

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 16, 2025



**WELCOME TO
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Wednesday 10:30 am – 1:00 pm Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Wednesday February 19	11:00 am	Mount Carmel	Johnny Linehan; Ann Lawlor Michael Furlong
Saturday February 22	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Living and Deceased
	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Dennis & Mary Ann Meehan Hugh Kielly, Fr. Francis Slattery.
Sunday February 23	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	Alban & Philomena Dalton & deceased family members Regina Grace; Richard & Clotilda Singleton
	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Betty Meaney; Bernadette Linehan Ralph Dunphy

MINISTRY LIST

Saturday February 22	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Cross Bearer: Marilyn Kielly Reader: Dan St. Croix Collectors: Pat Gibbons, Brian Fleming Gift Bearers: Randy & Anna Roche Eucharistic Minister: Anne Hayward
Saturday February 22	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Cross Bearer: Hubert Kielly Reader: Sheila Yetman Collectors: Hubert Kielly, Joseph Kielly Gift Bearers: Jose Kielly, Jeanette Critch Eucharistic Minister: Dorothy Kielly
Sunday February 23	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	Cross Bearer: Benny Furey Reader: Hugh Lawlor Collectors: Bill McDonald, Pat Singleton Gift Bearers: Mary Hearn, Rose Fagan Eucharistic Minister: Theresa Williams
Sunday February 23	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Cross Bearer: Victor Cole Reader: Eugene McDonald Collectors: George Critch, Ignatius Philpot Gift Bearers: Mary Nolan, Debbie Dunphy Eucharistic Minister: Rosalind Philpot

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Feb 16-22 For a Special Intention (Frank Walsh & Family) – Our Lady of Assumption Church
In memory of Charles, Mary & Gus Halleran – Sacred Heart Church, St. Vincent's

FINANCES ACKNOWLEDGED WITH SINCERE THANKS:

St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/St. Joseph's/Mt. Carmel

Feb 8/9: Weekly Offering: \$1481.75 Initial Offering: \$15.00 Candle Donations: \$121.00
Sanctuary Light: \$5.00 Mass Card Print Cost: \$4.00

GRAND IN YOUR HAND WINNERS FOR JANUARY: 1st winner Astrid Daley. Ticket No. 00326

Drawn by Dot Kielly, witnessed by Len Ryan

2nd winner Michelle McDonald Ticket No. 00249 drawn by Len Ryan, witnessed by Sheila Lee.

SPECIAL SEMINARIAN STUDIES COLLECTION: March 1st – 2nd 2025: We are blessed to have three men presently studying for the priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. However, the cost to the Archdiocese for the studies of each seminarian for this academic year will be in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for a total cost of over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00). To assist in covering these costs, a special "Seminarian Studies Collection" is being taken up in all the parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of March 1st – 2nd. Envelopes marked "Seminarian Studies Collection" will be distributed to each parish for use in this collection. Donations can also be made online at www.rcsj.org (click on the "donate" header and in completing the donation form, indicate that your donation is to "Seminarian Studies"). Your financial assistance in paying the costs of preparing these men for priesthood in our Archdiocese is greatly appreciated.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: The next course is scheduled for **May 3, 2025**, at the Basilica, 200 Military Rd, St. John's. Couples can register using the following link: [Marriage Preparation Registration | Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](http://MarriagePreparationRegistration|RomanCatholicArchdioceseofStJohns(rcsj.org)). Once registered, couples will receive additional information.

LIVING FAITH

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THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY-- Lk 6:17, 20-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Jesus’ message today is one of hope and sober reflection. He says to the poor and hungry that they are blessed. He says to those who weep, those who are hated, those who are excluded, and who are attacked for their faith and beliefs, they are blessed. Jesus is not telling them that all of these experiences are good and their suffering is good. Rather he is saying that God sees them, God has noticed them, and while others have hurt them, God loves them. Their suffering matters to God because they matter to God. In Jesus’ time, there were no social supports for the poor and marginalized as we have them today. People who were suffering were left on their own.

If you have ever felt the isolation that comes from suffering, then you know how powerful it feels when someone listens to you, gives you the safe space to share your thoughts and feelings and tries to understand you; Jesus words must have been such a lift to those people who stood around him on that level place!

To those whom he gives a word of woe: the rich, the full, those who laugh and those who enjoy popularity, he offers a warning. His warning is not to say that it is problematic to be rich, happy or popular. Instead, he is saying to those who have, they are benefitting in a society that allows some to benefit and many others to suffer. Jesus is calling them to become aware of the suffering of others, to care for them and to know that they are not immune to a reversal of fortune in their life. Therefore, it calls those who have power and enjoy a standard of life and happiness to see those who do not, to try to understand their problems and to work to make things better for them.

God loves all people equally, rich and poor alike. God has a special place in God’ heart for those who suffer. God calls those of us who are blessed with means, to see those without, with the same eyes as God and then to act accordingly.

TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- How do you experience being blessed?
- How do you bless others?



