

1. What is the meaning of Massah and Meribah?
2. How was Moses able to keep his hands steady until sunset?
3. Name the two sons of Moses and the meaning of their names?
4. What was the role of minor judges appointed by Moses as suggested by his father-in-law?
5. When did the Israelites arrive in the desert of Sinai?
6. While Moses was speaking with God, in what way did God answer him?
7. If you take the name of the Lord in vain, what will happen to you?
8. Why did the Lord bless the Sabbath day and made it holy?
9. What was the reward if you honor your father and mother?
10. What is the meaning of the phrase, "I choose for the remembrance of my name"?

**Today I Will:**

Lean on God, knowing that I'm nothing without Him.  
Bring my sorrows to the Father.  
Do my work quietly and humbly.  
Let prayer fill my emptiness.  
Perform an act of mercy.  
Keep my heart centered in Jesus.  
Lay my problems in God's hands and share the peace this brings.  
Give thanks for my freedom to worship.  
Value God's approval above that of man. AMEN!

**The Beatitudes & Modern Saints**

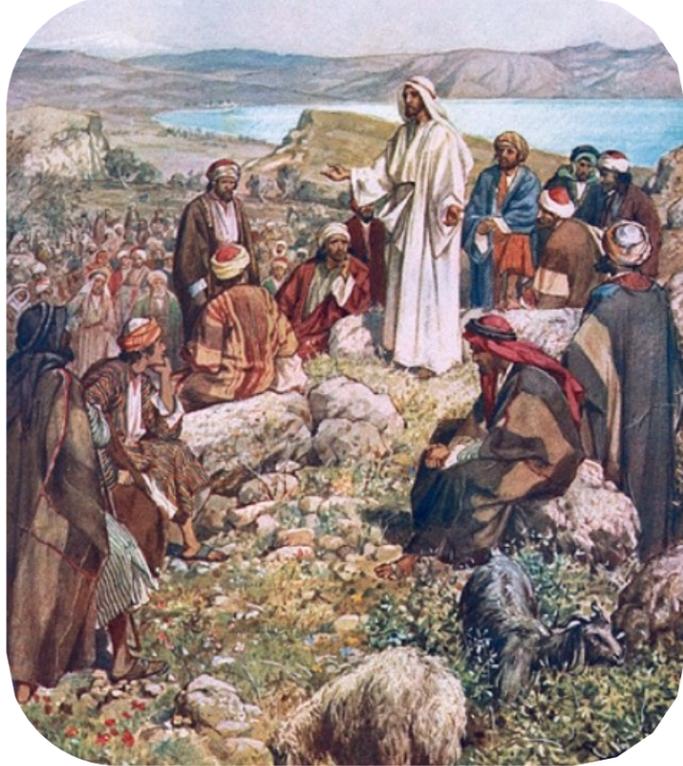
<p><i>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." -Matthew 5:3</i></p>  <p><b>St. Teresa of Calcutta</b></p>	<p><i>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." -Matthew 5:4</i></p>  <p><b>St. Padre Pio</b></p>	<p><i>~Matthew 5:1-2 "Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them." ~Matthew 5:1-2</i></p>
<p><i>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." -Matthew 5:5</i></p>  <p><b>St. Thérèse of Lisieux</b></p>	<p><i>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." -Matthew 5:6</i></p>  <p><b>St. Edith Stein</b></p>	<p><i>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." -Matthew 5:7</i></p>  <p><b>Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati</b></p>
<p><i>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." -Matthew 5:8</i></p>  <p><b>St. Gianna Beretta Molla</b></p>	<p><i>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." -Matthew 5:9</i></p>  <p><b>St. John Paul II</b></p>	<p><i>"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." -Matthew 5:10</i></p>  <p><b>St. Maximilian Kolbe</b></p>

**St. Bernadette Catholic Church**  
**Bayou Vista**  
**February 16, 2025**



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**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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Email: talphonse@diolaf.org

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**Bookkeeper:** Lois Bosworth  
Mon. 8:30am - 3:30pm, Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am - 12pm  
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Wed./Thurs. 8:30am - 3:30pm  
**Church & Rectory House Keeper:** Melinda Frederick  
Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 8:30am - 12pm  
**Maintenance:** Kim Meranta - Wednesday

**Sacraments**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Saturday 3:15 - 3:50pm;  
Sundays and weekdays 20 minutes before Mass.

**Sacrament of Baptism:**  
Contact the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor, at the parents' convenience, one month prior to the desired Baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after 10:30am Mass.

**Sacrament of Marriage:**  
Couples wishing to get married should call the office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding to begin the marriage preparation.

