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FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025 | 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

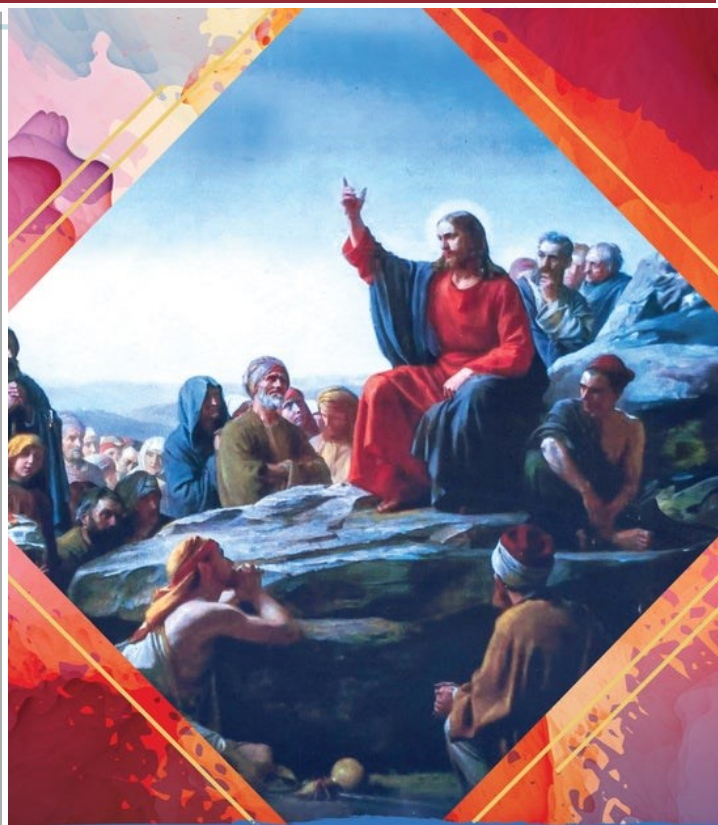
REFLECTIONS

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": **"Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of"** (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the *purpose* of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

— *Father John Muir*



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"Blessed are you." - Lk 6:21

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THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Monday 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	St. Anthony's—Lakin Rosary & Prayers Mass
Tuesday 9:30 am 10:10 am	HPRV Mass Communion/Visiting
Wednesday 7:30 am (MT) 8:00 am (MT)	St. Raphael's /Syra. Rosary Mass
Thursday 11:00 am 11:45 am 12:15 pm	St. Anthony's —Lakin Confessions Rosary Mass

Friday

7:30 am
8:00 am
8:30—10 am
Saturday
3:50 pm
4:00 pm

5:20 pm
6:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 –8:50 am
9:00 am
10:30 am

St. Anthony's

Rosary & Prayers
Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
Lakin
Confessions
Mass (St. Anthony)
Confession
Mass (Christ the King)
Lakin & Syracuse
Confessions
Mass (St. Anthony)
Mass (St. Raphael)

COLLECTION FOR 2-9-2025

Envelopes: \$890.00
Loose: \$475.00
Online Giving: \$1,446.36
Total: \$2,811.36
Average Weekly Expense: 1,761.17
Income over/under: +1,050.19



OFFICE HOUR

T - F 8:00 am -6:00 pm

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DEAR PADRE,

I have always been an “every Sunday” Catholic. My problem is that holy Communion doesn’t feel that special. I believe that it’s the Body and Blood of Christ, but receiving feels “routine.” Sometimes I’m even distracted while receiving. Help?



