



The Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew have both captivated people's fascination and left them wondering exactly what they mean. For example, what is it to be "poor in spirit" or righteous or meek, and why are those who mourn blessed (5:3-6)?

Matthew gives guidelines on what these Beatitudes mean in a section of his Gospel (5:21-48) called the "Antitheses," so called because in it Jesus first quotes what the law says about an issue and then gives his own views on it, beginning with the words, "But I say to you."

The first Beatitude calls the "poor in spirit" blessed (5:3). For Matthew this Beatitude may be viewed in the context of the larger Sermon on the Mount of which it is a part. It has often been said that this sermon presents an impossible ideal that the Christian should strive to achieve. Impossible or not, the Sermon on the Mount certainly contains some of the loftiest ethical exhortations found in the scriptures. Blessed are those who attempt to live by them, and in the process see their own poverty of spirit in light of the ideal.

The second Beatitude, which blesses those who mourn, may be viewed in connection with the two Beatitudes on righteousness. Mourning implies suffering, and the only suffering explicitly treated in the Beatitudes is that of those who suffer "for righteousness' sake" (5:10). How to live righteously is defined by living according to Jesus' words in the Antitheses, which express a righteousness exceeding that found in the scribes and Pharisees (5:20).

Matthew provides guidance for living the other Beatitudes as well. "Blessed are the meek" is explained by the section in the Antitheses that addresses not being angry with another (5:21-26). "Blessed are the peacemakers" is explained by Jesus' instruction not to use speech that could lead to friction and to make efforts at reconciliation (5:21-26). Clarification for "blessed are the pure in heart" comes in the passage on not even looking at a woman lustfully (5:27-30). Finally, the Beatitude "Blessed are the merciful" is illuminated in 5:38-48, in which Jesus talks about how to respond to those who have harmed you.

Reflecting on the Beatitudes in the light of these corresponding passages opens up rich perspectives for ethical living.

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Readings for the Week of November 1, 2009

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| Sunday | All Saints Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a |
| Monday | The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Wis 3:1-9; Ps 27 or 103; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 |
| Tuesday | Saint Martin de Porres, religious Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131; Lk 14:15-24 |
| Wednesday | Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112; Lk 14:25-33 |
| Thursday | Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27; Lk 15:1-10 |
| Friday | Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98; Lk 16:1-8 |
| Saturday | Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145; Lk 16:9-15 |
| Sunday | Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 |

CANDLE LIGHTING for DECEASED Remembrance services for those who have died in the past year will be held the weekend of November 7th and 8th at all masses. Those who have loved ones who have died this year will be called and asked which mass you will attend. We ask that you light a candle in remembrance of them. If you need more info, you may call Mary Jo Haizman at 863-1700.

Mark Your Calendars! An Event for all Ages!

St. Ann School will be hosting its first "Wax Museum of Saints" on All Saints Day, Nov. 1, 2009 directly following the 10:30 Mass. The school children in grades 4-8 have researched an assigned saint, and on All Saints Day, they will dress like, act like, and "become" that saint. They will "line the walls" of all three floors of the school building and share with their visitors what their saintly lives were all about. Don't miss this exciting, free event! If you need additional information, please contact Amy Nusky at AmyNusky@zoomtown.com or (513) 863-0604.

CONFIRMATION Thanks to all who helped the Confirmation Candidates with their recent service project, Operation Christmas Child. Last Sunday all the candidates, their sponsors and their parents met after the 10:30 Mass and prepared their shoe boxes. Each shoe box contained toys, personal hygiene items, school supplies, and candy for a child across the globe who would not otherwise receive a Christmas present. All enjoyed gathering the supplies and wrapping their box to be shipped shortly. Thanks again for your help. Please continue to pray for all the candidates as they prepare for their Confirmation.

Rosary Society News

November Meeting – It will be held at Stonebridge at Winton Woods on Tuesday, November 3rd at 11:30 AM. Reservations are needed. If you didn't make one at the last meeting, please call me as soon as possible. If you are making a reservation or need a ride, please call Mary Jo at 863-1700.

50-50 Raffle – The drawing will be on Tuesday, November 3rd. If you forgot to send in you tickets, they can be dropped off at 898 Corwin Ave or the address on the ticket by tomorrow. If you dropped them in the collection basket today, we will be sure and get them.

St. Ann's Interest Group is hosting an "Under One Roof" Shopping Event Friday, November 6th from 7:00 - 10:00pm. The event will be located at St. Ann School 3064 Pleasant Ave in Hamilton. Ladies, Here is your chance to buy all your holiday gifts in one place.

Over 35 Vendors and Crafters will be selling their items. Admission is \$3.00 and includes refreshments and door prizes. Wine, Fruit & Cheese, Specialty Desserts and Coffee Bar will be available. Our Chinese Raffle will have over 40 items from the Vendors & Crafters as well as Vera Bradley, Food Network, Gift Certificates etc... Come join us for shopping, food and fun.

