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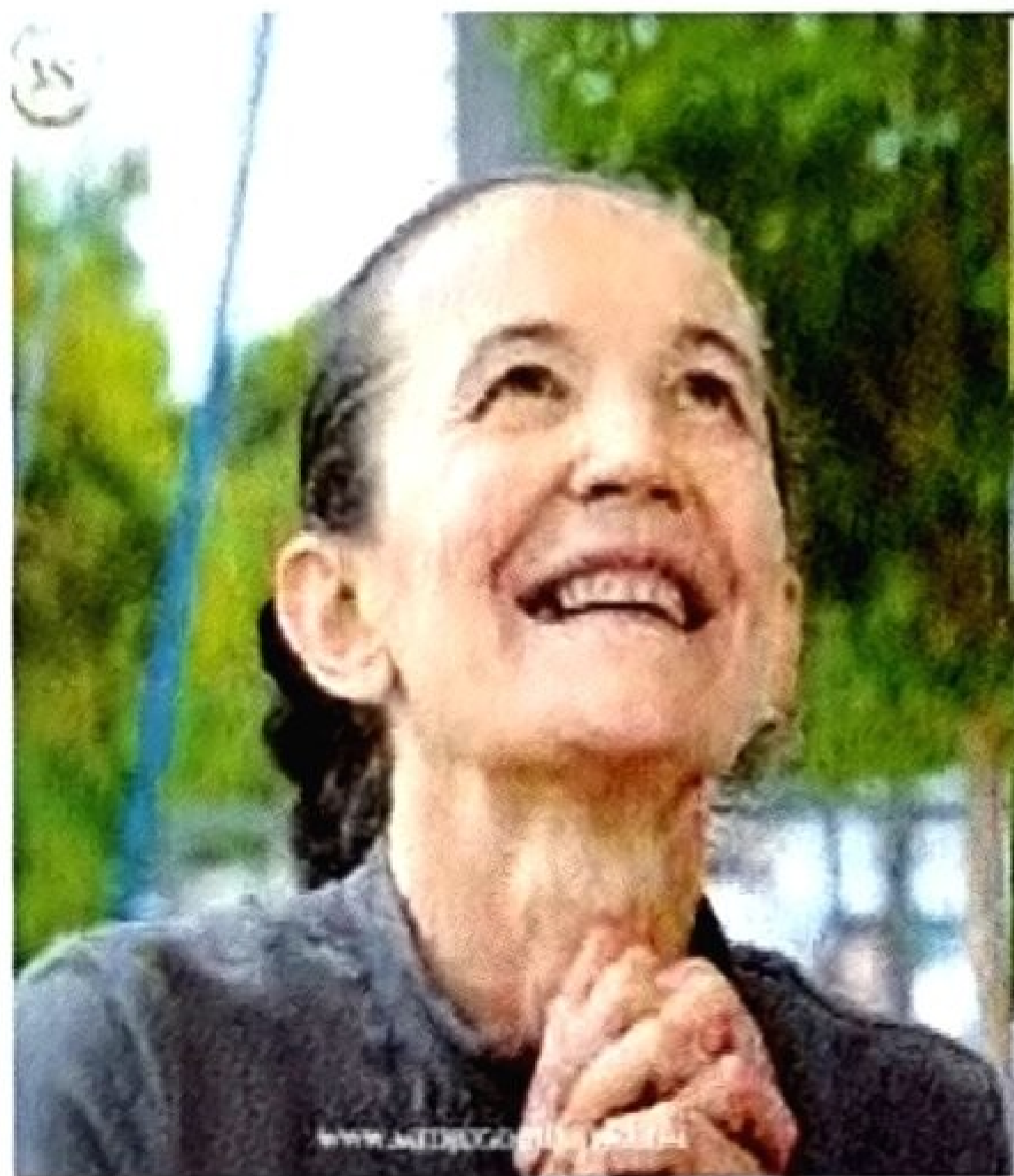
Mass Timings:

Saturday Evening: Mass 6pm
Sunday: Mass 7am, 9am
Tues - Sat: Morning Prayer, Rosary 6:45am
Tues - Sat: Mass 7:30am
Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass
Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment

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16TH FEB 2025 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Love That is Stronger Than All the Evil in the World <https://www.spiritofmedjugorje.org/>



The Virgin Mary has been dictating the story of her life to Vicka. Thus, to say the visionary knows Mary and her message is probably an understatement. Like Mirjana and Ivanka, it's clear: it all comes down to doing God's will - and according to Vicka - that comes down to the Commandments, the Bible, and prayer.

