

# ST. MARY CHURCH

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THIS IS CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS WEEK.

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# Worship Aid for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Prayer for Vocations



Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

## Entrance Hymn

## Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,  
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,  
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way.  
We are the old— who yearn for your face,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth.



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,  
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,  
Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;  
Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

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## Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and  
in what I have failed to do,  
*And striking their breast, they say:*  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask  
blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.  
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.  
Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.  
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on  
earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore  
you, we glorify you, we give you thanks  
for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father, you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us; you take away  
the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you  
alone are the Lord, you alone are the  
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy  
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger. But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD: the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Response

### Psalm 146



Bless-ed the poor in spir-it; the king-dom of heav-en is theirs!  
It is the LORD who preserves fidelity forever,  
does justice to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the LORD who sets prisoners free. *R.*  
It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,  
the LORD who raises up those who  
are bowed down.  
It is the LORD who loves the just,  
the LORD who protects the stranger. *R.*  
The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, from age to age.  
Alleluia! *R.*

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## Second Reading

1 Cor 1:26-31

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

Mt 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they 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 they 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

**All make a profound bow:**  
*and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## Offertory Hymn

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where  
there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And  
there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And  
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.  
dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -



soled as to con - sole. To be un - der - stood as to un - der -



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

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Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Recessional Hymn

### Lead Me, Lord

## Communion Hymn

## We Come to Your Feast



1. We place up - on your ta - ble a gleam - ing cloth of  
 2. We place up - on your ta - ble a hum - ble loaf of  
 3. We place up - on your ta - ble a sim - ple cup of  
 4. We gath - er 'round your ta - ble, we pause with - in our



white: the weav - ing of our sto - ries,  
 bread: the gift of field and hill - side,  
 wine: the fruit of hu - man la - bor,  
 quest, we stand be - side our neigh - bors,



the fab - ric of our lives; the dreams of those be -  
 the grain by which we're fed; we come to taste the  
 the gift of sun and vine; we come to taste the  
 we name the stran - ger "guest." The feast is spread be -



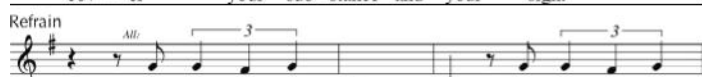
fore us, the an - cient hope - ful cries,  
 pres - ence of him on whom we feed,  
 pres - ence of him we claim as Lord,  
 fore us; you bid us come and dine:



the prom - ise of our fu - ture: our need - ing and our  
 to strength - en and con - nect us, to chal - lenge and cor -  
 his dy - ing and his liv - ing, his lead - ing and his  
 in bless - ing we'll un - cov - er, in shar - ing we'll dis -



nur - ture lie here be - fore our eyes.  
 rect us, to love in word and deed.  
 giv - ing, his love in cup out - poured.  
 cov - er your sub - stance and your sign.



We come to your feast, we come to your



feast: the young and the old, the fright - ened, the



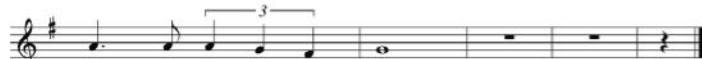
bold, the great - est and the least. We come to your



feast, we come to your feast



with the fruit of our lands and the work of our



hands, we come to your feast.

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 Tune: Michael Joncas, 8/1951  
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1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,  
 for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.

Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,  
 and the meek shall come to rule the world.

### Refrain

*Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,  
 by the light of truth  
 to seek and to find the narrow way.  
 Be my way; be my truth;  
 be my life, my Lord,  
 and lead me, Lord, today.*

2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,  
 and the pure in heart shall see their God.

Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,  
 for I say they shall be satisfied.

### Refrain

3. Blest are they who through their lifetimes  
 sow the seeds of peace;  
 all will call them children of the Lord.  
 Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,  
 for in heaven, great is your reward.

