

Sacred Heart Yokosuka

Religious Education



Rosary: The Fifth Joyful Mystery: Finding in the Temple

When he was 12, Jesus stayed in the temple, and Mary and Joseph could not find him

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Main Topic: The Beatitudes

#1: Appendix A #2: 21-30, Appendix A #3: 131-134 #4: 107-111

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy
6. Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
9. In Matthew, Jesus preaches 8 Beatitudes
10. In Luke, Jesus preaches 4 Beatitudes (Numbers 1, 2, 4, & 8) and 4 Woes that are the opposite
11. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets

Faith Focus: The 5Ws of Poverty

Who chose to be born in poverty?

Jesus chose to be born in a stable

What is poverty?

Poverty is freedom from the idolatry of greed

Where did Jesus sleep in his poverty?

Foxes have dens and birds have nests but the Son of Man had nowhere to lay his head

When was Jesus in poverty?

He was born in a stable, was an infant refugee, worked hard with his stepfather, went 40 days without food in the desert, had no where to lay his head, and died naked on the Cross

Why choose poverty?

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God

Saint: St. Francis of Assisi

October 4

St. Francis was born in 1181 in Assisi, Italy. His father was a wealthy cloth merchant. As a boy, Francis enjoyed parties, music, and fun. As a young man, Francis wanted to be a knight. He was captured and spent a year in prison, and began to think about the meaning of life. One day, he met a sick man and hugged him and wasn't afraid of catching his sickness. He chose love over fear. Francis gave up his wealth to live in poverty, so he could be free to love God and others. He taught that we sometimes think that luxuries are necessary because we are making no spiritual progress, so there is nothing else to pursue: *When the spirit is lukewarm, and gradually growing cold as it moves away from grace, flesh and blood inevitably seek their own interests. When the soul finds no delight, what is left except for the flesh to look for some? Then base instinct covers itself with the excuse of necessity, and the mind of the flesh forms the conscience*

Francis invented the idea of a manger scene when he decided one Christmas to remake the Bethlehem stable in a cave next to the church with real animals and a real baby. One day, while praying on Mount Verna, Francis received the stigmata, the wounds of Jesus on his hands, feet, and side. This showed his deep union with Christ's suffering. Francis wrote beautiful prayers. His most famous is All Creatures of Our God and King.

Keyword: Beatitude – seeing God face to face

Happiness or blessedness, especially the eternal happiness of heaven, which is described as the vision of God, or entering into God's rest by those whom He makes partakers of the divine nature.

Prayer: Act of Hope

O my God, trusting in Your promises, and because You are faithful, powerful, and merciful, I hope, through the merits of Jesus Christ, for the pardon of my sins, final perseverance, and the blessed glory of heaven. Amen.

Next time...

Rosary: The Second Luminous Mystery: The Wedding at Cana

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what is this for you and me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.