



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Office Closed Monday February 17

2025 February 16

6th Sunday Year C Luke 6:17, 20-26
Ordinary Time

16 February



The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!

Sunday Collection

February 9 \$4,476



WINTER:

As we continue to care for our church and provide a welcoming environment for all, we would like to share some of the major ongoing expenses that keep our facilities running smoothly

SNOW PLOUGHING: With the winter season upon us, snow removal is essential to ensure safe access to the church for all parishioners. January \$5,000.

HYDRO AND GAS: We rely on these utilities to maintain heating, lighting, and other essential services, particularly during the colder months. January \$3,300.

These are significant expenses that are necessary to maintain the comfort and safety of our church community. We are grateful for your ongoing generosity and support to help cover these costs

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday, February 17

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Tony Mignelli

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Tuesday, February 18

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Pietro Vacca

Wednesday, February 19

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. ♦ Special Intention Flordeliza & George Chua

Thursday, February 20

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Pendanathu

Friday, February 21

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Thomas Kavumkal

St. Peter Damian

Saturday, February 22

Chair of Saint Peter

5:00 p.m. † Grant DesRoches, Luisa Falzoi & Maria Tamburri

Sunday, February 23

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. † Alselmo & Carmel Mucciarone

5:00 p.m. † Marlon Roldan

COUNTDOWN TO LENT: MARCH 5!

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at

9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

On Fridays we will pray the Stations of the Cross beginning at **6:30** p.m. followed by Mass



WANTED: OLD PALMS We ask that you remember to bring with you to church any palms which you may have at your home from last year. We will burn the old palms.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

YOUTH GROUP GAMES NIGHT

The next meeting of our Youth Group will take place on: Friday February 28th at 6:45-8:00 pm in the Church Hall. It will be an evening of games, laughter and snacks and an opportunity to build friendships and grow in faith together. It is a chance to meet others in your parish community.

If you are in Grades 7-12 (Ages 12-18) then come join us! **SIGN UP** sheets will be available after all Masses on the weekends of February 15-16 and 22-23, or you can register by contacting Anna Racine at 905 358 3412 or rracine37@cogeco.ca

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHROVE TUESDAY

Will be preparing a Shrove Tuesday dinner this year on



March 4, 2025. 4 to 7 p.m. in the Church hall
Tickets will be available at masses for purchase or call 905 401 5646

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday, February 17th. 7 p.m. start in church hall.

All men over 18 welcome to attend.

We will have an Induction ceremony for new members after the meeting.

Call or text for more information 905 401 5646



OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM

Is inviting the children and youth of our Parish to participate in our Children's Good Friday Performance which will take place during the morning Good Friday Service.

Children ages 4 and up are welcome to participate. Practices will begin in mid February.

There will be speaking and non speaking acting roles and older children are welcome to participate and receive volunteer hours. We are also looking for adult volunteers.

To register your child please contact Anna Racine at 905-358-3412 or rracine37@cogeco.ca



HOLY COMMUNION TO THOSE AT HOME IN HOSPITAL OR IN LONG TERM CARE

Under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Mathew, members of the Legion of Mary bring the Holy Eucharist to those parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

Holy Communion is brought to- Chapel Heights, Lundy Manor, Cavendish Manor, Millennium Trail Manor, Oakwood Park Lodge and Meadows of Dorchester seniors homes.

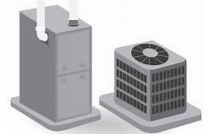
Also when requested, Holy Communion is brought to those in hospital or are confined at home.

Currently Holy Communion is brought to approximately 90 parishioners per week.

If you know of someone who would wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office



UPDATE: FURNACE BREAKDOWN & NEED FOR REPLACEMENT



Dear Parishioners,

Our church furnace has recently broken down and is beyond repair. In light of this, we must replace both the furnace and the air conditioning unit to ensure the comfort of our parish community, especially during the colder and warmer months.

The estimated cost for both the new furnace and air conditioning unit is \$26,000. We are reaching out to you, our generous parish family, to help us cover this unexpected expense. Any donation, no matter the size, will make a significant difference as we work to maintain a comfortable and welcoming environment for all.

We deeply appreciate your support during this time of need. Your prayers and contributions help us continue to serve our parish and keep our church a place of warmth, both physically and spiritually.

2024 income tax receipts are available, located in the church foyer!



SAFETY As we strive to keep our church grounds safe and beautiful, we kindly remind everyone to follow the designated parking areas and paths when arriving for Mass or church events.

Please be mindful of the following:

Park only in designated parking areas and avoid parking non-designated spaces.

Walk on the designated paths and stairs when making your way to the church.

For your safety

Especially in winter conditions: When there is snow or ice, please take extra precautions. The walking paths and stairs are cleared for your safety, and cutting across the grass can be dangerous during icy weather.

*Please do not walk up the grassy partition between the parking lot and fire lane.

By following these guidelines, we can ensure a safer environment for all parishioners.



CWL VALENTINE GIFT BASKETS WINNERS

Willie Due - Wine and Chocolate basket / Kelly Sim - Spa basket / Peter Kho - Children's basket. Congratulations! Thank you to all who donated to the baskets and purchased tickets. Your ongoing support is greatly valued and appreciated.

ST. THOMAS MORE VALENTINE'S DINNER/DANCE

with Entertainment

On Saturday, February 22 at 6:30pm



ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH HALL.

Tickets are:

2 person at \$75.00 or 1 person at \$40.00

Contact: Romeo and Minda Panday 289 668 3379