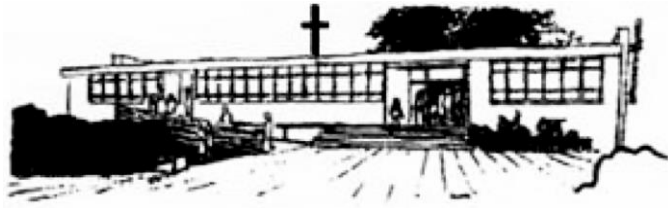


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12<sup>th</sup> February 2017, Year A/1



FERENCZY, Karol, Sermon on the Mountain, 1896

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (Mass in Polish)  
6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am  
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday: 8:00am  
Saturday: 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: after 8:30am Mass

Benediction: Saturday 5.15pm

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Riley - Principal

#### School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGY

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For You are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Dec. Mem. of the Nyvlt Family

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

Dec. Mem. of the Matysek Family

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am

Bl. Jordan of Saxony

Dec. Mem. of the Dalumpines Family

**Tuesday:** 8:00am

Sts. Cyril & Methodius

Thanksgiving Mass

**Wednesday** 8:00am

Ordinary Time

Dec. Mem. of the Cadra Family

**Thursday** 8:00am

Ordinary Time

Margaret Hawkins (Dec. Ann.)

**Friday** 8:00am

Ordinary Time

Frank Meagerison (100<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

**Saturday** 8:30am

Bl. John of Fiesole

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests.  
In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

#### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

#### HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

Processional: 540    Offertory: 482

Communion: 459    Reflection: Screen

Recessional: 543

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

##### DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Margaret Hawkins, Irene Barglik,

Dec. Mem. of the Nyvlt Family

Dec. Mem. of the Matysek Family

Dec. Mem. of the Dalumpines Family

Dec. Mem. of the Cadra Family

#### ADORATION CHAPEL

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew to arrange another time.

#### ROSARY IN OUR HOMES:

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are interested in having Our Lady's Statue and the Rosary in your home for a week at a time. The Statue will be delivered to you by the Legion of Mary. Our Priests will also be able to visit your home to bless it during this time.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY - 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

Masses are 8am and 7pm.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross 7pm every Friday night during Lent, beginning on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Elaine D'Arcy & Kathleen Angoves

**SICK LIST:** If you have anyone for the sick list, (Due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS

The Holy Father's Catechesis

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Last Wednesday, we saw that, in the First Letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul exhorts to remain rooted in the hope of the resurrection (cf. 5:4-11), with those beautiful words "we shall always be with the Lord" (4:17). In the same context, the Apostle shows that *Christian hope* does not only have personal, individual breadth, but *communitarian, ecclesial*. We all hope; we all have hope, also communally.

Paul's gaze is immediately widened to all the realities that make up the Christian community, asking them to pray for one another and to support each other – to help one another. But not only to help one another in needs, in the many needs of daily life, but to help one another *in hope*, to support each other in hope. And it is no accident that he begins in fact making reference to *those to whom responsibility and pastoral guidance is entrusted*. They are the first to be called to nourish hope, and this, not because they are better than the others, but by virtue of a divine ministry that goes well beyond their strength. Therefore, they are all the more in need of respect, of understanding and of the benevolent support of all.

Attention is then drawn to *brothers that in the main risk losing hope*, of falling into despair. We always have news of people that fall into despair and do awful things ... Despair leads them to so many awful things. The reference is to one who is discouraged, who is weak, and who feels beaten by the weight of life and of his faults and is unable to be relieved. In these cases, the closeness and warmth of the whole Church must be more intense and loving, and must assume the exquisite form of compassion, which is not to have pity: compassion is to suffer with the other, to suffer with the other, to get close to one who suffers: a word, a caress, but it must come from the heart; this is compassion, for one who is in need of comfort and consolation. This is all that much more important: Christian hope can do no less than genuine and concrete charity. In the Letter to the Romans, the Apostle of the Gentiles himself affirms, with his heart in his hand: "We who are strong, ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves" (15:1) – to bear, to bear the weaknesses of others. This testimony, then, does not remain closed in the confines of the Christian community: it resounds also in all its vigor outside, in the social and civil context,

as an appeal to not create walls but bridges, to not return evil for evil, to overcome evil with goodness, an offense with forgiveness, – a Christian can never, never say: he'll pay for this! This isn't a Christian gesture; an offense is

overcome with forgiveness –, to live in peace with all. This is the Church! And this is what brings about Christian hope, when it assumes strong guidelines and at the same time the tenderness of love. Love is strong and tender; it is beautiful.

Then we understand that one does not learn to hope on one's own. No one learns to hope on his own. It is not possible. To be nourished, hope *necessarily has need of a "body,"* in which the various members support and revive one another. This means then that, if we hope, it is because many of our brothers and sisters have taught us to hope and have kept our hope alive. And distinguished among these are *the little ones, the poor, the simple and the marginalized*. Yes, because he knows not hope who is closed in his well-being: he hopes only in his well-being and this is not hope: it is relative security; he knows not hope who closes himself in his contentment, who always feels right ...

Instead, those hope who every day experience trials, precariousness and their own limitation. It is these brothers who give us the most beautiful, the strongest testimony, because they remain firm in their entrustment to the Lord, knowing that, beyond the sadness, the oppression and of the ineluctability of death, the last word will be His, and it will be a word of mercy, of life and of peace. One who hopes, hopes to hear one day these words: "Come, come to me, brother; come, come to me, sister, for all eternity."

Dear friends, if – as we have said – the natural dwelling of hope is a supportive "body," in the case of Christian hope this body is *the Church*, while the vital breath, the soul of this hope is *the Holy Spirit*. See then why the Apostle Paul invites us at the end to invoke Him continually. If it is not easy to believe, much less so is it to hope. It is more difficult to hope than to believe; it is more difficult. However, when the Holy Spirit dwells in our hearts, it is He who makes us understand that we must not fear, that the Lord is close and takes care of us; and it is He who molds our communities, in a perennial Pentecost, as living signs of hope for the human family. Thank you.