



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 13, 2022**

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.”  
— Luke 6:20-21a

**FEELING BLESSED**

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are “raised from the dead,” as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today?  
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**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

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O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Reflection question:**

How can I allow God's grace to fashion me into a pleasing dwelling for the Lord?

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13  
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26  
 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33  
 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1  
 Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13  
 Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day  
 Monday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day  
 Thursday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**Finance Corner: Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!**



For the month of February offerings: PLEASE put in Mass collection box or mail to St. Philip/St. Teresa Parish, P. O. Box 339, Occidental CA 95465. Or donate at our website [www.stphilipstteresa.org](http://www.stphilipstteresa.org) via Paypal or card. Please include your offering envelope # [if you have one] with your donation. 2/13: no 2<sup>nd</sup> collection. 2/20: Capital Expenditures.

**Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:**

**Parish Council [PC]:** TBA  
**Finance Council [FC]:** Tues. 3/01/22, at 3:30pm on Zoom  
**Liturgy Committee [LC]:** Fri., 4/1/22, at 9:45am in Hall  
**St. Teresa Ladies Guild:** Contact Diane, 823-6044  
**St. Philip Ladies Guild:** Contact Penny, 559-367-7403

**✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule 2022**

2/12 Sat. 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith  
 2/13 Sun. 8am Mass ✠ Denis & Josephine Poynter  
 2/13 Sun. 9:30am Mass ✠ Cooky McHugh  
 2/13 Sun. 11:15am Mass for the People  
 2/19 Sat. 5pm Mass ✠ Bob Tiller  
 2/20 Sun. 8am Mass ✠ Hugh Peterson  
 2/20 Sun. 9:30am Mass ✠ Patrick McManus  
 2/20 Sun. 11:15am Mass Papke family; ✠ Deborah Marcellus

**Prayer Requests: Please leave a message at 707-408-2650.**

Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Fred P., Theresa S., Sara, Mary Anne P., Barbara, Dave C., Jim P., William, Parson P., Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Michael D., Richard M., Kathleen, Peter, Rosa S., Susan B., Joyce D., Anita C., George H., Mimi H., Steve, Barry, Hugh P., Robert S., Britney N., Chuck, Rebecca A., April K., Jacinta G., Leo A., Ed C. family, Kathy R., Donna W., Sherry S., Gail F., Marie N., Christine, James G., Gary S., Peter R., Gerry N., Diane K., River M.; Nikkie; Mr. C., Michelle, Christian A., Samantha S., Gary E.

**RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for February 2022**

Tuesday, February 8, brought lots of warm sunshine and 60 families (136 individuals) who were all smiles as they selected fresh produce, milk, eggs, poultry, beef, fish or vegetarian items, commodities, snacks and bread, including a wonderful selection from our local Wildflour Bakery and some sweet kiwi fruit from a local resident's garden. Clients broke out into more smiles as each was presented with Valentine roses, a donation from our volunteers. We continue to have an increase in attendance each month. All are welcome to receive nutritional support from our Program.

**We are collecting jackets and sweatshirts for our clients-see separate notice in this bulletin.**

We have opened the hall to in-person shopping for clients who follow COVID guidelines while inside. This allows clients to be selective in choosing specific foods from our program for their families.

If you are aware of a family which needs nutritional assistance, please let them know about our program. Leave a message at the parish office, (707) 408-2650 to get a call back with additional information and to answer your questions.

This program is funded through monthly Rural Food Collection, private donations and the dedicated, awesome volunteers. Thank you for your generous donations as we strive to meet the nutritional needs of all attendees at our food distributions.  
**RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in Parish Hall /parking area:** Saturday, March 5, 9-10:00 am repackaging; Monday, March 7, 9:00 – 11:00am set up; Tuesday, March 8, 7:30-11:00am distribution .



[Cordelia and Lord Marchmain](#)

## She also told him about the sacred monkeys in the Vatican

Rex Mottram (in Evelyn Waugh's [Brideshead Revisited](#)) would do anything to marry Julia Flyte, the daughter of Lady Marchmain. He would even convert to the family's Catholicism, though he was the freest of free thinkers. So he began instructions under Fr. Mowbray. But his eagerness to accept everything worried the priest. Was he sincere or trying to hasten the wedding? There would be moments when the priest would ask what he meant by prayer and Rex would say, "I don't mean anything. You tell me." Then Fr. Mowbray would briefly explain prayer and Rex would say, "Right! So much for prayer. What's the next thing?"

So Cordelia, the younger sister of Julia, decided to have fun. She began to share with Rex other items of Catholic belief, like Catholics slept with their feet pointed East because it was the direction of heaven, and if you die in the night you can walk there. She also told him about the sacred monkeys in the Vatican – and if you put a one pound note in the poor box with someone's name on it, that person went straight to hell. This shook Rex's resolve. Rex complained to Fr. Mowbray who later told Cordelia, "You've very considerably increased my work." Cordelia, of course, was one of those still medieval souls whose universe was so saturated with God that she couldn't resist toying with an agnostic like Rex.

Which reminds me of a joke. A fellow noticed a sign in a store window which said, "Talking Dog For Sale." He entered and asked the storekeeper, "Where is this talking dog?" The storekeeper pointed to a corner. The fellow approached the dog curiously and said, "Can you really talk?" The dog snapped back,

"Of course I can talk! In fact the CIA once used me as a spy." The fellow rushed back to the storekeeper: "How much do you want for that dog?" "We'll settle for ten dollars?" "You'd sell that dog for only ten dollars?" The storekeeper looked a bit perplexed for a moment and then said, "Oh! Come on now! Don't tell me you believe that story about his being a spy. He tells that to everybody." Now I know one should never analyze a joke, but what's funny about that joke is the customer's sudden realization that only he seems surprised about a talking dog. The storekeeper isn't. He takes talking dogs for granted. He may not believe everything they say, but that a dog can talk? Hey, what's your problem?

Once people lived in an Age of Faith. Now we live in an Age where we're taught to doubt anything that hasn't been laboratory tested. Only thus can we escape illusion to live in a factual world. To which Cordelia might reply: "Only then will you enjoy a universe that has become a vacant house, as silent as a tomb. No talking dogs. But what's worse, no talking God, no poets speaking to us down through the ages by way of the sun and moon and stars, no sense of nature trying or somehow ready to converse with us by way of not only science but by teasing our imaginations, intuitions, our sense of having roots like trees that reach deep and touch upon whoever thought up this universe we live in – whatever may be the source of our unique power of language to serve as the voice of all things bright and beautiful .. The prophet Jeremiah would imagine Rex as one who has become like *a barren bush in the desert / that enjoys no change of season, / but stands in a lava waste, / a salt and empty earth.*

--Geoff Wood, 2/13/22

Rural Food Program Volunteers are collecting sweatshirts and jackets for our clients. Child and adult sizes are needed.

Please leave your donation of jackets and sweatshirts in the marked bins at the back of either church until Sunday, March 6. We will distribute the items to our Rural Food clients on March 8.

**Clothing Donation**



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**Liturgy note:** If you have some at home, bring prior years' holy palms back to church soon, to be recycled into ashes before this year's Ash Wednesday service. Thank you.