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# WHAT IS THE LOGIC OF GOD?

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 16, 2025

At the centre of the Gospel of today's Liturgy are the Beatitudes. It is interesting to note that despite being surrounded by a great crowd, Jesus, proclaims them by addressing "his disciples". He speaks to the disciples. Indeed, the Beatitudes define the identity of the disciple of Jesus. They may sound strange, almost incomprehensible to those who are not disciples; whereas, if we ask ourselves what a disciple of Jesus is like, the answer is precisely the Beatitudes. Let us take a look at the first one which is the basis for all the other ones: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God". Blessed are you poor. Jesus says two things of his people: that they are blessed and that they are poor; indeed, that they are blessed because they are poor.

In what sense? In the sense that Jesus' disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are gifts of life. They are content to share even the goods they possess, because they live according to the logic of God. And what is the logic of God? Gratuitousness. The disciple has learned to live in gratuitousness. This poverty is also an attitude towards the meaning of life, because Jesus' disciples do not think they possess it, that they already know everything, but rather they know they must learn every day. And this is poverty: the awareness of having to learn every day. Because they have this attitude, Jesus' disciples are humble, open people, far from prejudice and inflexibility.

There was a good example in last Sunday's Gospel reading: Simon Peter, an expert fisherman, accepts Jesus' invitation to cast his nets at an unusual time, and then, filled with wonder at the miraculous catch, he leaves the boat and all his goods to follow the Lord. Peter shows himself to be docile by leaving everything, and in this way, he becomes a disciple. Instead, those who are too attached to their own ideas and their own securities, find it difficult to truly follow Jesus. They follow him a little, only in those things in which "I agree with him and he agrees with me", but then, as far as the rest is concerned, it goes no further. And this is not a disciple. And so, they fall into sadness. They become sad because things don't add up, because reality escapes their thinking patterns and they find they are dissatisfied. Disciples, on the other hand, know how to question themselves, how to humbly seek God every day, and this allows them to delve into reality, grasping its richness and complexity.

In other words, the disciple accepts the paradox of the Beatitudes: they declare that those who are poor, who lack many things and recognize this, are blessed, that is, happy. Humanly speaking, we are inclined to think in another way: happy are those who are rich, with many goods, who receive plaudits and are the envy of many, who have all the certainties. But this is a worldly mindset, it is not the way of thinking of the Beatitudes! Jesus, on the contrary, declares worldly success to be a failure, since it is based on a selfishness that inflates and then leaves the heart empty. Faced with the paradox of the Beatitudes, disciples allow themselves to be challenged, aware that it is not God who must enter into our mindset, but we into his. This requires a journey, sometimes wearisome, but always accompanied by joy. Because the disciple of Jesus is joyful, with the joy that comes from Jesus. Because, let us remember, the first word Jesus says is: blessed, hence the name of the Beatitudes. This is the synonym of being disciples of Jesus. By freeing us from the slavery of self-centredness, the Lord breaks our closures, dissolves our hardness, and opens up to us true happiness, which is often found where we do not expect it to be. It is he who guides our life, not us, with our preconceptions and our demands. Disciples, in the end, are those who let themselves be led by Jesus, who open their heart to Jesus, who listen to him and follow his path.

We might then ask ourselves: do I — each one of us — have the disciple's readiness? Or do I behave with the rigidity of one who believes him or herself to be right, who feels decent, who feels they have already arrived? Do I allow myself to be "inwardly unhinged" by the paradox of the Beatitudes, or do I stay within the confines of my own ideas? And then, with the logic of the Beatitudes, setting aside the hardships and difficulties, do I feel the joy of following Jesus? This is the decisive trait of the disciple: the joy of the heart. Let us not forget the joy of the heart. This is the touchstone for knowing if a person is a disciple: does he or she have joy in their heart? Do I have joy in my heart? This is the point.

May Our Lady, the first disciple of the Lord, help us live as open and joyful disciples.

**MASS & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ON WEEKDAYS:** From Tuesday February 18 to Friday February 28 there will not Daily Mass (11am) and Reconciliation (11.30am). The regular schedule will be back on Tuesday, March 4th.

**NO HABRÁ CELEBRACIÓN DE MISAS NI SACRAMENTO DE RECONCILIATION** en semana de martes a viernes durante las dos próximas semanas, a partir de este martes 18 de febrero hasta el viernes 28 de febrero inclusive. El calendario ordinario de estas celebraciones reiniciará el martes 4 de marzo.

**St. Agnes Education Cafe:** In ancient times, leprosy was a frightening disease that kept people distanced & feeling “outcast” from their community. Today we ask: who are the marginalized among us? From homeless encampments, bullying, rising mental health cases & more, many **today** feel outcast & unloved. We are always called to love the sick, poor & suffering - *even when it is easier to look the other way*. When we show love, we are Christ’s merciful hands reaching out to heal. **Sunday March 2nd 2-3:30pm with guest Fr. Toby Collins, St. Mary’s Parish, Founder “Tiny Home Takeout”.**

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** The host church this year is **Calvin Presbyterian, 748 Westmount E., Kitchener**. **The service will happen on Friday, March 7 at 10:00 am**. The theme is “I Made You Wonderful (Ps.139). The Women from the Cook Islands prepared the program for this year. If you are unable to attend the morning service, you can watch a pre-recorded service online at [www.wdpcanada.ca/world-day-of-prayer-2025-videos/](http://www.wdpcanada.ca/world-day-of-prayer-2025-videos/)

## ENGLISH SCHEDULE

### *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday, February 15, 2025 **5:00 PM**  
+Janet Silver +William & Stella Dombroskie

Sunday, February 16, 2025 **9:00 AM**  
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 **NO MASS**

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 **NO MASS**

Thursday, February 20, 2025 **NO MASS**

Friday, February 21, 2025 **NO MASS**

### *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday, February 22, 2025 **5:00 PM**  
+Nicola Scarfone

Sunday, February 23, 2025 **9:00 AM**  
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

## HORARIOS EN ESPAÑOL

### *VI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

Sabado 15 de febrero, 2025 **7:00 PM**  
+Maria April Sanz-Sole +Jessica Kuan +Donato Kuan

Domingo 16 de febrero, 2025 **11:00 AM & 1:00PM**  
Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Martes 18 de febrero, 2025 **NO HAY MISA**

Miércoles 19 de febrero, 2025 **NO HAY MISA**

Jueves 20 de febrero, 2025 **NO HAY MISA**

Viernes 21 de febrero, 2025 **NO HAY MISA**

### *VII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

Sabado 22 de febrero, 2025 **7:00 PM**  
+Cynthia Gómez

Domingo 23 de febrero, 2025 **11:00 AM & 1:00PM**  
Por la Comunidad Parroquial

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** February is known as the month of love, but love needs to be part of our thinking 24/7! Love is an action word, so take some time to reflect on your contribution to your married relationship. Do you use kind words, compliment, apologize, when necessary, show love through action in what you do for your spouse, pray for your spouse daily and make the time to be together and share your day? These will all build love and keep it strong.