

Rich in Poverty: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament.

That wisdom is summed up with marvelous symmetry in today's First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law—will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their "trust in human beings," are cursed to wither and die.

Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state.

The rich are "the insolent" of today's Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord.

We've already seen today's dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary's Magnificat. There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted (see Luke 1:45–55, also 16:19–31).

That's the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty, we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying "on account of the Son of Man," we find everlasting life.

The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life.

But not only that. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we're to be pitied if our hope is "for this life only."

The blessings of God mean that we'll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile (see Psalm 126:1–2), feast at the heavenly table of the Lord (see Psalm 107:3–9), "leap for joy" as John the Baptist leapt in his mother's womb (see Luke 6:23; 1:41, 44), and rise with Christ, "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.".

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Upcoming Celebrations ************************************					
Sat.	Feb. 15	10 AM Tatagwa	Anthony Mathews +		
		5 PM Mass 7 PM St Mary's	Lloyd Maier + James Sidloski Int.		
Sun.	Feb. 16	9 AM Mass	Joel Presto +		
		11 AM Mass	Ray, Phil & Al Potié &		
			Ray Stepp		
Mon.	Feb. 17	No Mass			
Tues.	Feb. 18	10 AM Funeral	Annie Paslawski +		
		Mass			
Wed.	Feb. 19	9 AM Mass	John Slepanki +		
Thurs	Feb. 20	9 AM Mass	Vincent Kaszynski +		
		10 AM Parkway	Charles & Betty Simon +		
Fri.	Feb. 21	12:10 Mass	Brielle & Ellisyn Goski		
			Int.		
Sat.	Feb. 22	10 AM Tatagwa	Rita Sidloski +		
		1PM Funeral	Virginia Vogel +		
		Mass			
		5 PM Mass	Brian & Donna Winter &		
			Family		
		7 PM St Mary's	Joseph & Florence Ball +		
Sun.	Feb. 23	9 AM Mass	Alice, Daniel & Jeremy		
			Hawrish Int.		
		11 AM Mass	Procopio Nogaliza +		

<u>Practice for the Youth Choir</u> will not hold on Thursday, February 20th.

<u>The next classes for Sacramental Prep</u> will be held February 23rd & 24th at 6:30pm.

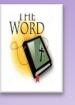
<u>Returning Last Year's Palms</u> – Parishioners with palms from last year's Palm Sunday who wish to have them returned, can do so after any mass in the parish or at the parish office during office hours on or before February 28, 2025. Thank you.

<u>Weekend Masses</u> will return to the usual schedule of 5pm on Sat., 9am and 11am on Sunday starting from **Feb. 15th** and **16th**. Mass at St Mary's, Tribune at 7pm on Sat. will also resume on **Feb. 15th**.

St. Mary's Tribune: Thank you all who contributed to the Annual Archbishop's Appeal. Our parish Goal was \$2165.00 and we contrbuted \$1150.00. 53%

<u>Welcome to the newest members of the Church</u>, Jacob Roven Santos Bernales Maria, Daughter of Jesse Randell Maria and Chrysalis Bernales, who was baptized into Faith February 16, 2025.

Lost & Found Items - We have found several items in the church lately, including jewelry, water bottles etc. If you are looking for something there is a labelled tote on the coat rack in the foyer and smaller items are in the office.



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jeremiah 17:5-8. Psalm 1: 1-4, 6. 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20. Luke 6:17, 20-26

Heavenly Father, direct your healing toward our loved ones who suffer and who believe that you can and will restore them to full health. We call them by name: Fran Messer, Ev Corbin, Mary Jarvis, Reece Gordon Maxwell and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the family and friends of Brenda Kosir, Annie Paslawski, Stanley Lonoway, father of Wes Lonoway, and Roy Klein, brother of Ron Klein. The thoughts and prayers of your church family are with you.

Community Hot Meal Program: A huge thank you to

everyone who provided the food and volunteered for February's hot meal. It was very appreciated!



Miracle Stories from Lourdes: Join the Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee on Feb 26 at 6:30pm as we share some of the miraculous healing stories from the famous Marian apparition site at Lourdes, France. We'll explore the stories of a train crash victim who was on the brink of death when he arrived at Lourdes, a war veteran whose body was mangled with wounds, a blind and paralyzed child, and others. Miracles are real. Reignite your faith in Our Lord, Our Lady, and the miraculous. See you there!

<u>CWL Giving Campaign:</u> We invite everyone to join us by contributing. We are currently seeking donations of **HYGIENE PRODUCTS**; Most needed are shampoo, bars of soap, body wash etc. There is a tote near to door in the church foyer. All donations go to the Salvation Army, Weyburn.

Parish Ministries: You are encouraged to share your talent by joining one or more of our many ministries here at our parish. Also, help is needed in many areas in the parish. Please, prayerfully consider where you can be of service. Call the office to sign up.

Welcome Back Father Valentine! - We hope you had a wonderful holiday. We are so grateful to have you back!

Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a New Parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on a table in the fover!

