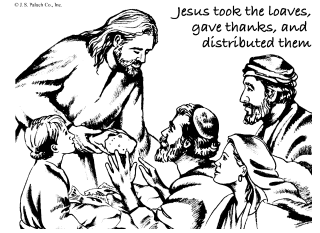




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February 17, 2019

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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Reverend Timothy C. Hurd, Pastor

A message for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness of who we are and of what we are supposed to do. They remind us that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy in this world and in heaven only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need and work for uplifting them, thus declaring our "*option for the poor*," as Jesus did. The eight beatitudes Jesus gives in Mathew and the four in Luke contradict the ideas of real happiness found in the Jewish culture and in our modern society, according to which wealth, health, power and influence are the true beatitudes. "The beatitudes" are technically known as "macarisms", or blessings (from the Greek *makarios*, meaning "blessed" or "happy.") Macarisms are found in the Book of Proverbs, in the Psalms, and even in the book of Revelation. There are thirty-seven beatitudes in the New Testament, seventeen of which are sayings of Jesus. Beatitudes appear in the Old Testament as well. The first reading tells us that true beatitude consists in placing our trust in God and in putting our trust in His promises. The responsorial psalm finds beatitude in keeping God's Law. St. Paul warns us, in the second reading, that true beatitude is obtainable only in heaven, and that Christ's resurrection is the reason for the assurance of our reaching heaven for an everlasting life of happiness. In today's gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow and persecution because they contradict our natural expectations in every way. Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted and denounced because in poverty, we recognize God's reign; in hunger, his providence; in sorrow, true happiness; and in persecution, true joy. Experiencing these miseries opens the way for us to receive the true riches, food, comfort and acceptance we can find only in His love and His presence here, and in His Kingdom forever. The beatitudes are commands for how we should live, and what we should do. What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for faith, but living these in the context of our commitment to Jesus and His spirit of sharing.

Let us take a close look at the Gospel: Luke presents the *Sermon on the Plain* as following immediately upon the choosing of the twelve apostles (*Luke 6: 13 ff*). Therefore, one of the Fathers of the Church called this sermon "*The Ordination Address to the Twelve*." Both the *Sermon on the Mount* in Matthew and the *Sermon on the Plain* in Luke are also known as "*The Compendium of Christian Doctrine*," "*The Magna Carta of the Kingdom*," and "*The Manifesto of the King*." In these two sermons we have the essence of Jesus' teachings to his chosen apostles. The introductory portion of the sermon consists of blessings and woes that reflect the real economic and social conditions of humanity (the poor--the rich; the hungry--the satisfied; those grieving--those laughing; the outcast--the socially acceptable). These beatitudes of Jesus were taught in Aramaic. In Aramaic they are not simple statements; rather, they are exclamations, i.e., "*O the blessedness of the poor in spirit!*" (Compare today's responsorial psalm [Psalm 1], for a similar Hebrew version).

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Readings for the Week

Sunday	Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday	Gn 4:1-15, 25 Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	Gn 9:1-13 Mk 8:27-33
Friday	1 Pt 5:14 Mk 16:13-19
Saturday	Heb 11:1-7 Mk 9:2-13
Sunday	1 Sm 26:,2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

Mass Intentions

+ indicates Deceased
(SI) indicates Living

Saturday, February 16

4:00 PM +John Michael Cook
+Joe, Nellie & Linda Roppolo

Sunday, February 17

8:15 AM +Wilbert Maxey
11:00 AM +George Lukacs
5:00 PM Parishioners St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Monday, February 18

7:30 AM +Mary Young
9:30 AM, +Rose Marie Cox, The Oaks

Tuesday, February 19

7:30 AM, +Russell Pedro
+Steve Rider, The Glen

Wednesday, February 20

7:30 AM +Andrew Rambin

Thursday, February 21

7:30 AM +Cindy Miciotto

Friday, February 22

7:30 AM +Paul & Angelina Cush

The Week at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, February 17-24

Masses: 4 pm 8:15 AM ; 11 AM; 5 PM

✠ **Sunday, February 17**

NO G.I.F.T.