Mary has been teaching Vicka especially about God's love - a love that is stronger than all the evil in the world, all the temptation in the world. God's love, she says, is what will lead the world to peace and joy, even in the midst of great suffering and temptation. And the Virgin Mary, adds Vicka, is the perfect example of living this love. Mary is the perfect mother, sister, and servant of God, she is able to teach us about Him.

Vicka says Mary wants all people on Earth to have faith in God. She wants them to know that He is with His children day and night, cares for them, longs for them. God calls to us in the wind, says Vicka, and in the words of Jesus.... He is calling the world now in a special way at Medjugorje.

Vicka has told many that to experience God's gifts is to experience God. Through prayer, she has learned that every person on Earth lives their whole life right before the face of God Our Father, surrounded by His angels and Saints. Everything that comes upon her path every day, Vicka now knows, comes from the Father. He wills it. He allows it. Her only choice is to accept it. She must trust, she says, that God is her Father and that He loves her no matter what.

Vicka wants everyone to know that at Medjugorje, Mary is especially asking for the family Rosary. It will renew the family; the Virgin has told her. Moreover, parents must pray the Rosary for their children, she says, and children must pray it for their par-

ents. This is because the Rosary is the chain that binds generations to eternal life. When families pray the Rosary, Satan is helpless.

Most significantly, Mary told Vicka that people who are serious about their prayer will change through prayer. This is because prayer and fasting is the one sure way to God, who can bring the desired change no matter what.

In interviews, Vicka has revealed the following:



****Prayer and fasting open our eyes to truth. Suffering also opens our**

eyes to truth, but often by the time the suffering comes, it is too late to eliminate the cause.

****Some people's lives and choices expose them to more sin. They need to go to confession often and, for them, the way is harder.**

****Prayer is the key to the Heart of God.**

****When God permits a great suffering, we need to accept it with love. The Virgin says God has a reason He has given a person a suffering and knows when He will take it away. He only asks patience. That is why we should never say, "Why me?" The suffering is a gift, and out of love, we should ask God if there is something more we can do for Him.**

****The Virgin told Vicka that priests must protect the faith. They need to pray the Rosary with their people. Faith is a precious gift but it takes work to protect this gift.**

****Prayer, fasting, and penances, like suffering, are like a mantle that covers those with no faith. It is what the Blessed Mother wants from her followers. It is a total surrender to God's will. The Virgin seeks those who will pray and fast and do penance for those who can't or won't.**

****If we voluntarily break the Commandments through ignorance or weakness, it gives Satan power over our lives. It then takes God's grace, and our cooperation, to rescue us.**

****The Virgin Mary says the Mass needs to take first place in a person's life. At Mass, Jesus comes to us in [a] physical way. It's the most sacred, holy moment...**



Feb

Sun 16th Feb

Tue 18th Feb Legion of Mary mtg @9:00am
DVD group @ 11:00am

Sat 22nd Feb St Padre Pio group @ 5:00pm
Confessions/Reconciliation @ 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster for 22nd to 23rd Feb 2025			
Mass	6:00pm	7:00am	9:00am
ACOLYTES:	J Lopez	A Dzieciol	J Calleja; C Anello
READERS:	M D'Cunha	A Greenfield	T Pavy
COMMS:	G Redolatti		J Lim
SERVERS:	M Palermo V Rule		L Geyer; A Wilson
Counters	Team 2 - J Arke, G Brown		
Cleaners	M Hewitt		

Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.

RS=repose of souls /TG=thanksgiving /SP=special intention

SAT 15-Feb 6:00 PM SP Henri Sun Lin

SUN 16-Feb 7:00 AM

9:00 AM TG-Jerome & May Lopez - 60 Wedd anniv

TUE 18-Feb 7:30 AM RS- Simon Foo

WED 19-Feb 7:30 AM RS- Renel L' Aimable

THU 20-Feb 7:30 AM SP-Samuel & Nathan

FRI 21-Feb 7:30 AM RS-Derrick Burnaby

SAT 22-Feb 7:30 AM

6:00 PM TG-D'Cunha fam

SUN 23-Feb 7:00 AM

9:00 AM



Pray for :-

Those who are suffering in wars, in natural disasters, in religious persecutions and the sick, Rhys Spencer, Douglas Mathews, Mary Leong, Joanne Babich, Anastasia

William, Del Murray, John, Francisco Paterniti, Maria Pacca, Geraldine O Sullivan and Ermelina Vescovo.

