

## Calendar

**Monday**  
January 30  
*Weekday*  
Heb 11:32–40  
Mk 5:1–20

**Tuesday**  
January 31  
*St. John Bosco, Priest*  
Heb 12:1–4  
Mk 5:21–43

**Wednesday**  
February 1  
*Weekday*  
Heb 12:4–7, 11–15  
Mk 6:1–6

**Thursday**  
February 2  
*The Presentation of the Lord*  
Mal 3:1–4  
Heb 2:14–18  
Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32

**Friday**  
February 3  
*Weekday*  
Heb 13:1–8  
Mk 6:14–29

**Saturday**  
February 4  
*Weekday*  
Heb 13:15–17, 20–21  
Mk 6:30–34

**Sunday**  
February 5  
*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Is 58:7–10  
1 Cor 2:1–5  
Mt 5:13–16

# Dear Padre,

I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of “pray, pay, and obey” were over.

The Code of Canon Law identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that he engage in pastoral care “with the assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful” (519). It would be fair to assert that the intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the “knowledge, prudence, and integrity” of every member (228).

Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of good will (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone takes a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, “Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?” If honest and prayerful reflection reveal less-than-good intentions, now is the time to change your attitude and acknowledge that a new start is needed.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

“[Jesus] shows us the way to life, the way that he himself has taken. Jesus himself is the way, and he proposes this way as the path to true happiness.”

—Twenty-ninth World Youth Day message, January 21, 2014



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# Assumption of Our Lady



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January 29, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hay River, NT

## Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

## Weekday Masses

Mon.-Thurs. 5:30 pm

Friday 12:00 noon

Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Don for any other sacraments or funerals.

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& St. Anne, Katlodeeche

Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Jan 01	Sylvia Boyer Julia Flumerfelt	Horst B. Emmanuel Da-Rosa	DaRosa Family	Theresa Swallow Bea Lepine Shirley Gutierrez	Grace Engen
Jan 08	Dee Dee Lepine Sheila Ryan-Hachey	Kyle Reid Doug Swallow	Eva & Merv Templeton	Tessie Gonzales Julia Flumerfelt David Delorey	Shirley G.
Jan 15	Andrew Cassidy Michaela Crook	Darm Crook Emmanuel Da-Rosa	Ramirez Family	Kyle Reid Louisa Schrumm Doug Swallow	Reggie, Liz B.
Jan 22	Bea Lepine Katherine Lenoir	Paul Delorey Hort B.	Capulso Family	Doris Caudron Theresa Swallow Sylvia Boyer	Nanette
Jan 29	Ruth Boden Sherry DaRosa	Kyle Reid Andrew Cassidy	Lance, Nanette & Family	Bea Lepine Tessie Gozales Kyle Reid	Sancie & Family

CWL NEWS

Lap Quilt Challenge: The members of the CWL nationwide are making lap quilts for residents in nursing homes and the patients in hospice. Whether you sew, knit, crochet, patch or quilt, your efforts and prayer-in-action will be most appreciated. Anyone interested in creating a lap quilt is invited to do so. We are hoping to have these quilts ready for our Diocesan Convention at the end of April.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY of the WORD

God our Father wants us all to be happy. But lasting happiness comes from inside us, when our hearts are filled with love and goodness. Today we hear Jesus explaining the secret of finding such happiness.

First Communion and Confirmation classes continue. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they prepare for these sacraments.

OPPORTUNITY for SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The week-end of February 25, 26, 27 a 12 Step Pilgrimage week-end will be held at Assumption Parish. For more information see the poster at the entrance to the church or see Father Don.

SNACKS Please see Grace or call to (876-1063) to sign up.

: <b>Weekly Revenue</b>	
\$1,527.66	Collection
\$0.00	Hall Rental
\$1,527.66	Revenue Total
\$1,764.00	Expenses Total
(\$236.34)	
Expenses are based on the 2015 average	



January 29, 2017  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Zep 2:3; 3:12–13  
1 Cor 1:26–31  
Mt 5:1–12a

The Beautiful Beatitudes

To follow Christ is to seek lowliness, humility, mercy, and righteousness. The Ten Commandments summarize God’s teaching to his people. Jesus gives us a new law that builds on the old. Before it was “You shall not...”; now it is, “Blessed are you when...” He calls us to greater happiness, greater blessing, but it comes with a challenge. Saint Augustine says that Jesus went up the mountain to preach the Beatitudes because he was preaching a higher moral doctrine: “greater precepts of righteousness.”

The new law contradicts what our wounded human nature tends to think and feel. We are challenged to believe blessings can come from tears, meekness, and poverty; that living meekly leads

to strength and security. Appreciating these truths requires transforming our minds and hearts. Faith is required. Deeply desiring and living in the right does bring satisfaction. There is consolation in mourning the things that sadden Christ’s heart.

If we live by the beatitudes, many will treat us more generously. We know people who are merciful, and we are quick to show them mercy. When our hearts are clean, we can see God more clearly. Those who seek and create peace are considered by all to be children of God. They are not without trials and suffering, but they are blessed and happy.

Christ calls us to store up treasures in heaven, spiritual blessings that cannot be taken away. Even if we experience difficulty, we will still receive the highest and greatest gift: the kingdom of heaven.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Am I renewing my heart and mind in Christ? How do I live out the beatitudes?



Piece: The Sermon on the Mount, circa 1482  
Artist: Cosimo Rosselli  
Location: Sistine Chapel

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness”  
(Matthew 5:10).