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Blessed are you
who are poor,
for the kingdom
of God is yours.
Blessed are you
who are
now hungry,
for you will
be satisfied.

LUKE 6:20-21A

FEBRUARY

13
2022

SIXTH

SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

February 12-13, 2022

Today's Gospel reading presents us with an immediate surprise; there are only 4 Beatitudes, and there are 4 Woes as well. We are more accustomed to the 8 Beatitudes of Matthew, and the woes are for another occasion. Luke also has Jesus speaking, not on the "mount" but on the "plain".

If we go to the first reading, we discover a similar contrast between the "cursed" and the "blessed"; "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings," and "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord". The strong contrast in both readings highlights the importance of the message and is not an unusual style of communication in the Bible. If we look at different translations, we would also find instead of "Blessed" the word "Happy," and instead of the word "Woe," we might find "Alas". These differences alert us to reflect deeply on the words before us and the content of the message. We always need the light of the Holy Spirit to perceive how God is talking to each of us personally in the Sacred writings.

Luke puts this sermon of Jesus not on a "mount" but a "stretch of level ground," indicating that Jesus meets us not from on high but at our level. He comes down from the mountain and speaks directly face to face with the crowd. Further detail appears in the statement "raising his eyes toward his disciples". It is unusual in the sense that He came down from the mount. Why would he then raise his eyes? A better translation is "Fixing his eyes on the disciples" or, as we have it in our Spanish translation, "mirando a sus discípulos". It is pretty clearly a personal encounter with all the disciples and, consequently, each of us.

The message is undoubtedly challenging and disturbing to our usual way of thinking – who wants to be poor? Or hungry or weeping or hated? As the "Fiddler on the Roof" pleads with God, "what's so wrong about being rich?" And then, when we are hated, despised, and persecuted, He commands us, "Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!" How rarely that happens in Church, except in Africa or maybe at Charismatic gatherings; we usually reserve it for a dramatic touchdown at the Super Bowl.

The teaching of Jesus turns our human values upside down; He often raises the bar for us to enter God's way of thinking. The poor, the hungry, the mourners, the persecuted are our brothers and sisters, not just the 'less advantaged' as we often condescendingly refer to them. We are all poor, we all thirst for something greater in life, we all need to mourn for our sins, we all feel rejection at some stage of our lives. The wonderful thing is that God loves us so much and that Jesus is the Lord and Savior of all.

~ Fr. David Costello, O.C.D.



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"... so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another" ~ Romans 12:5

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Santa Cruz Family of the Year 2022

In Honor of the 103rd birthday of Santa Cruz Parish, I have chosen the Gaxiola Family to represent all of our families. We continue to celebrate the wonderful history of Santa Cruz.



"We remember the past with gratitude, we live in the present with joy, and we look forward to the future with confidence."



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MEN'S RETREAT

*"BLESSED ARE THE CLEAN OF HEART,
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD" - MATTHEW 5:8*

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a men's retreat and are inviting all men and young men to attend.

Saturday, February 26th, 2022
Begins at 9:00am finishing with Mass at 5:30pm
Capilla de Guadalupe
409 E. 31st Street

The day will consist of:
Prayers, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession,
Rosary, Inspirational Talks
and will conclude with Holy Mass.

Food and refreshments will be provided.
To help ensure enough food please rsvp your headcount by texting (520) 789-8203. Thank you.

Santa Cruz School News

Santa Cruz Catholic School Now Enrolling for the 2022-2023 School Year!



Santa Cruz Catholic School has been serving the Tucson community for over 100 years! We work hard to provide a high-quality Catholic education to as many students as possible. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our Santa Cruz family, please contact our Scholarship Director, Erica Otero at (520) 624-2093 or eotero@santacruzschool.org OR you can visit our website at: (santacruzschool.org)

Scholarships are available! We look forward to serving you and your family!

Altar Society of Santa Cruz

Is searching for creative reliable volunteers to help care for and decorate the altar.
Contact the parish office 623-3833 for more info.

Fiesta De La Familia 2022

Our Fiesta De La Familia this year will be **Saturday, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th!** Our Fiesta Committee will be having it's first meeting this **Wednesday, February 16th** in the Good Shepherd room at 6:30 pm. **Everyone is invited!** For more information please call Becky Lujan (520) 256-9438.

Fiesta De La Familia 2022

¡Nuestra Fiesta de la Familia este año será el **Sábado, 14 de mayo y el domingo, 15 de mayo!** Nuestro Comité de la Fiesta de la Familia tendrá la primera junta el **miércoles, 16 de febrero** a las 6:30 pm en el cuarto del Buen Pastor. **¡Todos son bienvenidos!**

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger
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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 12th

8:00am Douglas Doromal/R.I.P.

5:30pm Elena & Reynaldo Robles/R.I.P.

Sunday, February 13th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am In Thanksgiving to
Our Lady of Guadalupe

10:00am Teddy Urias/R.I.P.

12:00pm Ignacio & Hilda Vega &
Walter Vega/R.I.P.

6:00pm Epifanio M. Valenzuela/R.I.P.

Monday, February 14th

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

8:00am Florence Schroeder/R.I.P.

Tuesday, February 15th

Phillip & Lucy Loo/R.I.P.

8:00am Charles Kelly/R.I.P.

Wednesday, February 16th

Jesus Vinoya/R.I.P.

8:00am "Paddy" Ward/R.I.P.

Thursday, February 17th

Special Int./Peter Hoang Son Nguyen

8:00am Special Int./Katherine Nguyen

Friday, February 18th

Special Int./Madeline Nguyen

8:00am Marcella & Gabriel Zepp/R.I.P.

Parish Collection February 6th, 2022

Collection: \$ 5,084.02

*Thank you and God bless your generosity!
¡Gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad!*

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

***Please note that the 12 noon Mass is following full COVID protocols: social distancing, masks required and distancing in pews**

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, *12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

Parish Administrative Assistant: Hada Reyes (520) 623-3833

Religious Education: Martin Doe, Director (520) 882-9687

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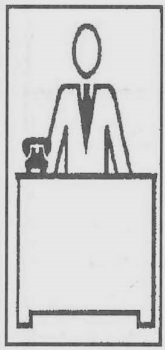
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