### Refrain

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

**St. Cecilia (Oakley):** Saturday 3:30 PM | Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 8:15 PM

**St. Mary (Hyde Park):** Saturday at 4 PM | Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

**The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville):** Saturday 3 PM | Sunday 9:30 AM

## Daily Mass Schedule

**St. Cecilia (Oakley):** 9 AM Mass, Monday-Saturday. Communion service, Monday-Saturday 8 AM

All-day Adoration follows the 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays with 7 PM Holy Hour and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM

**St. Mary (Hyde Park):** 5:30 PM evening Mass, Monday-Thursday with Holy Hour on Tuesdays following the 5:30 PM Mass.

**The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville):** 11:45 AM Mass, Monday-Friday

## Confession Schedule

Confessions begin immediately after all daily Masses and one hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

*For information on weddings, baptisms and funerals, please visit [eastsidefaith.org](http://eastsidefaith.org) or call the appropriate parish office.*

### St. Cecilia (Oakley)

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[facebook.com/stceciliacincinnati](https://facebook.com/stceciliacincinnati)

[instagram: stceciliaparish](https://instagram.com/stceciliaparish)

### St. Mary (Hyde Park)

2853 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208

Office: (513) 321-1207

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[instagram: stmaryhydepark](https://instagram.com/stmaryhydepark)

### Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville)

6104 Desmond Street, Cincinnati, OH 45227

**Priest Emergency Line: (513) 815-5038**

## Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30

5:30 PM Carol by Margie Wimberg

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 Saint John Basco

5:30 PM Damar Hamlin by Margie Wimberg

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:30 PM Aldo Diminich by Elza Marek-Jonese

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 The Presentation of the Lord

5:30 PM Patricia Schubert by Kim & Joe Fisback

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 Saint Blaise

5:30 PM No Mass

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4:00 PM Peter & Louise Darin by Karl & Muffy Kadon

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Marian Leonard by Margie Wimberg

10:30 AM Michell Giandoreggio by The Freitas Family

**Mass Intentions.** If you have any particular intentions for which you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact your parish office. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.



## Wedding Banns

No banns this week.

## Pastoral Leadership

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For a complete listing of ministries and staff, visit [eastsidefaith.org](http://eastsidefaith.org).



## Catholic Schools Week

January 29, 2023

At the Catholic schools in our parish family — St. Cecilia and St. Mary — an education that is Christ centered, always with the focus of how we can improve the learning experience for each child, is provided with great care. We are constantly trying to improve the environment, the quality of instruction and the content, as well as always trying to give greater experiences outside the classroom. The goal in all that is done is to foster love of God that leads to Catholic Christian living and action. Also to inspire and motivate all of the students to truly take advantage of the great opportunity that is given to them by being able to be at a Catholic school, especially our Catholic schools that we celebrate next week.

Principals Mike Goedde and Jen Reker Murphy are leading the charge at our wonderful schools. We have dedicated teachers and staff members at the schools as well. If you know a family who is looking for a school, it would be wonderful if you could share the school information about St. Cecilia and St. Mary. Please have them call and make an appointment to visit the school or refer them to our school websites ([school.stceciliacincinnati.org](http://school.stceciliacincinnati.org) and [www.smchp.com](http://www.smchp.com)). **St. Cecilia had their open house on January 27, and St. Mary's open house is this Sunday, January 29, from 11:30 AM - 1 PM.**

A donation to the **Archdiocese of Cincinnati Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)**, directing the funding to **St. Cecilia** and **St. Mary** schools, is a great opportunity to direct state funding that would otherwise be paid in taxes. There is no cost to your family individually, as the donation generates a dollar-for-dollar tax credit of \$750 per donor (up to \$1500 for a couple) to be used against Ohio tax liability. Contact your tax advisor, but in general any family with an expected tax for 2022 of \$1500 or greater can fully participate. This fund will help create additional scholarship funding for St. Cecilia and St. Mary that would otherwise be funded through the general fund. **Participate and learn more at [catholicbestchoice.org/sgo/](http://catholicbestchoice.org/sgo/)**

### Parish Discipleship Survey — I Need Your Help!

I am very excited to announce that we will be participating in a “family-wide” survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute, a non-profit Catholic apostolate that does leadership training and development.

But I need your help.

We want as many parishioners as possible to complete a 10-minute survey. The survey will only be available from January 20 (starting at 2 PM) until February 26 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what efforts the parishes are doing to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parishes will only receive information about the parish communities in our family of parishes and our family as a whole.

