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Sunday November 8, 2020 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

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The Beatitudes - The Path of the Disciple - The Revelation of God's Will Part 1

The Beatitudes are arguably the centre piece of Jesus's teaching, the foundational process for anyone who is considering the call to discipleship. In these very brief reflections, it is my hope that we may all come to appreciate these teachings for what they were intended to be: our willingness to be transformed by our God, into the revelation of God's presence here and now, as the Kingdom of God. The implications of accepting Gods' teachings has personal and relational implications; as the individual is transformed, so follows the transformation of the world he or she lives in. Before however we can begin looking at the Beatitudes themselves, let us first address the word "blessed".

The word happy has been used interchangeably for blessed, but this would be a disservice to what is being communicated. Happiness, or the state of being happy, is fleeting, and subjective, because it is an emotion. Not that there is anything wrong with emotions, but in this case what is being communicated here is a state of fact of what will take place, regardless of our whether we like it or not, agree with it or not, because it is God who is saving something to be true. Furthermore, when Jesus savs "Blessed are you who ..." this is not merely a blessing, where God bestows upon us His favour when we do what he says. Rather, it seems to me that one who is blessed, is divinely transformed because they have accepted what is being awakened within them. Blessedness is not something we wear but is the indwelling of God's Spirit within us: living, acting, and moving.

The first four Beatitudes found in Matthew's Gospel address the interior work and necessary disposition of one who is choosing to be a disciple: one who stands out from the anonymity of the masses. There is a necessary ordering of these Beatitudes, for they speak to what is entailed in becoming a disciple. We see then, the willingness to be God's humble vessel (poverty of spirit), the challenges and emotional upheavals that come about as we surrender and are transformed according to God's will (to mourn), to come into a state of being where we are better able to graciously and humbly accept the challenging transformation of mind, body, and spirit that is taking place (to be meek), and finally, to allow the fullness of God that is now at work within our inner being, to encourage our desiring of one thing which is the revealing of God's kingdom in the ordinariness of our lives (to hunger and thirst for righteous).

The last five Beatitudes, are all about living this interior way of life wherever we find ourselves. What the disciple experienced in the first four Beatitudes were not meant for his or her own edification. They are instead meant to be the foundation out of which he or she lives and moves in the world. What is intrinsically linked to what the disciple has been taught, is that they are compelled with every breath to reveal the Kingdom of God. This is not out of a sense of duty or obligation, but because he or she has become what they have both learned, and have been now assumed into the Will of God. It is still a choice on the part of the disciple to act, but now it is with a clarity and oneness they had never known before. So, let us begin with unpacking the Beatitudes, beginning with "Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God." pah

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Mass Schedule Week of November 9th - 15th

Monday,	November 9th Dedication of the	
9:00AM	<i>Lateran Basilica</i> +Peter & Catherine Treacy	
Tuesday	November 10th <i>St. Leo the Great</i>	
9:00AM	+Kathleen Garrity	
Wednesday	November 11th <i>St. Martin of Tours</i>	
11:00AM	Adoration	
12:00Noon	+Giovanni Azzara	
Thursday	November 12th St. Josaphat	
Thursday 9:00AM	November 12th <i>St. Josaphat</i> +Leon Radtke	
-	St. Josaphat	
9:00AM Saturday	St. Josaphat +Leon Radtke November 14th	
9:00AM Saturday 4:00PM Sunday	St. Josaphat +Leon Radtke November 14th +Czeslaw Zinkiewicz November 15th	

Confessions Sat. 3:15pm - 3:45pm or by request.

We join our prayers to those who have asked us to pray with them

Rebecca Muzzi, Ian Bruce, Joe Hanrath, Pamela Festing, David Phillips, Connie Gregory, John Schreurs, Robert Foley, Steven Knox, Claudette Mainville, Ruth Anne Foley, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Patricia Quinn, Brian Haywood, Henk Jensen, Pauline Schumacher & Lawrence Downey

> And for those who we hold in the silence of our hearts.

Blessed Beauty may be found in the most unlikely of places.

We only have to look, and to love, and there she is, welcoming us ... loving us back with Joy.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope Francis acknowledges that living the Beatitudes means "going against the flow" of the world. Francis urges us to let the Lord's words "unsettle us, to challenge us and to demand a real change in the way we live." In the Beatitudes, he says, "we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives." / Thomas Reese

Are we in the midst of a paradigm shift?