Do you remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus? (See Luke 9:28–36.) Jesus took his three special disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on the mountain, and while Jesus was praying, what did they do? They fell asleep! In the very presence of Jesus, their Lord and Master. Human beings cannot maintain feelings of awe and ecstasy for long periods of time. We would be exhausted. Feelings don’t always reflect the specialness of the moment. That is why good habits are so important. Feelings may elude us, but we can fall back on the habit of Sunday Mass. Just as two contented, long-married people don’t feel like they did on their honeymoon, they still quietly enjoy the habit of each other’s company. Lent is coming soon. You might consider shaking up your routine a little. Attend one weekday Mass. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scriptures for that Sunday and praying the entrance antiphon or the psalm. If you don’t already, consider volunteering as a choir member, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion. Meanwhile, continue to receive holy Communion, giving thanks that it is readily available, and perhaps offer a prayer for communities where Communion every Sunday is not possible. [The Redemptorists/DearPadre.org](http://TheRedemptorists/DearPadre.org)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time / February 16, 2025

First Reading: Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

Psalms: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)

Second Reading: If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain. (1 Cor 15:16–17)

Gospel: “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.” (Lk 6:20)

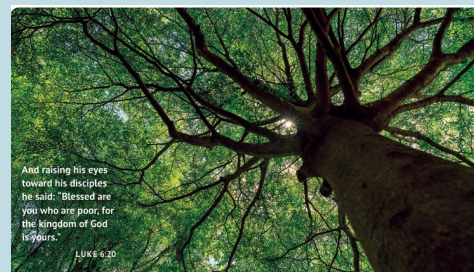
Observances for the week of February 16, 2025

- Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents’ Day
- Friday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

IT’S ALL ABOUT THE ROOTS

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Where we put down our spiritual roots matters. For some, the old adage “Bloom where you are planted” may offer wisdom; however, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that if we find ourselves planted in a lava bed or a salty and empty land, we won’t do much blooming. We’ll be no more than a shriveled, barren bush. So, where we plant our inner spiritual lives makes a difference. This week’s gospel may seem to sap all the joy out of life. Woe if you have money to spend, a banquet to feast on, fun and laughter to dress up your days. Woe to you, it seems to caution, because when you die, the opposite will be your lot. What’s so wrong, we wonder, with having cash in our pockets, food on our tables, and a good time once in a while? Life can be downright dreary otherwise. The answer, of course, is that there is nothing wrong with any of that—unless that’s where we put down our roots. In other words, if that’s what life is all about, sooner or later, we are likely to discover we have become a barren bush standing in lava waste. Jesus didn’t come to suck the joy out of life but to give us a heads up on how to live a life that is full. He hoped we might avoid the lure that can become a wasteland. He hoped we might become “like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream” (Jeremiah 17:8).



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What about my life is Jesus calling me to change so that I may be blessed? If I have plenty of money, food, and happiness, what can I do to be blessed?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Qué es lo que Jesús me pide que cambie en mi vida para ser dichoso? Si tengo abundancia de dinero, comida y felicidad, ¿qué puedo hacer para ser dichoso?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus says [his people] 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.

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St. Anthony's Parish

Praise Worship & Adore

USING OUR MINDS, HEARTS,
AND VOICES TO PRAISE JESUS
IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2025
6:30-8:00PM

Everyone is welcome to join together again for a night of prayer and worship lead by Christopher Rowden, a musician from Wichita, KS, as we adore Christ truly present in the Eucharist. CCD kids should attend class as normal and will walk over together to attend.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST IN THE PARISH HALL

10:00 AM | SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 23

START YOUR SUNDAY OFF RIGHT!

Hosted by our Knights



ANDREW DINNERS

Andrew Dinners: These are evenings for single young men to have dinner with Bishop John and some of the other priests in our diocese to learn more about their call to holiness and how to discern a potential call to the priesthood. There is one more opportunities for high school students to attend. If you would like to attend please RSVP by emailing Angelica Ibarra Garcia at receptionist@dcdiocese.org or call 620-227-1500.

- **February 23rd:** High School Age young men 6-8pm: St. John the Apostle Church in St. John, KS 609 E 4th Ave, St John, KS 67576
- **Discernment Day:** There will be a discernment retreat on Saturday, March 8th for high school boys who want to grow in their faith and help discover their vocational call. It will be at St. Mary in Garden City from 9 am to 3 pm. RSVP by emailing Angelica Ibarra Garcia at receptionist@dcdiocese.org or call 620-227-1500.