Congratulations

May & Jerome Lopez

60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary



May God continue to bless the love in your hearts and your life together with an ever-deepening faith.

Best wishes on your 60th Wedding Anniversary



The image of Our Lady of Lourdes that s not there but everyone sees it

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/>

Those who visit the chapel of the Our Lady of Lourdes shrine in the city of Alta Gracia in Córdoba province, Argentina, witness a phenomenon that has no explanation: In the niche that is part of the altarpiece above the altar, an image of the Virgin Mary can be seen although without a doubt the space is empty — there is nothing there.

Everyone — believers or not — sees it. Additionally, the image appears in photos taken there. A curious fact is that the image is clearly seen from the front door of the church and then fades as one slowly approaches the altar.



How did the phenomenon originate?

For many years there was a statue of Our Lady Lourdes of Córdoba in the center of the church's altarpiece. In mid-2011 it was removed from its niche or base to be restored and is currently located at the foot of the niche that was left empty.

One day one of the priests in charge of the shrine was going to close the chapel and from the main door he saw an image that looked like it was made of plaster in the empty space. He approached several times, and each time he did so he noticed that the image he saw from a certain distance faded. The truth was that there was actually no image, but he saw it.

Because of the phenomenon, visible to anyone, the discaled Carmelite friars of the shrine issued a statement in 2011 noting that "the manifestation of the image of the most holy Virgin Mary has no explanation at the moment."

"It must be interpreted by the people of God as a sign to increase and deepen the Christian faith and to inspire in the hearts of men conversion to the love of God and their participation in the life of the Church," they said.

"The only message of the Virgin is none other than that which she has manifested in her life among men and is recorded in the Gospel as a divine revelation and kept in the deposit of the Catholic faith," the priests stated.

Watch youtube -<https://youtu.be/YMXhdSp88cA>

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Sacramental
Preparation



**** Enrolments for after school First Holy Communion & Confirmation Catechism classes 2025-** to prepare students attending State Schools for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this June/ Aug 2025. If you have children or grandchildren who want to receive their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year, please register with the Parish Office ASAP as classes will start soon.

**** Legion of Mary** are earnestly seeking new members -there are many housebound & bedridden ex-parishioners who are missing the companionship of St. Joseph's. You could be doing Our Lady's work. If you feel Her call to join the Legion, call Norma 9279 8075.

****St Padre Pio Prayer Group** will held their monthly prayer meeting coming Sat Feb 22 @ 5pm at the parish meeting room. Enq : Nick Deluca 9378 2684

**** REFLECTION DAY**

19 March | St Joseph: Beloved of his Abba, a Man

Who Moved from Being of Two Minds to One Heart

By Virginia Bourke rsj, at Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay. Cost: \$198 incl. Session commences at 10am and concludes at 2pm after a light lunch provided. Registration: Dianne Colborne 9527 3240 / safety.bay@sosjspirit.org.au



****The Mary MacKillop Today Breakfast in the Garden**

Saturday 8 March 2025.

You are welcome to share this with your family, friends, contacts, parish members, neighbours, work colleagues etc. Come along together and support this worthy cause while making new friends and catching up with others. RSVP before Tuesday 4 March to Roberta Scanlan robscan52@icloud.com or 0459 364 872

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC YOUTH

Join us for the launch of the Catholic Youth Assembly in the Archdiocese of Perth. This exciting new initiative is designed to lay the foundation for the formation of a Catholic Youth Council (CYC). This synodal process is an opportunity for young people to have a voice in shaping the future of our Church!

