

SIXTH

# SUNDAY

## in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

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

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There are times when the smartest, but most difficult, thing we can say is, "I don't know." While we often think of this as a sign of weakness, the amount of humility it takes to say this means that the word of God is alive and well in us. To say "I don't know" means that we look outside of ourselves to learn, and to find those who do know, and—ultimately—accept that we have to look to others and to God to help us, to guide us through life. To place our trust and hope only in this world, Paul tells the Corinthians (and us!), makes us people to be pitied. Jesus echoes this in the "woes" section of Luke's Beatitudes, when he points out that trusting in earthly wealth, full beliefs, entertainments, and reputation will, eventually, not be enough when we are called beyond this life.

### LOOK 'EM IN THE EYE

Prior to delivering the blessings and woes of his "Sermon on the Plain" in Luke, Jesus had been on top of

a mountain in prayer, after which he selected the Twelve to go on his mission with him. Coming down from the mountain, the first thing Jesus does is show them what is at the heart of his—and their—mission: preaching to the multitude, healing all who were in need of it, no matter where they had come from. Luke then carefully notes that Jesus raises his eyes, not to look toward heaven again in prayer, but he raises his eyes to look directly at his disciples, to share the message of blessings and woes. This scene echoes Moses coming down from the mountain to give Israel its command as to how they should live in God's covenant. As followers of Jesus today, we are called to live out his mission to the world, while we also look beyond this world to trust in God, our only hope.

Today's Readings: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;  
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

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**Celebration of the Sacraments:**

**Mass:** Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM  
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday & Sunday:  
45 minutes before Mass

**Marriage or Baptism:**

Contact the parish office six  
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*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us  
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,  
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

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# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Wanda & George Duke. Lonnie & Tammy McClung. Jean Hamilton. Randy & Louise Beard. Sven Sterner. Kathy Gravatt. Nancy Rasca. Jess Corrigan Jr. Clifford & Frances Jo Moore. Fran & Kathleen Fleming. Dave Cormier. Thomas Holzmann. Jim Hickey. Michael Allen. Joe Fazzio. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Esther Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Bouffinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

## Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

**Monday:** Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day

**Thursday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

**INSEPARABLE:** Faith and works are like the light and heat to a candle; they cannot be separated.—Anonymous

**NONSENSE:** A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest among us.—Anonymous

## TODAY'S READINGS

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

**Psalms:** 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).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

**Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

## Mass—Intentions

**Sat. 2/12 Mike Fleming+** (K of C)

**Sun 2/13 Mary Dolezal+** (Dan Dolezal)

**Tue 2/15 Lonnie & Tammy McClung** (M/M Todd)

**Wed 2/16 John Todaro+** (K of C)

**Thurs 2/17 Caroline Todarlo** (K of C)

**Fri. 2/18 Rev. Thomas Edelen & Rev. Martin Ahiaba** (Daughters of Divine Hope)

**Sat. 2/19 Mike Hansen+ & Ann Hansen+** (W/M Hansen)

## PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021

**Expenditures** \$ 3,666

**Regular and debt & maintenance collections** \$ 3,799

**Attendance:** 2/05 Saturday: 51 2/06 Sunday: 60

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.

## Pope's Intention for February:



For religious sisters and consecrated women. We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage, may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

## Reflection question:

How can I allow God's grace to fashion me into a pleasing dwelling for the Lord?

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

## FEELING BLESSED

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today?

### 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Last week we watched the appeal video, thought about how we know, love and serve Jesus as well as completed pledge cards in support of our shared diocesan ministries. Thank you to all who turned in your cards and joyfully accepted that *Blessed are those who Believe*.

To continue this success, and exceed our goal, we need donors to turn in a sacrificial gift in support.

If you would like to be one of those vital donors, please use one of the envelopes located in front of Bridget's office. Or, the envelope that was mailed to you from the Diocese. You may go online to [dioceseoftyler.org/baa2022](http://dioceseoftyler.org/baa2022) and give a voided check to get automatic debit, you can use debit or credit card, or make a commitment and begin paying later in the year.

Thank you for your participation so far and in praying for our success. I know that each of us takes a leap of faith in making a commitment but know that if you need to adjust this pledge, you can do so at any time. We just look for everyone to try and accept the call to our Appeal, *Blessed are those who Believe*.

Thank you and God bless you.  
Fr. Mike Snider

### FEBRUARY NEWS & EVENTS

**Tues., Feb. 15th:** 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

**Mandatory Lector Workshop from 3:30-4:30pm in the church. Workshop is for current and new lectors. If you are interested in becoming a lector, feel free to join us.**

**Wed., Feb. 16th:** Casino Fundraising Mtg. @ 6:00pm in St. Jude's Hall.

**Sun., Feb. 20th:** Immediately following 9:00am Mass, homemade breakfast tacos by Bryan & Dolly Todd, coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall. Jane Bidlack facilitates "The Bible and Mass Study" Class in the middle classroom.

