

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019**

“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



BLESSED

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blessed are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	February 18 † Nilda Benalizo
Tuesday 8:00 am	February 19 † Manuel Muscat
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	February 20 Communal Service Craig Trinidad (L) Thanksgiving
Thursday 8:00 am	February 21 † Minviluz Nacor
Friday 8:00 am	February 22 † Tessy Spiteri Lencioni
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	February 23 † Manuel Scerri
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	February 24 People of the Parish Italian Catholic Federation † Josephine Palmieri † Rita and † Stan Tanner

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

Sunday Collection February 10, 2019

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,429.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,571.00
Archdiocesan Appeal	\$ 724.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the “memo” section of the check.

This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BINGO

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Champagne Bingo on Sunday, March 10th in Cantwell Hall at 12:00 noon. Parking in school yard. Menu will consist of: Salad, Half Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Bread/Butter, Dessert/Coffee/Tea. The cost is \$25.00 which includes one bingo packet.

Please call:
Mary Perata at 415-239-5936 or
Florence Mangion at 415-468-1764
Deadline for reservations is March 7th
No tickets will be sold at the door.

PARISH SUPPORT

The next Parish Support Group meeting will be on Thursday February 21st at 2:00 pm in the Rectory.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are still needed to help out on Saturdays with our catechism program for our youth. We meet every Saturday from 9:00 -10:30 am in Cantwell Hall. If you are interested in helping out with our youth, please email Tessie Alano at t_alano@yahoo.com or call 415-601-0310.

The Parish office will be closed on Monday February 18th in observance of the Presidents Day Holiday.

A friendly reminder: If you have not sent in your payment for your 2019 Masses please send your payment to the Parish office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the office. Thank you.

2019 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Dear Parishioners,

The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal enables the Archdiocese to continue offering many vital ministries, programs, and services to the people of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Through the AAA, the over ninety parishes in our Archdiocese unite as one body. Together, we demonstrate our active faith by supporting such critical needs as youth and young adults, parish schools and students, social ministries, ecumenical efforts, and the greater Church. The Appeal is integral to our mission and ministry.

This year’s theme is from James 2:18, “*I will show you my faith by my works.*” The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is an important way for each of us to contribute to the work of the Church, and I believe this year’s theme captures the essence of our mission as Catholics in this Archdiocese. Through our gifts to the Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the works of the Church and the people who benefit.

On behalf of everyone who needs and depends on the ministries and services of the Archdiocese, I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting the 2019 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Our support will help change the lives of those who need and depend on the programs and services of the Archdiocese.

Our parish goal for this year’s Annual Appeal is \$50,377.00. Every dollar we raise in excess of our goal comes back to us. We will have an Appeal Weekend (in a few weeks), and when that time arrives, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift.

I thank you for all you do for St. Elizabeth, and I thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Please join me in prayer for the success of the 2019 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal and everyone who needs and depends on the programs and services it provides.

Rev. Charito Suan
Pastor