9:30 AM, Adult Faith Sharing in the Library
9:30 AM, Christian Initiation in the Burleigh Center
9:30 AM, Discerning God's Voice, Burleigh Center

✠ **Monday, February 18**

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
9:30 AM, Mass at the Oaks
4:00 PM, Children's Choir Practice
6:30 PM, HS Youth Group in the Burleigh Center
6:30 PM, SVDP

✠ **Tuesday, February 19**

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
8 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous in the Youth House

Wednesday, February 20

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
9:30 AM, Bible Study in the Library
1:00 PM, Yarn Angels in the Burleigh Center
6:00 PM, Embrace Grace in the Burleigh Center
6:30 PM, Choir Practice

✠ **Thursday, February 21**

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
6:00 PM, Book of Acts Bible Study
6:30 PM, Youree Fellowship

✠ **Friday, February 22**

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
6:30 PM, High School Youth Group

✠ **Saturday, February 23**

4:00 PM Mass

✠ **Sunday, February 24**

9:30 AM, Adult Faith Sharing in the Library
9:30 AM, Christian Initiation in the Burleigh Center
9:30 AM, Discerning God's Voice, Burleigh Center
5:00 PM, Confirmation

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for our sick, including Shirley Anderson, Ashley Assuline, David Bankd, Bernadette Bitting, Marklyn Boucher, Al Boudreau, Shelby Ann Brakefield, Bill and Carmen Cocke, Mike Crevak, Emily Dean, Charles Deshotels, Dale Dupuy, Emilie Epard, Heath Goff, Gerald Govin, Butch Graham, Charlotte Emma Graham, Kim Green, Lily Green, Lynn Gautier, Martha Hannigan, Robert Hermes, Doug Hill, Terri Howard, Imelda King, Joan Kislack, Maria Krebsbach, Lynn Lawrence, Joanne Levitte, Dwayne Malone, Bill Maroma, Carol Ann Marsala, Joseph Roy Maxey, Dustin Maxey, Helen & Nancy Meshell, Joe Miciotto, Mallori Miciotto, Dottie Murray, Father Joseph Nasser, Catherine Nelson & Family, Pattie Neurauter, Cole Pasquier, Dale Phillips, Nicholas Politz, Ron Rice, Randy Richter, Matt Savage, Tressie Sepeda, Ray Vallillo, Shelly Zippi Werner

Prayer for a New Bishop

Let us join together in praying at every Mass for our new bishop. Indeed there is something inspiring about knowing the future third Bishop of Shreveport is out there working in the Church so it makes our prayers very concrete. Pray for him in his pursuit of holiness and for his zeal for and love of the Church as Jesus Christ founded it.

All glory to You, Lord our God, our eternal Shepherd and Guide. In your faithfulness, grant to the Diocese of Shreveport a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly Zeal will be a constant witness of faith and love to the people entrusted to his care. In Your love for us, may he strive to live more and more each day with holiness of life and heroic virtue so that he will lead Your holy people in all truth by being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and mind of justice.

Prepare him, we humbly pray, to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to actively work to build up your holy Church. Through Jesus Christ.
Amen

Dynamic Catholic: Find Your Greatness

Save the Date: Find Your Greatness Dominick Albano, Catholic author and speaker, is coming to Shreveport on February 22, 2019! Join St. Joseph Parish, Shreveport, for a great evening of listening, learning, scripture and prayer. Find Your Greatness is based on Matthew Kelly's best-seller *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*. Visit DynamicCatholic.com/Shreveport, or call 859-980-7900 for tickets.

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2019 Confirmation

Please pray for our 8th Grade candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation which **will be celebrated at the 5 PM Mass on Sunday, February 24th**. Fr. Tim will preside over this special celebration. Eleven students have prayerfully prepared for this special sacrament of initiation, along with their Catechists. They are now prepared to come forward, along with their sponsors, to be received into full communion with our parish family. A reception will be held in the Burleigh Center immediately following the mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

What's Up in the Parish

☼ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Tuesdays at 8PM in the Youth House; for more information please contact Bob, (318) 393-1400.

☼ **Rosary Tuesdays**
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton members meet **every Tuesday at 5:30 PM in the Chapel** for a Rosary Prayer Group. All are encouraged to come join us. Our World Needs Prayer. Let's do our part.

☼ **The Gospel of Luke**
Come join a Bible study on the Gospel of Luke on **Tuesdays at 6:30 PM**. Fall of the year. We will conclude the first half of the Gospel of Luke in early May. Deacon Jack Lynch will facilitate this bible study.

☼ **Youree Fellowship Group**
will meet **February 21st** for a covered dish dinner and a presentation by Deacon Mike Straub in the Burleigh Center **at 6:30 PM**. For more information please contact Ann Weeks, (318)797-3757.