The Sermon on the Plain

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. Luke 6:23 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. A feeling of great happiness
A. joy B. hungry C. heaven D. laugh
- ___ 2. Something given or received in return for good behavior
A. reward B. poor C. laugh D. heaven
- ___ 3. Having very little money or few possessions
A. joy B. hungry C. weep D. poor
- ___ 4. To have a desire or need for food
A. rich B. reward C. joy D. hungry
- ___ 5. Having a great amount of money
A. laugh B. weep C. rich D. poor
- ___ 6. The sound which expresses happiness or delight
A. heaven B. poor C. rich D. laugh
- ___ 7. To shed tears
A. weep B. rich C. joy D. heaven
- ___ 8. The home of God, the angels, and those who have been saved
A. poor B. reward C. heaven D. weep

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The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a Pastoral Letter on the Use of Social Media. You can read this letter here: ["Let Your Speech Always be Gracious."](#)

Over the coming weeks, we will be reflecting on the content of this Pastoral letter.

[Introduction to the Pastoral Letter](#)

[Check for Accuracy and Seek Greater Perspective](#)

THE CHURCH TEACHES-- THE BEATITUDES



From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

1725 The Beatitudes take up and fulfill God's promises from Abraham on by ordering them to the Kingdom of heaven. They respond to the desire for happiness that God has placed in the human heart.

1726 The Beatitudes teach us the final end to which God calls us: the Kingdom, the vision of God, participation in the divine nature, eternal life, filiation, rest in God.

How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord?
Since in seeking you, my God, I seek a
happy life, let me seek you so that my
soul may live, for my body draws life
from my soul and my soul draws life
from you.

St. Augustine, *Confessions*, 10:20.

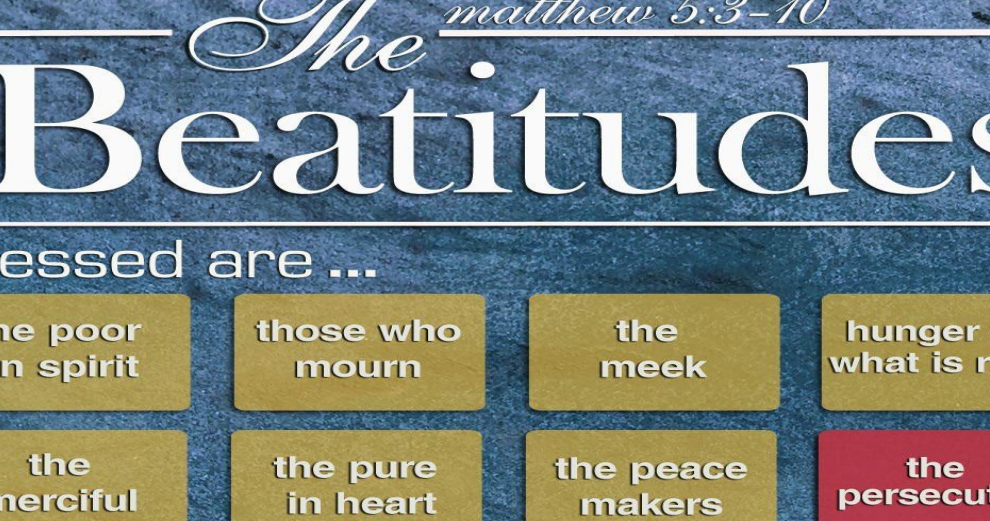


From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

|1727 The beatitude of eternal life is a gratuitous gift of God. It is supernatural, as is the grace that leads us there.

1728 The Beatitudes confront us with decisive choices concerning earthly goods; they purify our hearts in order to teach us to love God above all things.

1729 The beatitude of heaven sets the standards for discernment in the use of earthly goods in keeping with the law of God.



The matthew 5:3-10

Beatitudes

blessed are ...

the poor in spirit	those who mourn	the meek	hunger for what is right
the merciful	the pure in heart	the peace makers	the persecuted



MEET LUCE THE MASCOT FOR THE JUBILEE OF HOPE

The mascot for the "Jubilee of Hope" (referring to the 2025 Catholic Jubilee Year) is named "Luce," a cartoon character designed in an anime style representing a female pilgrim, with a bright yellow raincoat, muddy boots, and a pilgrim's staff, signifying the journey of faith and hope while incorporating elements like the Vatican flag color and scallop shells as traditional pilgrimage symbols; her design aims to appeal to younger generations and convey a message of welcoming and hopefulness during the Jubilee year.



Key points about Luce:

- Name meaning: "Luce" means "light" in Italian, representing the light of hope.
- Appearance: Blue hair, blue eyes, yellow raincoat (reflecting the Vatican flag), muddy boots, and a pilgrim's staff.
- Symbolism:
 - Scallop shells in eyes: Traditional symbol of pilgrimage
 - Muddy boots: Represents the long and challenging journey of faith
 - Yellow raincoat: Protection from life's storms and connection to the Vatican
- Designer: Italian artist Simone Legno

Particularly evocative are Luce's eyes, which shine with an intense light: they symbolize the hope that is born in the pilgrims who celebrate the Jubilee of Hope.

Luce has blue hair, blue eyes and pale skin, and wears a yellow rain jacket, which is colored in reference to the flag of the Vatican.