Will Kenton explains the term paradigm shift as "a major change in the concepts and practices of how something works or is accomplished. A paradigm shift can happen within a wide variety of contexts. Paradigm shifts often happen when new technology is introduced that radically alters the production process or manufacturing of a good or service. These shifts are key drivers in many of the processes that a society undergoes." It was first used to explain transitions and upheavals within the economic and scientific arenas, but has been now more broadly applied to any situation where conventional wisdom and practice no longer works. What is required of the individual is the readiness to change.

For awhile, we have been faced with a situation, that our experience of the world as we know it, has changed, and continues to change. Thus far, 2020 has made it blatantly clear to all globally, that a shift has occurred, whether we like it or not. What we are called upon to do, is to make a choice. Whether to adapt to "the new world", which does not preclude that we must necessarily abandon what we once thought or believed to be true so as to continue to live, or, we rale against this change, and frustrate ourselves to death.

Probably without exception, everyone is continuing to hold their breath, waiting for the news of a vaccine that will enable us not merely to take off our masks, to stop social distancing so we may embrace and hug our loved ones, but more importantly, to go back to the way things were. But if we are in the midst of a paradigm shift, there is no going back, because the world as we knew it, no longer exists. In a matter of months, what was exposed was the inner fragility and all too often avoided true-self that we spend time and money avoiding. As we were confronted with ourselves in isolation, there was no where longer to hide. This essential shift is not about a technological breakthrough. We could be seeing the propelling of humanity forward and into a new way of being. We are being confronted with what is essential to life and to being alive. If we embrace this shift, what we may become is the dawning of the next stage of our evolution - and if we do not, it could be the prelude to our extinction. Change is inevitable and this one can be good. pah

Ministry Schedule - Weekend of November 14th/15th			
	Sat. 4pm	Sun. 9:00am	Sun 11am (B)
Readers	Michelle Haskin	Gisele Neigel	Bob Lacroix
Ushers	Walter Grys Tracy Shisko Anna Maria Ertler Ben Boivin	Mary Kudryk Al Kudryk Lou Luvison Walter Grys	John MacInnis Jean MacInnis Linda Lacroix Hugh Knox
Sanitizers	Schedule Provided	Schedule Provided	Schedule Provided
Tuesday	Nov. 10th	Counters: Shirley Morra & Wa	anda Roberts

Next Sunday November 15th, 2020 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Desiderata / Max Ehrmann
Go Placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.
Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.
Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; may persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.
Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.
Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.
Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.
Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all is sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.
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Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Parish Pastoral News

Hot Lunch Tuesday: Due to the present situation we find ourselves in, it will be virtually impossible for us to host the "Tuesday Hot Lunch" program in our parish hall. We have struck an agreement with the Huntsville Family Place Restaurant, who will provide a lunch valued at \$10.

Those who would have come here for the meal, can still come and get a meal voucher, which they will take to the restaurant that same day. This way we are still attempting to assist those who are finding it difficult, and we are helping the community by supporting a local, central to downtown business. What is required is our financial assistance.

At the entrance of the church at St. Mary's is the Poor Box. You may place a donation in there, or place your offering in the Sunday Offertory basket, ear marked for the "Hot Lunch Tuesday".

The lunches have begun, Tuesday, October 20th and run through to the end of April, 2021. If you are able to help this wonderful tradition in our parish, your generosity and kindness will be greatly appreciated.

Memory and New Life Service: This will be a service of prayer, hymns and remembrance, honouring our deceased family and friends. You are welcome to attend and let God's Spirit of healing and consolation continue to work within you. It will be Thursday November 26th at 7:00PM in the Church. Bring a friend - all are welcome.

Communion Pyxis: We have several **Communion Pyxis** that you may borrow, so as to take the Eucharist to a loved one who is unable to attend mass. Please speak to the office so as to borrow one. Thank you.

Sacramental Preparation: We hope it will happen, and will be working quite closely with the School to ensure we can provide a good and safe environment for this to take place. We will have more information coming to you by mid November. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sunday Missals - Living With Christ / 2020-2021: Are now available still at \$5/missal. You are asked to not leave your missal in the pews, so that we can minimize contamination. Thank you

Volunteers needed at The Table Soup Kitchen. If you could give a few hours a week, once a month even, please call, 705-783-5827 - It will make a difference in your life and the lives of those you serve. Shalom

Parish Meetings and Gatherings

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank: Every Wednesday, 10am - 12noon

CWL General Meeting: Monday, November 9th, 9:30AM, Parish Hall

There is always more room and time for love

Oct. 31st / Nov. 1st Weekend Offertory \$4,230.51

SVDP Collection \$2,017.81

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