The link to the online survey was emailed to all parishioners on Friday, January 20. If you did not receive this email, please contact your parish office to be added to the email list. You can access the survey by typing the following website URL into your internet browser. Surveys are separate by location so as to allow us to see the data for each location separately. Only take the survey once and for the location where most often attend Mass:

- **St. Cecilia:** [portal.catholicleaders.org/d/yttc03](http://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/yttc03)
- **St. Mary:** [portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y9tp43](http://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y9tp43)
- **Oratory of St. John Vianney:** [portal.catholicleaders.org/d/ytt9cy](http://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/ytt9cy)

Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey. The results will be invaluable to me, the staff, and our many volunteers as we seek ways to best support everyone in their discipleship journey.

I look forward to sharing the findings with you when the project is complete! Thank you for helping with this important project!

*Fr. Jackie*

### Lent Wake Up Series!

Lent begins this year on February 22, with Ash Wednesday. St. Mary will again have a speaker series on the six Saturday mornings of Lent. The theme this year is “The Laity in the Church.” Six dynamic speakers will discuss the role and vocation that each of us has in the Church today. Sessions are held in Robisch Hall at St. Mary beginning at 9:00 a.m. Plan on attending and hearing these faith-filled speakers to help “wake up” your spiritual life this Lent. Detailed speaker list to come soon!



### From the Desk of Fr. Ken

Today we hear of the Beatitudes in our Gospel. It is the blueprint of Christian living. Take time today, reread them, and ask yourselves how well you are living them out. Today we kick off Catholic Schools Week. I thank our principal, vice principal, school secretary, teachers, and staff. Thank you, parents, for sending your children to St. Mary School. And thank you to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the founder of our country's parochial schools.

*Fr. Ken Schroy*

### From the School Office

Join us for Catholic Schools Week **Open House TODAY, Sunday, January 29 / 11:30 am- 1:30 pm. We welcome all interested families!** See the many, varied and unusual ways that SMS students engage in hands on instruction. "Step Up" to the next grade level and witness the leap in learning!



### God Bless the Newly Baptized

**Cora Elizabeth and Eden Marie**  
*daughters of Jason & Meagan Pachuta*



**Maraid Ann**  
*daughter of Zane & Molly Lampe*



### Fellowship! Next Sunday, Feb 5 after 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses

**"New Year, New Beginnings" Fellowship**

Sunday, February 5th  
Immediately following 8:30 and 10:30 Mass  
Robisch Hall

*Whether you've been a parishioner for years or are a new face in our family, come engage with our vibrant community and discover the ways we continue to grow.*

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Fellowship for our 65+ parishioners*

**Love is in the Air**  
featuring guest speaker,  
**Jeanne Hunt**  
Wednesday, February 15th  
11:30 am-1:30 pm  
Robisch Hall-St. Mary

Join us for this inspiring event! We are blessed to have Jeanne speak about the gift of love and its deeper meaning. Enjoy lunch, conversation, companionship, and laughter. Please sign up at [smchp.com](http://smchp.com) / Search: EPIC or [mlandrum@smshp.com](mailto:mlandrum@smshp.com) to make a reservation. There is no charge for this event.





“All that is said about God presupposes something said by God.”

– ST. EDITH STEIN



**Save the Date: Lenten Mission 2023**

- Speaker: Fr. Larry Richards
- Date: February 27, 28, March 1, 2
- Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
- Location: St. Cecilia Church

A gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, retreat master, and author, Father Larry Richards holds the answer to some of life’s most profound questions.

He speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner-city parish, a high school chaplain, a counselor, and an evangelist. Father Larry Richards has directed hundreds of Retreats, Parish Missions, and Conferences for young and old alike. His inspirational talks and presentations, always authentic and enthusiastic, have changed the hearts, minds, and lives of millions of listeners worldwide.

Some of his most popular talks are entitled, The Truth, Confession, The Mass Explained, Knowing God’s will, Prayer, Living in the Holy Spirit, and Be a Man. We pray you will join us for this life-changing Lenten mission.



