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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— JANUARY 29TH, 2023**  
*‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy’*



Today’s reading is the beginning of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew’s Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls “blessed” and “happy” are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus’ blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

“Blessed” is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favored. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

## THE POPE’S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2023

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

## OUR WEEKLY INTENTIONS

For the victims of recent shootings here in California, for their grief-stricken families. We pray that mass shootings will never be normalized and that we will not become numb to these horrific acts of violence, *let us pray to the lord.*

For an end to the grueling, nearly year-long war in Ukraine. May you guide the leaders to find a genuine path to lasting peace. And may the people of Ukraine have strength to survive a freezing winter, *let us pray to the lord.*

For Peru, a country with political turmoil, now experiencing an outbreak of violence and killing of its protesting citizens. May stable leadership help Peruvians find a peaceful solution to this deadly conflict, *let us pray to the lord.*

## IV DOMINGO ORDINARIO- ÉNERO 29, 2023

*'Bienaventurados los misericordiosos, porque obtendrán misericordia'*

El Evangelio de hoy es el comienzo del Sermón de la Montaña de Jesús, que se encuentra en el Evangelio de Mateo. La forma de las Bienaventuranzas que se encuentran aquí no es exclusiva de Jesús. Las bienaventuranzas se encuentran en el Antiguo Testamento, en los salmos y en la literatura sapiencial. Son una forma de enseñar acerca de quién hallará el favor de Dios.

Rápidamente notamos en esta lectura que las personas a las que Jesús llama "bienaventuradas" y "felices" no son personas que consideramos bendecidas o felices. . . los pobres de espíritu, los mansos, los perseguidos. Este Evangelio es uno de inversiones. El plan de Jesús para la felicidad refleja poco de lo que el mundo podría llamar felicidad.

"Bendito" a veces se traduce como feliz, afortunado o favorecido. En otras palabras, Jesús está diciendo que el favor divino está sobre los pobres, los que lloran, los perseguidos. Esta noticia podría haber sido bienvenida y sorprendente para las multitudes que escucharon a Jesús ese día.

Las Bienaventuranzas pueden entenderse como un marco para la vida cristiana. Nuestra vocación como cristianos no es ser los primeros en este mundo, sino ser los primeros a los ojos de Dios. Al referirse a las cosas buenas que experimentarán los fieles, Mateo nos recuerda que aquellos que actúan de la manera descrita en las Bienaventuranzas encontrarán su recompensa en Dios.

### THE BLESSING OF THROATS—A CATHOLIC CUSTOM ON THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT BLAISE, FRI. FEB. 3RD NOON MASS



According to tradition, Blaise had been a doctor before he was ordained a priest. He became the bishop of Sebaste (now in central Turkey). During a period of persecution, he fled to a cave where he lived as a hermit. It is said that he cured and tamed the wild animals there. One day hunters discovered him and took him to the governor, who sentenced him to be tortured and killed.

About four hundred years after his death, many stories began to be told about Blaise, and he became a popular saint, especially in France and Germany. One legend says that while Blaise was in prison, a mother brought him her small boy, who was choking on a fishbone stuck in his throat. Blaise prayed over the child, and he was healed. Every year on St. Blaise's feast, two candles tied with ribbon in the shape of an X are used to bless throats. In the prayer the Church prays that those blessed may be delivered from diseases of the throat and from every other illness. Candles are used because of another story: It is said that while Blaise was kept in a dark prison, a woman secretly brought him some candles and food

Blaise is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints who were patrons for almost every aspect of life. People in the Middle Ages showed devotion to these saints as a group.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are starting our photographs for our parish directory after all masses this weekend. This is an important parish project to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OLMC in March. Please see Isabel in the hall after this mass to have your photo taken. We also need your contact info so please fill out the sheet in the rear of the church.
- This coming Friday, February 3rd is a First Friday. Please see the sign-up sheets at the rear of the church and consider spending a quiet hour with our Lord.
- Our area has been severely impacted by the recent storms. The rectory was almost crushed by a fallen tree that had to be removed, our fence has been severely damaged, two of our sheds developed roof leaks as did the rectory and the church roof gutters were partially destroyed. We will be taking a special "Storm Damage" maintenance collection next week to help us recover. We ask that you be generous as we recover and repair God's house.

# SCHEDULE

## Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

## Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English, 5:00 PM in Spanish

## Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

## Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:

10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

*“At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service.”* St. Teresa of Avila

# MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sat. Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>: 4:30pm: **Healing of Jim Powell**

### Mass in Cachagua

**7:00 pm: + Lina Nieto Rodriguez**

Sun. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 : + **Jim & Betty Smith**

11:15: + **Don Williams**

### NO 5PM SPANISH MASS

Wed. Feb. 1st 12:00: + **Nick & Alice Marasco**

Thurs. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00: + **Verna & Larry Rice**

Fri. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:00: + **Roman Selis**

***May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in***

# WEEKLY COLLECTION

**January 21-22, 2023**

General Fund and EFT: **\$3,952.79**

***Thank you for your generosity to our Parish Community***

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- Dede Woodhead (chair), Alondra Klemek (vice chair), Jeff Hawkins (secretary), Tess Arthur, J Concepción Jara, Tom Rowland, Trini Resendiz

## Finance Council

- Alex Gray (chair), Jim Rice (secretary), A.B. Introcaso, Jack McAleer, Ed Quinnan

## Faith Formation

- **First Communion:** Jennifer Bodner (1st year), Marilyn Morgadinho (2nd year)
- **Confirmation:** Tess Arthur (1st year), Alondra Klemek and Brisa Cabrera (2nd year)
- **RCIA / Adult Faith Formation:** John Condon

## Bereavement Ministry:

Trudy Dowd

## Manna Ministry:

Janice Hawkins

## Human Trafficking

Brendan Cook

## Parish Hall & Kitchen Rental:

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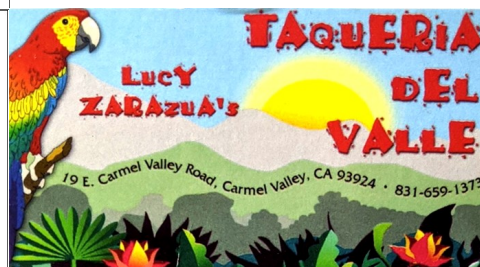
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