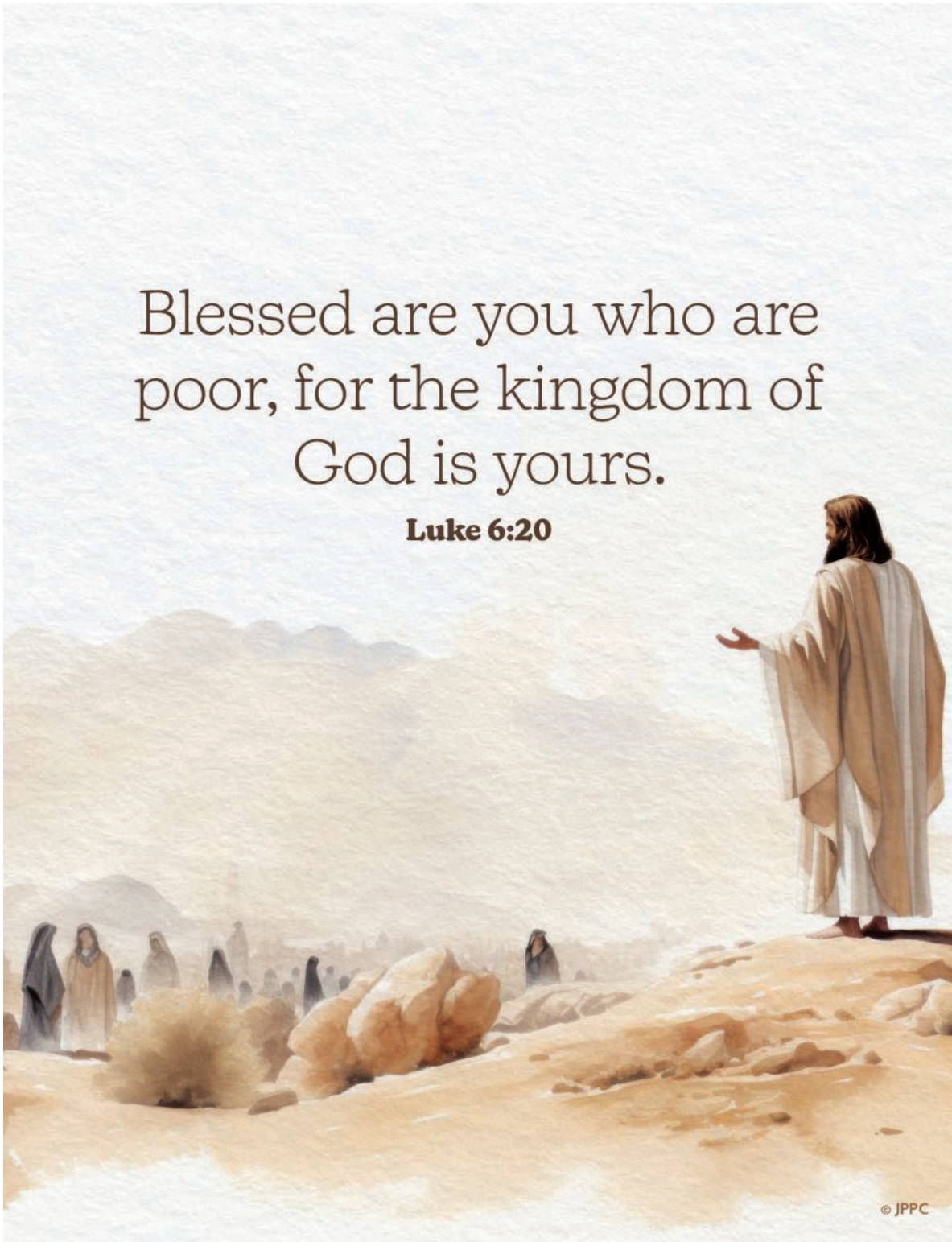


**THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**February 15/16, 2025**

Blessed are you who are  
poor, for the kingdom of  
God is yours.