**Carter BloodCare Blood Drive from 9:30am—2:00pm**

**Mon., Feb. 21st—Fri., Feb. 25th:** Fr. Mike will be attending the annual priests' retreat at Montserrat Retreat House, Lake Dallas. No weekday Mass or adoration this week.

**Sun., Feb. 27th:** Following 9:00am Mass, coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

### MARCH NEWS & EVENTS

**Tues., Mar. 1st:** 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

**Wed., Mar. 2nd:** ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00am & 4:00pm

**Fri., Mar. 4th:** Vespers at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross

**Tues., Mar. 8th:** 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

**Fri., Mar. 11th:** Vespers at 4:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross

### February Second Collections: 5th & 6th: "Building & Maintenance."

**Genacle of Life:** Cenacle of Life devotion each Wed. from 3:00—4:00pm. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

**Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue:** Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.** If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

### Celebrate Life Banquet

**Sat., March 26, 2022** at 6:30pm (Seating by 7:00pm for beginning of program). Infinity Event Center, Holiday Inn North, 300 Tuttle Circle, Longview, TX (behind Hobby Lobby). Reservations Required, \$ 40.00 per person. Seating is limited, reservations by Sat., March 18, 2022.

**Fr. Mike would like to reserve at least one table possibly two. Please notify him if you want to attend this event.**

### SAVE THE DATE

*The Roaring 20's*

**DINNER & CASINO NIGHT SAT., APRIL 30, 2022**

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### Carter BloodCare BLOOD DRIVE

Where: Holy Spirit Parking Lot

When: Sun., Feb. 20th from 9:30am—2:00pm.

Tyler Carter BloodCare is in critical need of blood. Please make your appointment on line today!

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Bridget

### Claire Ellis

Is selling her famous homemade cookies on February 12th & 13th after Mass. The money raised will help to defray cost to the Catholic Pines Camp. She is working towards attending camp this summer for one week.



The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **Cake & muffin mix; cereal and pudding cups.**

**Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry.** Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or [theduckdude@att.net](mailto:theduckdude@att.net)

*Thank you, Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team*

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Last week we mentioned groundhogs and their “forecasting” prowess. But what about people in relation to God?

Who were the prophets? By JOEL SCHORN Published October 30, 2009

(<https://uscatholic.org/articles/200910/who-were-the-prophets/>)

Biblical prophets were not in the business of predicting the future but of saying something important about the present.

“The art of prophecy is very difficult,” Mark Twain once said, “especially with respect to the future.” Surprisingly, Twain’s words pretty much describe biblical prophecy.

In the vast majority of cases, the biblical prophets were not in the business of predicting the future – that idea came along much later in the history of prophecy – but of saying something important about the present, though sometimes in terms of the future.

**Prophet doesn’t mean one who predicts what is to come** but refers to the Greek word *prophētēs*: “one who speaks for another.”

In Hebrew scripture **prophets spoke for God**. Their visions, revelations, and other intense mystical experiences gave them a certain standing and authority to defend God in their day and bring the people – kings included – to task for superstitious beliefs, idolatry, and moral failings. Prophets brought and interpreted the word of God to a people who needed to be reminded of it.

Prophecy for Paul seemed to involve those who spoke with particular insight and wisdom about the things of God. Most of the discussion of prophecy in the New Testament comes from St. Paul, though prophets show up in the Acts of the Apostles, which calls some of them people who “encourage and strengthen the believers” (Acts 15:32). In the gospels John the Baptist was “regarded . . . as a prophet” (Matt. 14:5), and the travelers on the road to Emmaus called Jesus a “prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people” (Luke 24:19). What’s more, many scholars think Jesus’ prophetic calling to be closest to his own understanding of himself.

Paul’s well-known list of those with particular gifts in the church includes prophets (1 Cor. 12:28), and he exhorts members to “pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, including prophecy” (1 Cor. 14:3). Prophecy for Paul seemed to involve those who spoke with particular insight and wisdom about the things of God. But prophecy was not an unlimited gift. To discern what was false from true prophecy, Paul said prophesying had to be an orderly activity subject to other prophets’ testing. Like all spiritual gifts, prophecy was for “building up” the community, not destroying it.

While the church does not formally use the name prophet for those outside of scripture, it has seen any number of people who took the role of the prophets who came before them: to call the community to be true to itself. Figures such as Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Siena, Bridget of Sweden, and others had vivid direct experiences and communicated them for the benefit of the church.

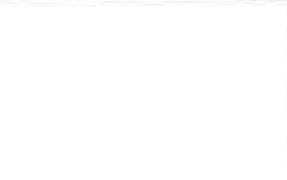
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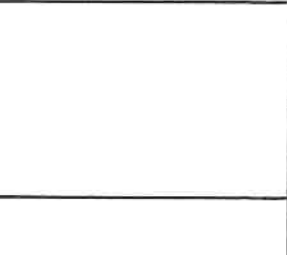
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