

4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Zep 2: 3; 3: 12 -13

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Matthew 5: 1- 12

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday - “Ashes to ashes – dust to dust” and the sands of times and the dust of palms cross our foreheads again: rich, poor, saints and sinners all in the same line. Somehow we are connected, and Christ explains it in The Beatitudes.

The Beatitudes (Mt 5:1- 10) and followed by the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:13 – 7:29) - is Christ’s most important teaching.

“How Blest are the Poor in Spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” and the 7 other beatitudes... expresses what it takes to be happy in the most difficult of times. For the Beatitudes to make sense – our personal happiness needs to be framed against the backdrop – that 70% of the world’s population lives in complete and total destitute poverty. This is having no idea where there next meal is coming from! Have you ever been that hungry? If you have – then you know what it is like to walk by faith... and the Beatitudes are about living a life of faith. Let’s pray that our Lenten journey is one of Faith.

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