**Marriage annulment:**  
Contact the pastor for easy guidance.

**Anointing the Sick:**  
Call during office hours to schedule an appointment.

**Youth Faith Formation:**  
Classes begin in Sept. and end in April on Wednesdays.  
Grades Kindergarten - 5th — 3:15pm to 4:30pm  
Grades 6th—Confirmation — 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

**Holy Mass**

Weekends: Saturday - Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am  
Weekdays: Tuesday - Friday 12:10 pm

 **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** Monday, February 17th, at 6:30 pm in the rectory.

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# Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, February 18th**  
 †John Ourso †Danny Peterson.

**Wednesday, February 19th**  
**8:00 am**  
 †Souls in Purgatory.

**Thursday, February 20th**  
**12:10 pm**  
 †John Ourso  
 †Danny Peterson.

**Friday, February 21st**  
**12:10 pm**  
 †Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Saturday, February 22nd**  
**Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm**

†NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Clarence & Ella Walker  
 †Yvonne Anne Adams †Joseph Hernandez †Floyd Verret  
 †David Stansbury †Velma & Eldridge Williams †Thomas Rivet, Jr  
 †Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV †Ray LaHoste, Jr  
 †Raymond LaHoste, Sr †Mary Bernard Blanchard †Peggy & Albert Hebert †Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr. †Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

**Sunday, February 23rd**  
**7:30 am**  
 †Albert Solet †Luke Gulliot †Maria & Ruben Trevino  
 †Ruby & Roland Crappell †Kelly Dupre, Sr.  
 †William "Billy" Kennerson.

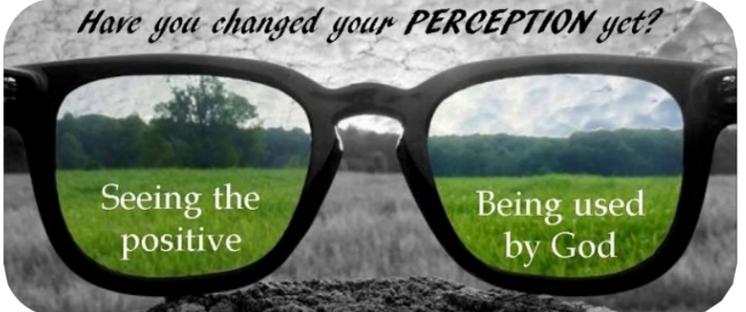
**10:30 am**  
 †Rose Lipari †Terry Wiggins †Ruth Wiggins  
 †Carlo Streva, Sr †Alice & Lester Waguespack  
 †Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased  
 †Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased.

Jonathan Delatte,  
 Chris Hardy,  
 Nick Gardemal,  
 Matt Bosworth, Cameron Campos, Matthew S. Landry, Luke Zweigle, Kadin Dinger, Caleb Von Buelow, Bart Von Buelow, Rebecca Rotolo, Jennifer Hebert, Jonathan Jenson, Logan Gros, Liam Guillotte, Elise Buonopane, Alex Mund, Jonah Foreman, Carson LeBlanc.



**Together We Pray**

Gerald Hotard, AnnaLee Daigle, Kevin Theriot, James Bergeron, Kenny Guillot, Daisy Roberts & Family, Don Campos, Alice Waguespack, Susan Legendre, Darryl Dimaggio, Alice Boudreaux, Michael Silva, Ryan Arcemont, Karen Duhon, Maddi Duhon, Mynette Zimmer, Jane Mayo, Dalton Dupree, Lisa Morel, Mary Ann Lambert Adams, Elma Braus, Cherie Schlatve, Matt Braus, Nelwyn LaHoste, Jamie Huffman, Maria McGinnis, Sonya Meranta, Wilson Acosta, Sr., Christie Mayea, Steve Meranta, Kenny Meranta, JY & Elaine Mula, Benny Castalano, Audie Pete, Blaine St. Romain, Robert David, Jr, Robert Paul David, Gert Simoneaux, Kristi Wisdom, Juanita Prestenbach, Barbara Rivet, Rosa Rosaro, Bill Vincent, Judy Cornwell, Ella Ryker, Brenda Dawson, Mike Reed, Rhodes Family, Jaret Matte, Carl Written, Mary Liles, Jean Derise, Barry Clark, Ross Mire, Ina Miller, Greg Verret, Father Wilber Todd, Don Pierratti, Doug Pillsbury, Aubry "Poochie" Sutton, Paul Wooten, Merian Rock., Horace Pete, Jr., Carolina Rodrigue, Dwayne Meranta, Ernie Meranta, Darlene Aucoin, David Rossen, Whybra Duay, Stuart Aucoin, Andy Robichaux, Robin Bailey Jeansonne, Grue Hotard, Vanessa Solet, Dawn Spinella, Laila Claire Gardemal, Cynthia Athinson, Logan Gros, Seth Hepler, Ella Ryker, Special Intentions



**FAITH FORMATION Gospel Weeklies**  
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In this week's Gospel, Luke gives us the Beatitudes taught by Jesus. Blessed are the poor, the hungry, those who weep, those who are hated and rejected by others because of Jesus. Throughout his Gospel, Luke calls attention to those who live in physical poverty—people without enough food, without clothes or shelter. He teaches us that the poor, the sorrowing, the hungry, and the persecuted have a place in the Kingdom of God.

