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January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter

and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear

both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in

ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the

grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's

blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Candlemas (February 2)

Thanks to Pope Sergius I (687-701), on February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. On this day we

also commemorate the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law (Leviticus 12:1). The law indicated that a mother should be purified forty days after giving birth to a boy child. Since the eleventh century the

Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and

candlesticks that are going to be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful. The root of the word candlemas is the Latin verb

candere ("to shine") and from which also come the words candelabra and candlestick. This feast of candles recalls

that Christians can, like Simon and the prophetess Anna in the temple, say that they also have seen salvation: Jesus

the true Light who shines in the arms of Mary (Luke 2:25-38).

Commitment weekend for 2023 Catholic Appeal is February 18th and 19th.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection

(Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalms — The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should

boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent;

St. Marianne Cope

Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales

Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul;

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Thursday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Friday: St. Angela Merici

Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Respect for Life Prayer

O God, our eyes behold the beauty of your creation,

and our ears catch the sounds of your power.

We hold our lives sacred because they are your gift.

Bring us to greater awareness of the sanctity of human life

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.

CONSTANT FAITH

If you remain constant in faith in the face of trial, the Lord will give you peace and rest for a time in this world, and forever in the next.

Feb 5th 2023

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