ST. ANN P.A.C. NEWS Saturday, November 21st the annual P.A.C. *Turkey Festival* will be held from 6-10:00 p.m. Great food and games. Raffle tickets available from Jim Saurber at 896-4024. Volunteers are also needed; please contact Jim Saurber or Ronda True at 868-0244 with your availability.

RECYCLING CANS FOR SCHOOL CASH Recycling aluminum cans saves 95% of the energy used to make cans from virgin ore. Join us by collecting and bringing aluminum beverage cans to our school aluminum bin! The Recycle Challenge – Recycling for the next generation. Visit www.therecyclechallenge.com . *Proceeds benefit Roots & Wings.*

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, November 1st
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
After the 10:30 mass – Wax Museum of Saints at school
 6:30-8:30 p.m. All Saints Party – Youth Ministry (see insert)
Tuesday, November 3rd
 11:30 a.m. Rosary Society meeting (see above)
Wednesday, November 4th
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday, November 5th
 6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
Friday, November 6th
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Confessions before First Friday Mass
 7 – 10:00 p.m. Under One Roof Shopping
Saturday, November 7th
 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass
Sunday, November 8th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 Mass
 Monica Brown
 Lee Conn
 Jackie Lamb (except 11/21)
 Lori Lamb (except 11/21)
 John and Lois Keller
8:00 Mass
 Joyce Cepluch
 Mark Doty
 Buell Harris
 Gil Schneider
 Paul Fenzl
10:30 Mass
 Mary Jo Haizman
 Ruth Ann Halpin
 Martha Kugler
 Andy Lampl
 Carolyn Maurits

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE Lectors

5:00 Mass
 10/31 - Lee Conn
 11/7 - Gerald McGrath
 11/14 - Jeanine Hand
 11/21 - Michelle Wolke
 11/28 - Serena Conn
8:00 Mass
 11/01 - Sam Patrick
 11/08 - Mike Wolf
 11/15 - Elizabeth Burkart Miller
 11/22 - Kenneth Brown
 11/29 - Hilda Meyer
10:30 Mass
 11/01 - Stephen Becker
 11/08 - Melody Richmond
 11/15 - Carrie Rusche
 11/22 - Chelsea Schindler
 11/29 - Dick Simpkin



Saturday, October 31st All Saints
 5:00 p.m. William & Clara Kollstedt (Family)
Sunday, November 1st All Saints
 8:00 a.m. For the deceased members of the Robert & Lorene Day Family
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
Monday, November 2nd Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
 7:15 a.m. Charles Keene (The Kalberer Family)
Tuesday, November 3rd Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Harold Oda (Mark, Matia & Jennifer)
Wednesday, November 4th Charles Borromeo, bishop
 7:15 a.m. Julius Garnet – Birthday Remembrance (Dolores)
Thursday, November 5th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton
Friday, November 6th First Friday
 8:00 a.m. Barbara Settle (Mary & David Eschenbrenner)
 7:00 p.m. Tess Fontaine (Julia Mergy)
Saturday, November 7th Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 a.m. Florence Saurber (Carmella Just Family)
 5:00 p.m. Marlene Walsh (Family)
Sunday, November 8th Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Tom Eichhold (D. Hetterich Family)
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

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| Budgeted Weekly Offering | \$ 12,072.00 |
| 10/25/2009 | \$ 6,294.00 |
| Year to Date Budgeted Offering | \$ 205,224.00 |
| Year to Date Actual Offering | \$ 153,721.82 |
| Additional World Mission Sunday | \$ 95.00 |



First Friday – November 6th
5:30pm confession, 7:00pm Mass
Following Mass – First Friday Devotions
(Exposition, First Friday devotional Prayers, Benediction)

Save the Date – The Lord has blessed us!

Wednesday's beginning December 2, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from after the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 6:30 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration. More information will be forthcoming.

Ushers for November

5:00 p.m. JoEllen Miller, Dave Kollstedt
 Tim Baker, Darlene Baker
 8:00 a.m. Jim Saurber, Jim Schindler
 Ron Schermer, Joe Hazlett
 10:30 a.m. Cliff Poppel, Phil Poppel
 Don Arent, Dave Beckett

Offertory Schedule for November

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| 10/31-11/1 | 11/21 – 11/22 |
| 5 p.m. Groh Family | Bill & Tonya Morris |
| 8 a.m. Joyce & Dick Cepluch | Ted Fontaine Family |
| 10:30 Maurits | Dunavent Family |
| 11/7 – 11/8 | 11/28 – 11/29 |
| 5 p.m. Day Family | Dave & Peggy Kollstedt |
| 8 a.m. Mark & Jennifer Sanders | Kiep and Baumann Families |
| 10:30 Madden Family | Barrett Family |
| 11/14 – 11/15 | |
| 5 p.m. Mark & Jeanette Staarmann | |
| 8 a.m. Mindy Jones Family | |
| 10:30 Conese Family | |