

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, February 14, 2010
11:00 am**

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and all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Jeremiah 17: 5-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Unhappy is he who trusts in man; happy the man who trusts in the Lord.

Thus says the Lord: Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1: 1-2, 3, 4, 6

R: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on his law day and night.

R: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. [Whatever he does, prospers.]

R: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the Lord watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.

R: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Reading II

I Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how is it that some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, then Christ was not raised; and if Christ was not raised, your faith is worthless. You are still in your sins, and those who have fallen asleep in Christ are the deadest of the dead. If our hopes in Christ are limited to this life only, we are the most pitiable of men.

But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Alleluia Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.**

Gospel

Luke 6: 17, 20-26

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor; their reward will be great.

When Jesus came down the mountain, he stopped at a level stretch where there were many of his disciples; a large crowd of people was with them from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. Then, raising his eyes to his disciples, he said:

*"Blest are you poor, the reign of God is yours.
Blest are you who hunger; filled you shall be.
Blest are you who are weeping; you shall laugh,
Blest shall you be when men hate you, when they
ostracize you and insult you and proscribe
your name as evil because of the Son of Man.
On the day they do so, rejoice and exult, for
your reward shall be great in heaven.
Thus it was that their fathers treated the prophets.*

*But woe to you rich, for your consolation is now.
Woe to you who are full; you shall go hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now; you shall weep in your grief.
Woe to you when all speak well of you. Their fathers
treated the false prophets in just this way."*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit
The World of the Beatitudes

[Luke 6: 17, 20-26]

Jesus Christ in his Sermon on the Mount brings the Word of God to “the little ones”, the poor, who have no one to trust in but God.

In the beatitudes Jesus announces the program for his followers. Jesus Christ faced people with a radical choice in order to follow him. He calls them to choose to live by the values of the Kingdom – poverty of spirit, cleanness of heart, the capacity to show mercy, the ability to suffer in the cause of right, and in all this to have a complete trust in God. The seekers of the Kingdom of God must depart from worldly standards and worldly values: pursuing money with madness, seeking pleasures and popularity for the price of sin, and power and prestige for the price of truth.

When Jesus Christ says, ‘Blessed are the poor’, he is not giving a blessing to starvation and misery. Starvation and misery is evil often as a result of human greed and the insensitivity of human hearts.

Jesus blesses those who put their trust in God. Those who put their trust in human things will be disappointed. Jeremiah blankly states: “Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh.” The person who wants to belong to himself alone and does not want to depend on anyone else is not fit for the Kingdom of God. We see that more and more our present world wants to exist on its own, free from the domination of God. God has entrusted the world to man, and now man wants to dispose God out and exist on it own as he likes. Jeremiah says that cursed is that man.

Only God can fill our emptiness. Only God can satisfy the hunger of our hearts. But often God is the last one on earth people turn to, rather than the first.

“Woe to the rich.” The rich rely on their riches. For them it’s this world that matters.

Those who trust in God are like a tree planted beside a flowing river. The poor in spirit always bring their needs before God, and they do that with great trust.

Amen.

The Communion

Welcome to participation in the Holy Eucharist. By receiving Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be baptized, should not be conscious of grave sin, and normally should fast for one to two hours. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession.

We always welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions separating us.

Announcements for February 14, 2010

The parish committee will meet today after coffee hour.

*Nominations of candidates for the officers, trustees, and auditors of the parish must be received **no later than next Sunday, February 21**. If you have not yet done so, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee (Father Madej, Mary Ann Greenfield, Maureen Navatka, and Richard Zalewski). Any active adult member of Holy Cross parish in good standing may nominate a candidate for any of the officer positions [parish chairman, parish vice chairman, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer], for trustees, for auditors (3 needed), for parish tribunal (2 needed) and for next year's nominating committee. (All nominees must be members in good standing in the parish.) Thank you.*

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Catherine Sztecmiler, who passed away this past Monday. Her funeral mass was held yesterday at 11:00 a.m. May she rest in peace.

Weekly Calendar

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| Monday, February 15 | PRESIDENTS' DAY |
| Tuesday, February 16 | 57 th Anniversary of Death, sp. Prime Bishop Francis Hodur |
| Wednesday, February 17 | 5:00 Holy Mass with distribution of ashes ASH WEDNESDAY – Lent begins |
| Thursday, February 18 | 5:30 pm Weight Watchers meeting |
| Sunday, February 21 | Lent 1 Intention: +Catherine Sztecmiler Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carrigan |
| | 10:30 Bible Study for children |
| | 11:00 Holy Mass |
| | 12:15 Coffee Hour |

Sunday, February 28 Annual Meeting following Holy Mass

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| Saturday, March 20 | Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner 4:30 – 7:00 pm |
| Saturday, April 17 | Ham dinner 4:30 – 7:00 pm |
| Sunday, April 18 | Swieconka dinner following Holy Mass |
| Saturday, May 15 | Meatloaf dinner 4:30 – 7:00 pm |

Monthly Financial Summary

| Week of | Weekly Income | Weekly Income Needed | Balance |
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| February 7 | \$535 | \$642 | -\$107 |
| TOTAL | \$535 | \$642 | -\$107 |