DISCERNMENT DAY

Open to high school boys from around the diocese who want to grow in prayer, virtue, and brotherhood.



SCHEDULE

MARCH 8TH	9AM	Check-in at St. Mary's in Garden City Team competitions and talks throughout the morning
	NOON	Angelus and Lunch Team competitions, and Eucharistic adoration in the afternoon
	3PM	Send-off!



We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, Aliza, child of Wendy & Kalen Anderson. Welcome to God's family in the Church! May our Loving God continue to pour down His abundant blessings upon Aliza.



Tuesdays with the Diocese

Adult Formation Join adults from the Dioceses of Dodge City and Salina for adult formation to grow deeper in your faith! Attend all three evenings or just one.



Connect via Zoom using your own device.

Tuesdays – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

To sign-up and receive the link, go to dcdiocese.org/af

February 18

The Lord's Day

Presenter – Fr. Ted Skalsky – Reflections on how we keep the Lord's Day holy.

Parish
Hall

6:00 PM
to
8:00 PM

16 de febrero de 2025 - 6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Luchar por el bien común es la respuesta que debemos dar al evangelio de este domingo. No hay otra manera, y el mensaje es muy claro, no existe manera de suavizarlo. Lucas mira un solo punto, y es la justicia. La escena del evangelio nos narra que Jesús desciende del cerro y se detiene en un llano. Hay mucha gente de diferentes partes, muchos esperan ser curados por Jesús. Entonces, Jesús, dirige su mirada a sus discípulos y comienza su discurso. Les habla de la importancia de ser felices. Sí, Jesús llama felices a los pobres y a los enfermos. ¿Cómo podemos entender y asimilar ese llamado a la felicidad? ¿Que acaso no es contradictorio?

El mensaje está en que, al ver la pobreza, el hambre, la enfermedad, la guerra, la oportunidad, la educación, por mencionar algunas injusticias en el mundo del tiempo de Jesús y el tiempo nuestro, estemos dispuestos a dar la vida por la justicia y la paz. Entonces, es que el Reino de Dios florecerá para todos. Y esa es la verdadera felicidad que la Palabra de Dios hoy nos menciona. Pidamos al Señor que nos incomode la injusticia, que nos mueva a tener empatía para entender los problemas y sentimientos de los demás. Porque, de esa manera seremos felices e incansables luchadores del bien común. La recompensa es grande, es el cielo, es la promesa de Jesús. El sacrificio bien llevado y con intención recta, desde el fondo del corazón, es la felicidad. ¿Lo has experimentado? ©LPI

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MASS INTENTIONS



Mon, Feb 17 5:30 pm Kathy Klenke
Tue, Feb 18 9:30 am † Greg Overlease
Wed, Feb 19 8:00 am Syracuse
Thurs, Feb 20 12:15 pm Sp. Int. Power Family
Fri, Feb 21 8:00 am † Greg Overlease
Sat, Feb 22 4:00 pm Charlie Ewing
Sun, Feb 23 9:00 am Aaron Rain

MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2/15/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Rowen Simon, Brelund Budd, Volunteer

Reader: Debbie Frederick

Extra Ordinary of HC: Tino Rosales Jr., Karen Burden

2/16/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kingston Guerrero, Jace & Haley Berning

Reader: Alvin Bergkamp

Extra Ordinary of HC: Maria Enriquez, Rosa Cardenas

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2/22/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Gus, Jonathan Gannett, Brisa Ibarra

Reader: Gwen Waechter

Extra Ordinary of HC: Rosemary & Tom Bachman

2/23/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

Reader: Steve Sullivan

Extra Ordinary of HC: Teresa Beltran, Karen Burden

Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard every Saturday at 3:00 pm and every Sunday at 8:00

Baptism:

Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage:

Please contact parish priest at least four months before the wedding.

Anointing the sick:

Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

Question: Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

Answer: Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern for the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent? ©LPi