

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle A

January 29nd, 2017

Blessed are the humble of the earth, blessed are the poor in spirit! Such are the ones God has chosen to confound the strong of this world.

Opportunities to Worship This Week:

Sat. 1/28, 6PM (Vigil-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)-John Robison III+

Sun. 1/29, 8:30AM (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)-Patty Brunell+

Thurs. 2/2, 6:30PM (Weekday)-NO MASS

Fri. 2/3, 8:00AM (Weekday)-NO MASS

Sat. 2/4, 6:00PM (Vigil-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)-Dennis Milligan+

Sun. 2/5, 8:30AM (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)-For All Boy Scouts

Sacrament of Penance

Anytime by Appointment/

Fri. mornings after Mass

Mass Attendance

Saturday

Sunday

Anointing of the Sick: Call the rectory any time when anointing of the sick is needed. In the absence of Fr. Martin-Edward, call Peg Garrison, Denise Zurliene or Jim Thompson and they will contact a deacon.

Prayer List:

Way-Fair Nursing Home – Kimberly Buchanan

Garland Keck, Lanora Neavill, Ute Britton, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Sharon Reyling, Dan Kinsolving, Brenda Belangee, Jim & Jane Mowry, Phyllis Laird, Kurt Wiseman, Stacy Winkeler, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee Stanley, Noreen Reeves, Maddox Oppenheimer, Paula Zdan, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel, Shirley Byars, Dorothy Baylor, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban, Kathy Bramlet, Virginia Winkeler, Tom Colvin, Jim Lawler, Justin McKnight, Ryan McGehee, Teresa Williams, Andrew Mayo, Zeth Frank, Jan Mrozek, Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene and all priests who are sick.

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Lector: Diana Zurliene

E. Mins: Ken & Theresa Nordmann

Ushers: Sam Ochs, Don Zurliene

Gifts: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh

Servers: volunteers

Sunday, February 5, 2017

David Mills

Laura Titzer, Peg Garrison

Drew Garrison, Clayton Titzer

Scott & Ryan Merkle

Will Wright, Jackson Mills

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Monday: Heb 11:32-40

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

Friday: Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

“One Thing I ask of the Lord, and this I long, to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.” (Ps.27, 4)

That should be our daily prayer

That should be our daily desire

That should be our daily wish.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – We cannot avoid mercy!

Right in the middle of the nine “Blesseds”, these beatitudes at the start of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says: **Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.** Mercy! Right in the middle. Yet mercy is preceded and followed by blessed righteousness, that is, by relationships that are right with God, with other people, and with all creation. What I do and what I say, by blessed words and actions, help bring on the Kingdom of Heaven (Saint Matthew’s phrase for being in the presence of God).

~How will I seek justice by what I do today?

~How will I seek humility by what I say this week?

~How will I show mercy, be merciful?

Travel with Fr. Martin Ohajunwa, Pastor of St. Stephen Catholic Church, Flora & St. Edward Catholic Church, Fairfield, IL on our Italy Wide & Switzerland trip.

Where: Sorrento, Capri, Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, Rome Assisi, Tuscany, Florence, Venice, Milan, Lake Como, Switzerland.

Trip Dates: May 11-23, 2017

Cost: \$4,600.00 Airfaire and ALL – included

To Register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com. Proximo Travel, LLC PO Box 3479, Worcester, MA 01613

PRAYER LIST: Please look over our prayer list in the bulletin and if there are any changes with the names contact the office. We want to keep this as updated as possible. Thank-you.

TAX CONTRIBUTIONS: On the table in the hall are your gifts to the Church Tax Contributions for 2016. Also, if you have not picked up your envelopes, please do so. Thank-you.

BIBLE STUDY: The next St. Edward Bible Study will be Sunday, February 12th, at 5:00pm.

THE MESSENGER: The Messenger Renewal Weekend is February 4-5, 2017. Please stay “connected” through a subscription to The Messenger. This year we are celebrating 110 years of actively growing your Catholic Family’s Connection here in the Diocese of Belleville. In your parish envelope, please make your check out to “The Messenger” and drop in collection basket. Subscription cost: Print - \$25, Electronic - \$25, Both - \$30. Thank you for your support!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” As we reflect upon the beatitudes, let us explore how to understand our spouse better by participating in WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on Feb. 3-5, 2017. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

TEN LITTLE CATHOLICS

BY Fr. Hugh Duffy

10 little Catholics standing in line / 1 dislike the Pastor, then there were 9.
9 little Catholics stayed up very late. / 1 overslept Sunday, then there were 8.
8 little Catholics on their way to Heaven / 1 took the low road and then, there were 7.
7 little Catholics chirping like chicks. / 1 dislike music, then there were 6.
6 little Catholics seemed very much alive / but one lost his interest then there were 5.
5 little Catholics pulling for Heaven’s Shore, / but one stopped to rest, then there were 4.
4 little Catholics each busy as a bee / 1 got his feelings hurt, then there were 3.
3 little Catholics knew not what to do / 1 joined the sporty crowd, then there were 2.
2 little Catholics, our rhyme is nearly done / differed with each other, then there was 1.
1 little Catholic can’t do much ‘tis true / brought his friend to Mass, then there were 2.
2 little Catholics each won one more / That doubled the number then there were 4.
4 sincere Catholics worked early and late / Each won another then there were 8.
8 splendid Catholics if they doubled as before / In just so many Sundays, we’d have 1,024.
In this little jingle, there is a lesson true,
You belong either to the CHURCH
Or to the wrecking crew!