**Luke 6:20**



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon Gen 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1+8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13
- Tues Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a+2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10 Mk 8:14-21
- Wed Gen 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18 19 Mk 8:22-26
- Thu Gen 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29+22-23 Mk 8:27-33
- Fri Gen 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 8:34 – 9:1
- Sat 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19
- Sun 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38



**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

When more than one family has an intention for a single Mass, we suggest that a member of each family present the gifts (hosts and wine) to the Celebrant. Please notify an Usher before Mass if you are in attendance

and wish to bring the gifts to the altar *and whether you would like the gifts to be placed in front of the first pew (if you are unable to walk the entire length of the center aisle)*



**Bereavement**

St. Joseph Parish community mourns the passing of ArCelia Martin. Please keep Mrs. Martin and her family in your prayers and offer your condolences and prayerful support to them throughout this difficult time.

**REFLECTIONS**

Our blessed Lord occasionally spoke about the future life in wide open outdoor spaces. Here a plain. At another time from a hilltop. His predictions opposed the Sadducees of His time, who did not believe in an afterlife. On both occasions, His great sermon was more about the right behavior to live as preparation for the next life and not too many detailed descriptions of it. He wanted our imaginations to soar upward in delights indescribable.

We who listen to Jesus every year on a given Sunday, and often enough at funeral Masses know that He beckons us to call it “Decision time,” no matter our ages or circumstances. First, do we believe and trust Him? Here we are, in a time and place best, living in a free society and in a high-tech age redolent with gadgets that feed our desire to be in control. That gives us a form of relief from some cares. But not all. Does your smartphone tell you how your relationship with your Maker is going? Or is it a kind of gearbox to work the engine of your time on this earth? Hardly.

If we allow ourselves to fall for that hoax, we’re no better than needy souls at a seance. In today’s Scriptural context, we’re no better off than the people of Judah compared by Jeremiah to a desert shrub lacking water. Or like the skeptical Corinthians St. Paul addresses about the resurrection of the body after death.

On this winter Sunday, it seems best to keep your child-like faith and trust intact. Do it with daily prayer and ready resolve to behave as we know we should. That alone will give us entree to the bright room where Christ’s holy table is set for you in the kingdom, we all hope to share with Him. Until then, believe that “when God measures a person, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head.”

source: Rev. Leonard G. Peterson







The MISSION of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our VISION: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material, and emotional needs of our greater community.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

Feb 15 In Memory of J. Daniel White  
 Sat 4:00pm by wife, Teresa and Family

Feb 18 For the Relief and Release of  
 Tues 7:45am the Souls in Purgatory

Feb 19 For the Relief and Release of  
 Wed 7:45am the Souls in Purgatory

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

Feb 22 In Memory of Nancy Campbell  
 Sat 4:00pm by her Family



**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
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 The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week **for all school children, that they may have a safe winter vacation week.**



Do you, or someone you know, need a prayer? Call Pauline Prew 568-5644 and have our “Prayer Warriors” pray for your intentions.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE**  
**CLOSED ON MONDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 17 FOR**  
**PRESIDENT’S DAY!!!**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	2/1/25	2/8/25
Weekly	\$1708.00	\$1281.00
Monthly	\$359.00	\$20.00
Fuel	\$40.00	\$308.00
Mass Stipends	\$60.00	\$90.00
Sanctuary Candle	N/A	N/A
Mail In	\$250.00	N/A
Votive Candles	N/A	N/A
Donation	\$100.00	N/A
Funeral	N/A	\$700.00
Dino’s Receipts	\$161.63	N/A
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$2678.63</b>	<b>\$2399.00</b>
Jacob’s Gift	\$10.00	N/A
Latin Am	\$30.00	N/A
Cath Univ	\$15.00	N/A

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Mar 1	Monthly
Mar 8	Fuel
Mar 15	Easter Flowers
Apr 12	CRS – Rice Bowl
Apr 18	Holy Land – Good Friday
Apr 19	Easter Offering for Catholic Charities
Apr 19	Monthly
April 26	Fuel

**ON-LINE GIVING**

Thank you to those parishioners who utilize Parish Giving. If you have not done so already, please visit our website-stjosephri.org to enroll in on-line giving. (See “Parish Giving” icon-bulletins lower left corner of the home page.)

**BUDGET COUNTERS WANTED**

St. Joseph is in great need of volunteers to assist in counting the collections on Monday mornings at 9:30am, (when there is a holiday on Monday, counting will be done Wednesday morning at 9:30am). This might be a good time to share your Talent with us. If you are able to assist with this, please contact the St. Joseph Parish Office at your earliest convenience at (401) 568-2411.

Thank you to all the previous counters and bank couriers, you were and are greatly appreciated!!!

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