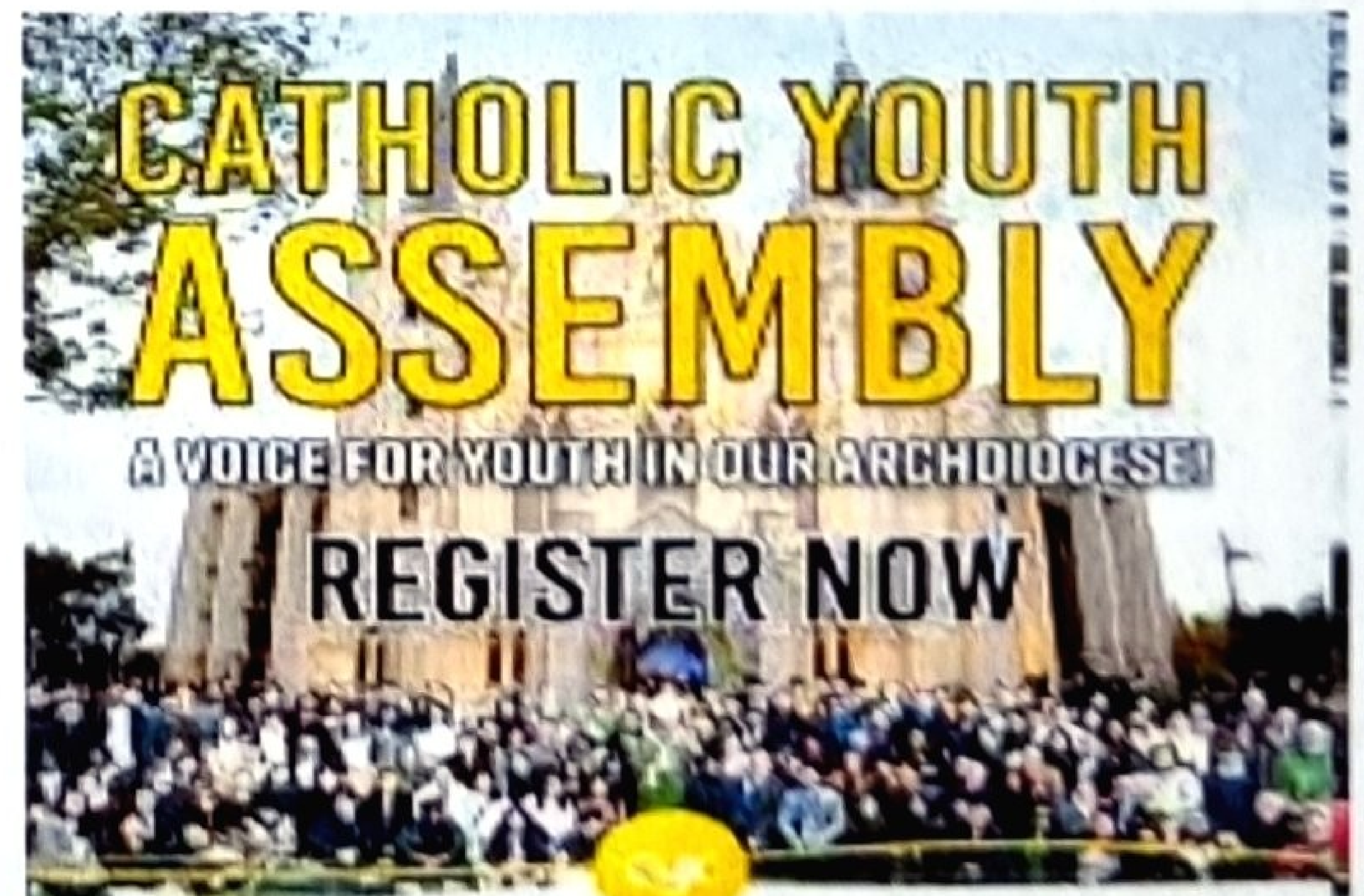
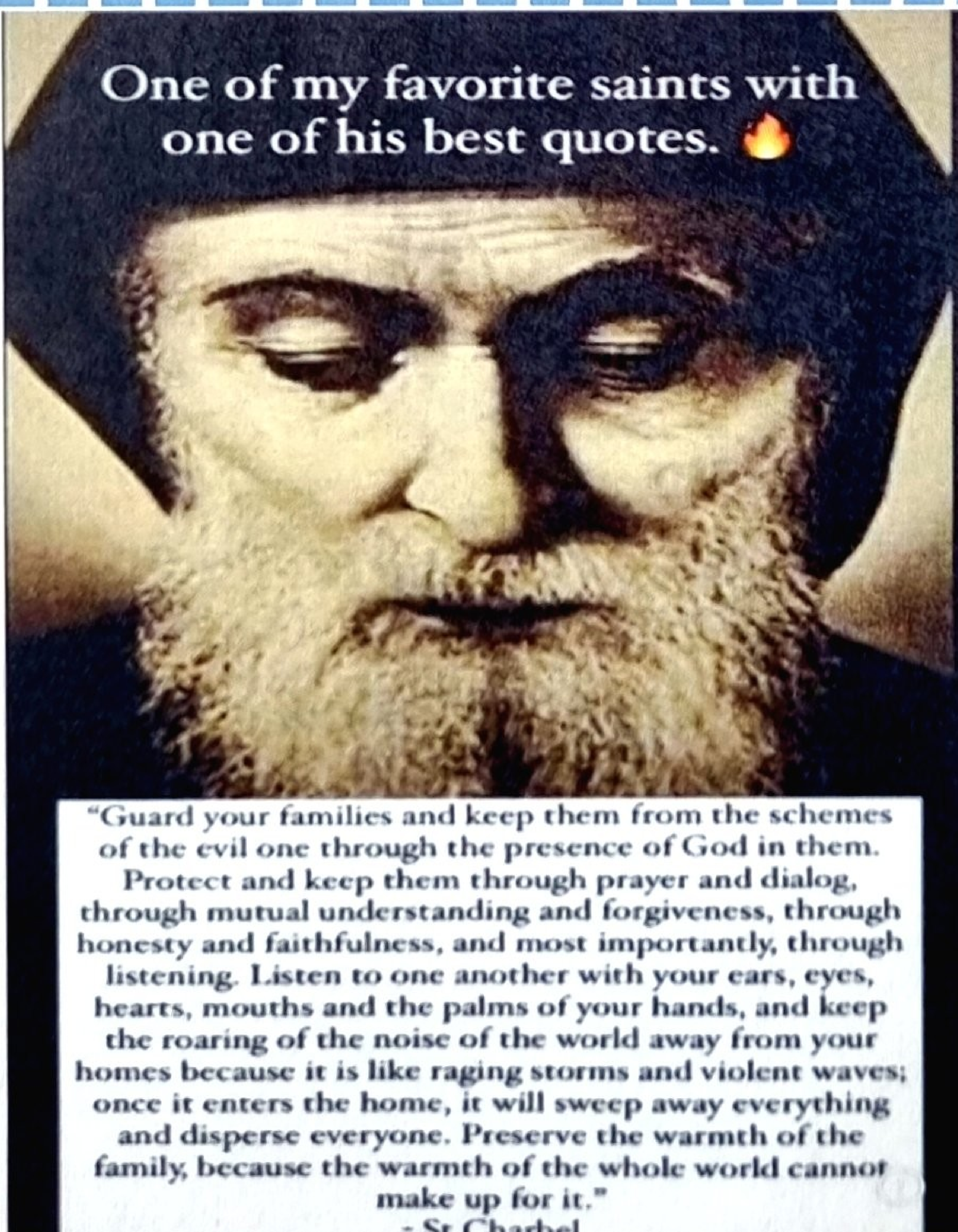
Friday, 7th March , 7:00pm -9:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral Parish Centre, 41 Victoria Square, Perth WA 6000, *Light refreshments and food will be provided.* **REGISTER** <https://events.humanitix.com/cya-launch>

WHAT TO EXPECT

Inspiring talks from our presenters:

- His Grace, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe will share his thoughts on the theme of Synodality.
- The Vicar General, Very Rev. Fr Vincent Glynn will discuss the Archdiocesan Assembly and its significance to youth.
- Adam Phillips, Director of CYM, will outline the Catholic Youth Council's mission and future goals.

Why Attend? This exciting new initiative invites you to contribute to the synodal conversation that will shape the direction of youth ministry in our archdiocese. Be part of the discussion, foster meaningful relationships, and help build a stronger faith community! Your Voice Matters. Your Faith Inspires. Your Future Begins Here.



The Living Word

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

16 February 2025

First Reading Jer 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And

what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they crave



Reflection by Greg Sunter

We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are 'blessed' because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on 'a piece of level ground'. This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being 'blessed', they are to be 'happy'. It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel and behave as we might expect. God's actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favoured of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favoured. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!