As we learn to see through God's eyes, we are asked to reassess our notions of happiness and success. In the Kingdom of God, welcoming the poor, comforting the sorrowing, and respecting all people are the marks of success—not gaining riches or status.

Talk about how the Beatitudes challenge the ideas of your family's success. Who are the poor today, and how can we hear their cries? Let us all pray to be more like those who Jesus says are blessed in the eyes of God.

God Bless! BW, DRE

**Eight Laws of Public Health**

Some years ago, a panel of doctors was appointed by the Federal government to meet together and draw up eight laws of public health that could be printed in pamphlet form and distributed to the public. After twelve days of exhaustive meetings, the doctors were unable to come to a consensus. It seems that their areas of concern were too diverse: one was a cancer specialist, one a cardiologist, one a psychiatrist, and they all approached the problem from their own discipline. The chest expert was concerned about coal dust from the mines and lint from textile mills, while the psychiatrist was concerned about the effects of urban stress. Finally, Dr. Harold Sladen from a hospital in Detroit came up with an appropriate idea. He said: "Let's just republish the Eight *Beatitudes* of Jesus and simply replace the word **Blessed** with the word **Healthy!**"

**If I only had that...**

Father Louis Everly, a noted Belgian theologian, priest, and writer says that so many people never find happiness because they do not know where to look for it. Too many people make the mistake of seeking one more material thing, one more pay raise, one more promotion, one more problem solved, one more handicap overcome. "If only I had that," they often say, "I would be happy." Too late they learn that happiness does not come from the outside but from within. Howard Hughes was one of the wealthiest men who ever lived but he could not buy contentment or peace of mind. That is the first thing that is evident as we view the Beatitudes. Happiness is not synonymous with the pursuit of pleasure.

**THE BEATITUDES**

(CCC 1716) The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching. They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfill the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of heaven:

- ✓ Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
- ✓ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ✓ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.
- ✓ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
- ✓ Blessed are the merciful, for will be shown mercy.
- ✓ Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
- ✓ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ✓ Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Don't you believe the Bible?**

Sometime before she died, someone had the audacity to ask St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), "Why do you spend so much energy on the poor, the hungry, and the weeping of those in Calcutta?" She responded, "Jesus says the poor are the blessed ones. I take him at his word. I treat them as the royalty of God's kingdom, because they are."

To grow into becoming a Christian is, in no small part, to be converted into seeing the world as God sees it. It is to be given new eyes to look upon people and events from an eternally loving perspective. When that begins to happen, you begin to see that God has an opinion about how life should be lived, what churches should be doing, and how people should act. You begin to see that the future belongs to those whom God blesses. They include the poor, the hungry, the hopeless, the damaged, and those whose only salvation is found in the God who comes to redeem.

**St. Bernadette Church Offerings**  
**February 8-9, 2025**

Offering.....\$3,741.00  
 Insurance.....\$588.00  
 BSA.....\$484.00  
 Thank you for your generosity!

**Liturgical Ministries**

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min of Comm.	Altar Servers
Saturday Feb. 22	4:00 pm	Judy Brannon	Kathleen Louviere	Kathleen Louviere	
Sunday Feb. 23	7:30 am	John Trevino	Francis Bergeron	----	
	10:30 am	Jenny Guillot	F.F. Students	Jenny/Joe Guillot	Rickey Christina Dylan Connor

**The Beatitude Life**

- THE POOR IN SPIRIT** Embracing our need for God.
- THE MOURNERS** Experiencing God's comfort in our pain.
- THE MEEK** Choosing humble submissiveness over ambition and authority.
- THE HUNGRY FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS** Longing for God to make all things new.
- THE MERCIFUL** Extending God's incredible compassion and mercy.
- THE PURE IN HEART** Making our hearts fully God's, in all we think, say and do.
- THE PEACEMAKERS** Bringing healing, togetherness, and fullness to our world.
- THE PERSECUTED** Following Jesus no matter what the cost.

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God.  
 Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.  
 Blessed are you who are hated and rejected by men now, because of the name of the Son of Man.  
 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in Heaven.  
 For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.  
 LUKE 6:20-23