As well, if any parishioner has changed their address, phone number etc., please inform the office.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit: February 16, 2025 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

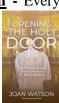
"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." - LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

James' Pick of the Week

Opening the Holy Door by Joan Watson - Every

twenty-five years the bronze Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica is ceremonially opened. This book examines the sixteen panels on the door and the salvation story they depict. Whether you're preparing to visit Rome for the 2025 Jubilee Year, or



simply doing an armchair pilgrimage from home, these reflections will serve as spiritual companions for the journey. Now available in the Parish Library. Pro Libris!



CWL "TALKING POINTS"

INCLUSIVE Catholic Women's League members are a mosaic of women inclusive of all ages and cultures. Add your fabric to our quilt. Your place is among us.

CWL ANNUAL & General Meeting has been postponed to Tuesday Feb. 25 at 1pm at McKenna Hall. This is an important meeting as we will be voting on the budget for 2025. We hope to see a huge turnout for this meeting. Just a friendly reminder for CWL members who haven't yet paid for 2025. CWL fees of \$45 are now due for 2025. Please put fees in an envelope clearly labelled "CWL FEES" and place them in the collection basket at Church or drop them off at the Church office. Etransfer is also an option. Please send etransfers to camille.goski@sasktel.net

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

This week on FORMED, we have:

1. Personal Apostolate - Every Catholic is called to share their faith — and there are simple, easy ways to do this. No megaphones needed. Just start the journey of discipleship with two friends. This episode's focus is sharing our faith with others.



2. Saint Peter - Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



3. Peter: Keys to Following Jesus by Tim Gray -Renowned scholar Dr. Tim Gray masterfully guides you through the tumultuous and inspiring life of Peter—from his call to discipleship to his eventual martyrdom in Rome.



Using Sacred Scripture and tradition, Dr. Gray highlights important lessons from Peter's life.



We will be having a Parish Family Day Celebration on Sun. Feb 16th, 2025, with Polka Music during 11am mass. More of the Celebration follows that day at **2pm** in McKenna Hall featuring dance, cake, coffee, juice, snacks & chips on the table. The music at the 11am mass and at Mckenna will be by Jason Stepp. It would be a wonderful way to teach your kids to dance. Come everyone. It is free for all ages.





Stewardship Time & Talent February 15 & 16, 2025						
	Saturday 5 PM Sunday					
Readers	Lloyd Zyla	Patsy Ernst Lynn Colquhoun	Jennifer Woodard Val Wing			
Eucharistic Ministers	Cecile Sellinger Dolores Herring	Marcel Bauche, Yvonne Kerr, Doreen Verbeurgt	Elaine Nielsen, Jeannine Chapman, Yvette Bauche			
Acolytes	Bruno Tuchscherer Frankie & Charlie Ernst	Frank Porte, Leon Ligith, Christon Ligith	Mel VanBetuw, Dave Alcalde, Austin Davies			
Power Point		Gerry Langlois				
Hospitality	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten Bonnie & Frank Kaip	Richard & Celine Wawro Omer & Chris Marcotte Yvonne Kerr	Pat Wolensky, Charleen Keen			
Children's Liturgy			Alaina Hilkewich			
Counters	Nick Coroluick, Terr Biss					
Choir	5pm Choir	9am Choir	Jason Step			
Stewardship of Time & Talent - February 22 & 23, 2025						
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM			
Readers	Wendy Sidloski Ingri Roman	Stafford Nimegeers Dolores Herring	Theresa Istace Ingri Roman			
Eucharistic Ministers	Dorothy Lawrenz Derek Redman	Susan Kot, Jean Woodard, Chris Marcotte	Danette Tracey, Val Wing Judy Van Betuw			
Acolytes	Stella Hoffart, Kurt & Ken Beroy	Alexander Recto Chris Dayaan	Gordon Rutten, Chimdalu & Kamsi Ejoifor			
Power Point		Gerry Langlois				
Hospitality	Yvonne Dzuba Danielle Smith	Ken & Susan Kot Lynn & Kevin Colquhoun	Lionel Wanner, Norm Mondor, Fran Messer, Joe Glaab			
Children's Liturgy			Dawn Purdue			
Counters	Joanne Babiarz, Wendy Pitre, Christie McKenzie, Rosanne Mantei					
Choir	5pm Choir	9am Choir	11am Choir			

Parish Council Members: Chair - Marga Cugnet, Wendy Sidloski, Bernice Driscoll, Nhar Pinon, Ron Wormsbecker, Jason Vinck, Deanery Rep. - Pat Wolensky, Secretary – Val Wing/Bernard Omem, Parish Finance Chairperson – Pamela Haupstein, CWL Rep. – Velma Hoffman, K of C Rep.- Aime Isabey/Richard Wick, SAFF- Camille Goski, Stewardship- Elaine Nielsen, Social Justice- Wendy Sidloski, Building & Grounds - Mel Van Betuw

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<u>Sacraments:</u> Baptism and Reconciliation – Contact the parish office Matrimony – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior.

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