera, Gemma and Lawrence Fleri, Antonio Comito, Maria Barbera

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Rosters for weekend masses (Feb 4/5)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: J. Caparelli

Sunday 9.00 am: M. Raymond

Sunday 10.30 am: M. Costa

Bus driver: J. Butera

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday: **Novena masses will recommence on February 8, 2023**

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Confessions are available on Saturday 5.00 pm—bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office.

St. Vincent de Paul, Fawkner,

Activity report: September-December 2022

Adults assisted: 121 / Children assisted: 62 / Families assisted: 121

Total value of assistance: \$11,170

With grateful appreciation from Vinnies members on behalf of those assisted for your response.

Joke of the week

A group of men in their seventies were playing a fourball game of golf. As they trudged around the course on a particularly cold day they started to feel their age.

One said: 'These hills are too steep for my old legs'.

The second complained, 'And the bunkers are too deep'.

The third moaned, 'And it's hard work walking through this thick rough'.

'Be grateful', said the fourth. 'At least we are on the right side of the grass!'

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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