

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2017

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; Responsorial Psalm 146:6-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



***“Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!”***

Being “poor in spirit” is being disciples of Christ. It means we that we live our lives according to God’s will—being available to serve God in the poor and oppressed without counting the cost. To be “poor in spirit” calls us to recognize and identify with the challenges and difficulties that our sisters and brothers encounter each and every day. For example, rather than living in fear and rejecting neighbors or strangers, being “poor in spirit” requires that we embrace opportunities to serve them by “building

bridges,” as Pope Francis urges. Bridges that unite us as individuals, communities, and nations.

Christ is always our model. His Beatitudes this Sunday, offer us the path to experience, live, and share the blessings and happiness of God. Jesus offers us a road map to follow. Our own happiness and the happiness of others depend on our radical response to the Beatitudes of Jesus. God’s dream—and our own hunger and thirst for justice and peace—will only come about if we follow Jesus and strive to live with His compassion, mercy, and love.

Let us receive and welcome others as Jesus Himself. We remember the words of Jesus: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matthew 25:38). May our “yes” to God—as we make every effort to be “poor in spirit” and live the Beatitudes—enable us be true disciples.

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

2016 AMA Final Report

We would like to thank all of you who participated in the 2016 Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) of our Diocese of Monterey.

Our 2016 goal was **\$10,400**. The total amount donated for the AMA was **\$41,007**. Because we exceeded our goal, thanks to you, the difference between the goal and the amount donated, **\$30,607**, is being used to support our ministries and other needs here at OLMC.

May God’s blessings be upon all of you who participated during the past year in the AMA. The 2017 Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) will take place on Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12.

Lenten Suppers

We are just over a month away from the start of Lent. We are seeking volunteers to help with this year’s dinners. In addition to our stalwart supporters, we are hoping to see some new faces this year. If you can only help one night, that is fine. Sign-up sheets are in the rear of the church. For those interested we will have a strategy meeting on Tues., Feb. 7, at 6:00 pm.

We Welcome Our New Piano

We thank Dr. Richard Conklin for donating to the parish our new baby grand piano. We also want to recognize and thank Mr. Elsworth Gregory, our parishioner, for tuning the piano to its finest!

Grace Upon Grace



DIOCESIS OF MONTEREY

The very informative 50th Anniversary book on the History of our Diocese is available following Masses this weekend and in the Parish Office during the week.

Grace Upon Grace, the hardcover 50th anniversary book with glossy paper, 264 pages, full color, 10" x 10", is available at cost for \$30.

A second book entitled *Saint Junípero Serra—First Saint Proclaimed in the United States of America* is also available for \$10.

Liturgical Ministries

Please consider serving in one of our liturgical ministries. We have a special need for more parishioners to serve our community in one or more of the following ministries:

- Lectors (Proclaiming God's Word),
- Ministers of the Eucharist,
- Greeters of Hospitality/Ushers,
- Altar Servers,
- Music Ministry/11:15 am Choir.

Please speak with Fr. Dennis after Mass, or by calling or visiting the Parish Office, if you are willing to serve in one of these special ministries. Thank you.

Parish Registration

We are happy to have you with us! If you are new to the parish, or have never registered, please register by using the *Parish Registration Form* on the front page of the bulletin.

Second Collection Next Sunday—Feb. 5, 2017

Grounds and Building Maintenance Collection

Offertory Report 1/22/2017

Plate collection: \$2,288; 2nd collection: \$971; Building Fund: \$300; Hope's Pantry \$90; other: \$80; total deposit: \$3,729. (electronic now included in other categories). Thank you!

Mass Intentions - Jan. 21-27, 2017

Sat., 4:30 pm	+Gladys & +Alfonso Scarpetto
Sun., 9:00 am	+Mathias & +Elizabeth Ring +Dan Callinan
Sun., 11:15 am	Int. of O'Neil & Ortman Families +Max Tybroski, Jr. +Lorena Merino
Sun., 5:00 pm	Las Familias de la Parroquia
Wed., 7:00 am	+Edward & Agatha Wallack
Thur., 7:00 am	+Mayita & Mariano Davila
Fri., 7:00 am	Int. of the Stoney Family

NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Confesiones - Cada sábado a las 3:30 pm.

Bautismos, Bodas y Quinceañeras - Favor de hablar con el Padre Dennis.

Registración Parroquial - Favor de usar la forma de registración en la primera pagina del boletín para inscribirse en el registro parroquial. Muchas gracias.

50 Aniversario de la Diócesis de Monterey - Tenemos disponible un libro muy especial sobre la historia de la Diócesis por el costo de \$30. Estamos vendiendo el libro en la oficina parroquial y después de las Misas.

The Serra Club of the Monterey Peninsula

"Serrans accept as their responsibility the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. They possess a deep appreciation of the ministerial priesthood as being essential to the Church."—Saint John Paul II. To participate in Serra, contact Barbara Diamond at 601-8003.

Youth Corner

Check your attitude! Someone once described the Beatitudes as the "be-attitudes." The Beatitudes are a guide to making our attitudes more Christ-like. For example, sometimes we can be prideful—God invites us to be poor in spirit, or to be humble. Read Matthew 5:1-12 and see which Beatitude challenges you most, and pick one thing you can do to work toward living that "be-attitude"!

