

Working with the Word The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time C February 16, 2025

Reading I: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm: 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Focusing the Gospel

Keywords and phrases:

Blessed are you, kingdom of God, on account of the Son of Man, woe, now



To the point: Luke seems in this Gospel to be exalting the downtrodden simply because they are downtrodden, and cursing the comfortable simply because they are comfortable. What really is at the heart of this Gospel is the manner of life that makes present the kingdom and assures us that our "reward will be great in heaven." The model of this manner of life and the source of the blessedness it brings is Jesus himself.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** Blessedness, by its very nature, bears good things because it is of God. For Jeremiah, blessedness brings the lushness that water can bring to a desert. For Jesus, blessedness brings the unimaginable reward of belonging to God.

... **to experience:** Although we in our society are proud that we do not have classes or castes that separate, in fact we do have distinctions that separate, not least among them being the rich and the poor, the have and the have-nots.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 16, 2025

The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

12:00 p.m. (Noon) + **Florian Czaia**
req by The Keatley Family

Monday, February 17 - Friday, February 21, 2025

MASS AT RESURRECTION PARISH
St. Joseph Site 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 23, 2025

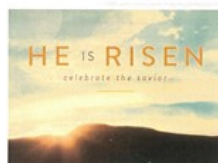
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12:00 p.m. (Noon) **Jerry McGuire**
req by David Wiater



2025 LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS @ ASCENSION

March 12 Faith Formation
March 26 St. Vincent de Paul
April 2 Knights of Columbus
April 9 Altar and Rosary



Call Lisa Wittmeyer
585-802-7256
For More Information

Donations Needed!

Wednesdays
March 12, 26 -
April 2, 9

Doors Open at
5pm

Serving Starts at
5:30pm

Free Will Offering

Please Donate!

Lettuce
Salad Fixings
Soups
Bread
Crackers
Desserts
Items for Raffle

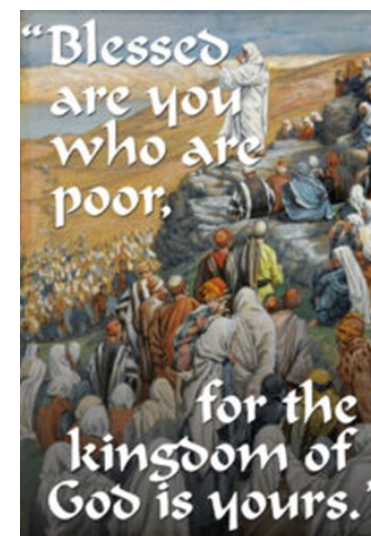
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Mass Time:

Sunday, February 16, 2025 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Contact information:

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Please join us for the Rosary
at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday
evenings in Ascension Church.

—IMPORTANT—

2024 End-of-Year Statement of Contributions

ATTENTION: Any parishioner who wishes to receive an End-of-Year statement for tax purposes:

STATEMENTS MUST BE REQUESTED; THEY WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY SENT.

Please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket, mail/drop off to the office, or email office@ascensionrcc.com

Please be aware that the IRS demands documentation from the charitable organization if you wish to claim deductions on your income tax report.

I wish to receive a statement of my contributions for the calendar year 2024.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

Envelope number _____

Please check return medium:

____ EMAIL Statement ____ PAPER Statement



LifeLong Faith Formation

A LifeLong Faith Formation Family Session will begin after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the St. Joseph Site on Sunday, March 2, 2025. We look forward to seeing you there as we prepare for Lent.

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2025**

Proclaiming Jesus' Name and His Gospel isn't easy. Sometimes it even brings retaliation. Jesus promises that those who bear insult for His Name will be greatly rewarded in heaven. How is God calling you to proclaim His Name? If it's through a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5540 or visit buffalovocations.org.

**A Message from Deacon Don Weigel
Diocesan Director of Catholic Relief Services**

As you know, the Trump Administration has halted all foreign aid - including funding of USAID, which supplies a majority of the budget for Catholic Relief Services. I cannot overemphasize the seriousness of this situation. We at CRS are now prevented from continuing our life-saving work, including feeding desperately hungry children and those in need of vaccines from malaria, etc.

Your help is urgently needed! Let your members of Congress know that you are deeply concerned about the Administration's recent decision to stop work on almost all U.S. foreign assistance programs. Secretary of State Rubio issued an exception for lifesaving humanitarian assistance, but that has still not allowed any assistance or funding to move so lifesaving work can continue. This freeze is impacting millions of our sisters and brothers who need access to lifesaving humanitarian, health and development assistance.

As people of faith, let us stand shoulder to shoulder with our sisters and brothers in need. Tell Congress to engage with the Administration to continue allowing foreign assistance programs to operate during the review process. Please use one of the following to contact Congress:

<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/121405>
Respond; or <https://support.crs.org/act/foreign-aid-operations>; or you can text Advocate to 67768. Thank you for your support of our most desperate sisters and brothers around the world.

The BISON Children Scholarship Fund provides tuition Assistance to economically eligible children in grades K-8. New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2025-2026 school year. To start the process, families can complete a quick pre-application form online at www.disonfund.org. If selected in our lottery drawing, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2025. The maximum award is \$3,000.00. For more information, contact Cindy McDonald at 716-854-0869, ext.1 or cmcdonald@bisonfund.org.



Bingo will be played at 1:30 p.m. with doors opening at noon on February 16, 2025 and until and including March 9, 2025.

**Collection for Sunday, February 9, 2025
Includes Online Deposits**

Weekly Offering	\$3,591.37
Miscellaneous	0.00
TOTAL	\$3,591.37



**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**
and Basket Raffle

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus Council #2240

**Sunday February 23, 2025
Serving 8:00am to 12:30pm**

**St. Vincent's Auditorium
72 East Ave
Attica, NY 14011**

**Serving Buttermilk and Buckwheat Pancakes,
Eggs, Real Maple Syrup,
Applesauce, Homemade Sausage, Home Fries
and Beverages**

**Adults - \$12.00 Children (5-10) - \$5.00
(Children Under 5 - No Charge)**

Catholic Charities

In addition to supporting Catholic Charities, Appeal 2025 also benefits the Fund for the Faith. Established in 1937 by Bishop John Duffy, the Fund for the Faith provides spiritual nourishment throughout the Diocese today. Proceeds provide ministry support services that are instrumental to the vitality of our faith experience, such as hospital chaplaincy, formation of priests and deacons, pro-life ministry, marriage prep and so much more. Support Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith by visiting www.ccwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.