What's Up Elsewhere

☒ **Protecting God's Children**
A session is scheduled for the following date:
February 26th at 6 PM, Catholic Center, 3500 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71104.

All employees and volunteers with or responsible for children, who have not yet done so, are required to attend. Concerned parents, grandparents and other adults are strongly encouraged to attend. To pre-register, go to www.virtus.org, click "Registration" on the left side of the screen, and follow the instructions in the middle of the screen.

☒ **ACTS Retreat 2019**

If you are looking for weekend get away to deepen your relationship with God, consider attending an ACTS retreat. The upcoming St. Joseph ACTS retreats are scheduled for: Women's Retreat March 21-24, 2019 Men's Retreat April 4-7, 2019. Please contact Melissa Olivier to register or for more information at (318) 402-2464. Don't wait, spots fill quickly. Full and Partial scholarships available if financial assistance is needed.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Do you have a heart for hospitality and service? Have you ever wondered how you might participate even more fully in the celebration of the Mass? Maybe God is calling you to the ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. EMHC are integral to the sacramental sharing that is the highlight of the Mass—they assist the smooth distribution of Holy Communion. The EMHC serves at the will of Christ and the Church to sanctify the people of God. If you feel that God is calling you to this vital ministry, **if you would like more information, please contact Bess Elder, (334)399-6730.**

Appeal Weekend

During our time of worship this weekend we are taking the time to offer everyone the opportunity to support our 2019 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal. By supporting our Appeal, you are uplifting the important work of Christ in our diocese and helping our faith community to “Continue the Mission” of this local Church. Note the Appeal brochures, pledge cards, and return envelopes that are in your pews, making it easy for you to make your pledge or one-time gift to this important cause. Please join in generosity to help St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church do our part by supporting the programs and ministries of our Annual Appeal. If you are not in possession of any 2019 Appeal materials, please ask an usher to assist you in obtaining the needed items that will allow you to participate in this effort with a ten-month pledge.

Dear Children and Parents,

Youth/Children's Choirs sing a wide variety of music for Mass, both classic and contemporary, and pop songs and Disney for social events/nursing homes. Please consider joining the Children's and Youth Choirs. We sing for Mass, for our SEAS church social events and for nursing homes. Rehearsals are Monday 4-5:30 PM.

Contact Larry Meier for more information, 798-1887 or lmeier@seasshreveport.com

Spring Semester of Embrace Grace

Embrace Grace is a ministry for unwed, pregnant, young women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. It allows the church to be a safe place for these girls to turn where they can feel welcome and supported and we will teach them about God's abundant love and grace. Embrace Grace is a 12-week program that allows these girls to begin to know God and his love for them and their babies and at the end of the program we give them a baby shower to honor them for choosing life and to help provide for their baby's needs. We also provide love and support for mothers who choose to bless a loving couple through the gift of adoption. Our first semester of Embrace Grace was very successful thanks to the generosity of our parishioners! To learn more about Embrace Grace visit

www.embracegrace.com or contact group leader Claire Bissell at 318-798-1887 ext. 116 or cbis-sell@seasshreveport.com. If you would like to be a part of the Embrace Grace team or help out in some way, please contact Claire Bissell in the church office or by calling 318-286-7850. Together we can make a difference in the lives of these precious little ones!



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PRAYS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY especially:

Linden Adams, Dennis & Timothy Banks, Michael Bargmann, Marc Bradle, Jeffrey Bragg, Rodney Brown, Warren Carroll,



Terry Christiansen, Mark Church, Kenneth & Trisha Cobb, Patrick Cobbs; Kateline Collier, Jack Delo, Todd Derrick, Gabby Dimaio, Chris Emery, Dillon Ezernack, Michael Farley, Nicholas Godfrey, John Graham, Randy Green, William & Waverly Hock, David Hume, David, Matthew, & Thomas Jean-sonne, Melanie Jones, Aaron & Adam LeBlanc, Jonathan S. Lee, Andrew Ligon, Alex & Jessica Luyando, Scott Maytan, Jay Mitchell, Sean Murphy, Robert Nordberg, Chris Occhiuzzo, Alex Poinboeuf, Matthew Ramin, TJ Remedés, Joseph Roe, Dana Romero, Beau Skonieczny, Randy Sorrell, Bradley Stevens, David Stringer, Matthew Titus, M. T. Turner, Danny Vento, Scott Wilson, Jonathan Wyche, Josh Yarbrough, Dennis Zabka