**CATECHESIS (kat’i-ke’sis) n.**

*Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)*

This is a litany prayer that accompanies the breaking of the consecrated bread at Mass. It became part of the liturgy in the West in the seventh century. Ending the last petition with “grant us peace” (*dona nobis pacem*) became common during the tenth and eleventh centuries. The reference to Jesus as the Lamb of God comes from *John 1:29, Revelation 5:6-13*, and other scripture passages.

**KNOW YOUR SAINTS**

**St. Nicholas (d. ~350)**

The absence of the “hard facts” of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet, historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him—an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man’s window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint’s feast. In the English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

**A Pilgrimage to FRANCE**  
with FR. JAMIE WEBER

**October 17-28, 2023**

There will be a Pilgrimage Information Meeting  
at 7 PM on Wednesday, February 15,  
in the St. Cecilia Commons.

[www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/eastside-france](http://www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/eastside-france)

JOIN US FOR A  
**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY  
INFO SESSION**

Wednesday, February 8th  
8 pm  
St. Cecilia Commons

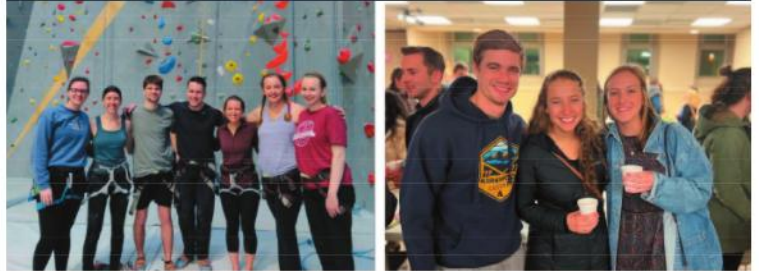
*Are you passionate about upholding the dignity of life from conception to natural death? Looking for new ways to serve the community? Then come out and learn more about the Eastside Family's Respect Life Ministry. There are many sub-committees to join within Respect Life such as praying in front of Planned Parenthood, Prison Ministry, Human Trafficking, Gender/Sexual Identity and so many more!*

Can't attend but interested in learning more?

Contact Aidan and Joanna Kunath, at [jroessler07@gmail.com](mailto:jroessler07@gmail.com), or visit us at [www.eastsidefaith.org/respect-life](http://www.eastsidefaith.org/respect-life)

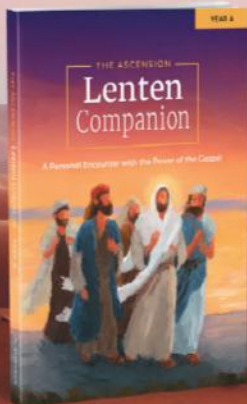
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# THE WORD IN YOUR HEART | 11

## The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:2-3. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Today's gospel reading from Matthew covers the Beatitudes, which we've all heard many times – blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and seek righteousness, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers, those persecuted for being righteous and for following Jesus.

In reflecting on the Beatitudes for this column, I've come to think they are the attitudes and traits we need to live out so that we will see more of God's kingdom here on earth, as well as in heaven.

For example, that we mourn when we see our neighbors or people in our community suffering from hunger, loneliness, injustice, or illness and try to help alleviate that suffering in whatever way we can.

We ask for mercy from God when we have sinned. But are we quick to grant forgiveness to others – family, friends, coworkers, strangers? Or do we hold a grudge or think that others "got what they deserve"?

Are we peacemakers? Are we meek or humble? Or do we sometimes add to problems by being a gossip, or thinking we are better than others? As Christians we should be seeking to make peace in our homes, our workplace, our community, our country, our world. It may seem trite, but everyone, everywhere, is our neighbor.

As Jesus told the apostles, he didn't come to be served, but to serve. That's what Jesus expected of his followers 2,000 years ago and what he expects of us today. *~Terry Shea*




Terry Shea has been a parishioner at St. Mary for more than 30 years. He is part of the St. Mary volunteer team that prepares and serves dinner to our neighbors at the Madisonville Education and Assistance Center (MEAC).



**The Word In Your Heart** is a faith-sharing ministry open to all Eastside Family parishioners. New contributors warmly welcomed! Contact Janet Buening at 513-871-9294 or [janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com](mailto:janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com).

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