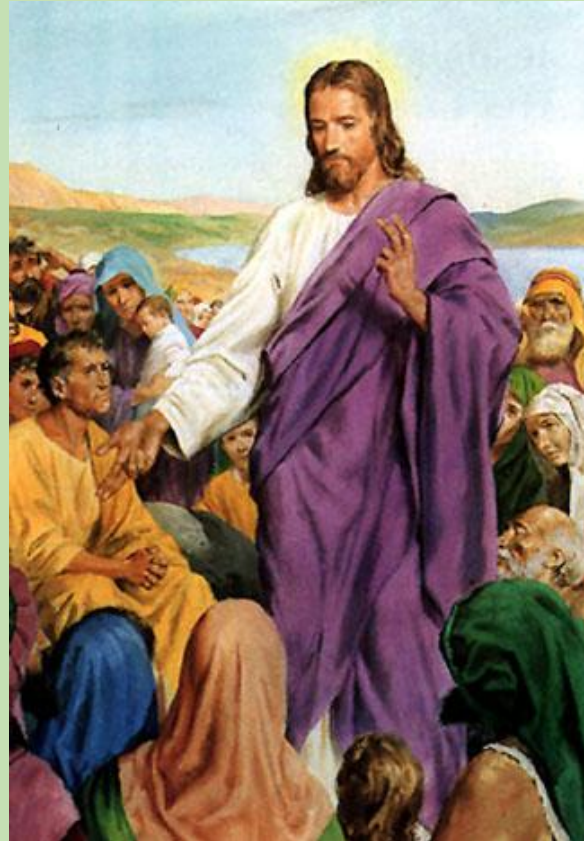


# Getting Ready for Sunday!



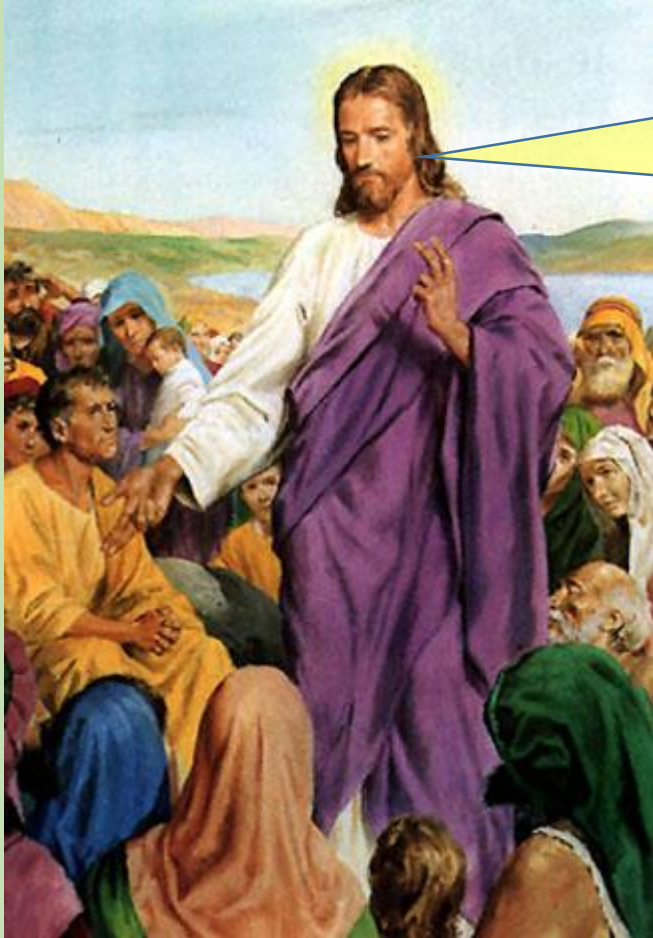
# The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Matthew 5:1-12



***The Beatitudes***

**When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:**



***Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

***Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.***



**Faith in God does not mean that we  
won't know or feel loss.  
Our faith promises that God is with  
us through it all!**

# ***Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.***



Those who are humble (meek) share power to do good by never

1. putting others down
2. using physical, emotional or verbal violence
3. making others seem stupid or of little worth
4. manipulating others

***Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied.***



***Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.***



**Can you accept other others when they have done wrong or do you hold it against them forever?**

**Can you forgive yourself for not being perfect?**

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*



**Positive people have negative thoughts.  
They just don't let the thoughts control them!**

***Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.***



**Do you make peace or cause trouble between people?**

***Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***



**It is not easy to stand up for what is right!  
However, it is the way to build the kingdom of God on earth.**

***Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.***



**When you work for those who are most in need or fight for justice, some people will try to put you down and stand in your way!  
We will not always be liked when we stand up for what is right.**

***Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.***

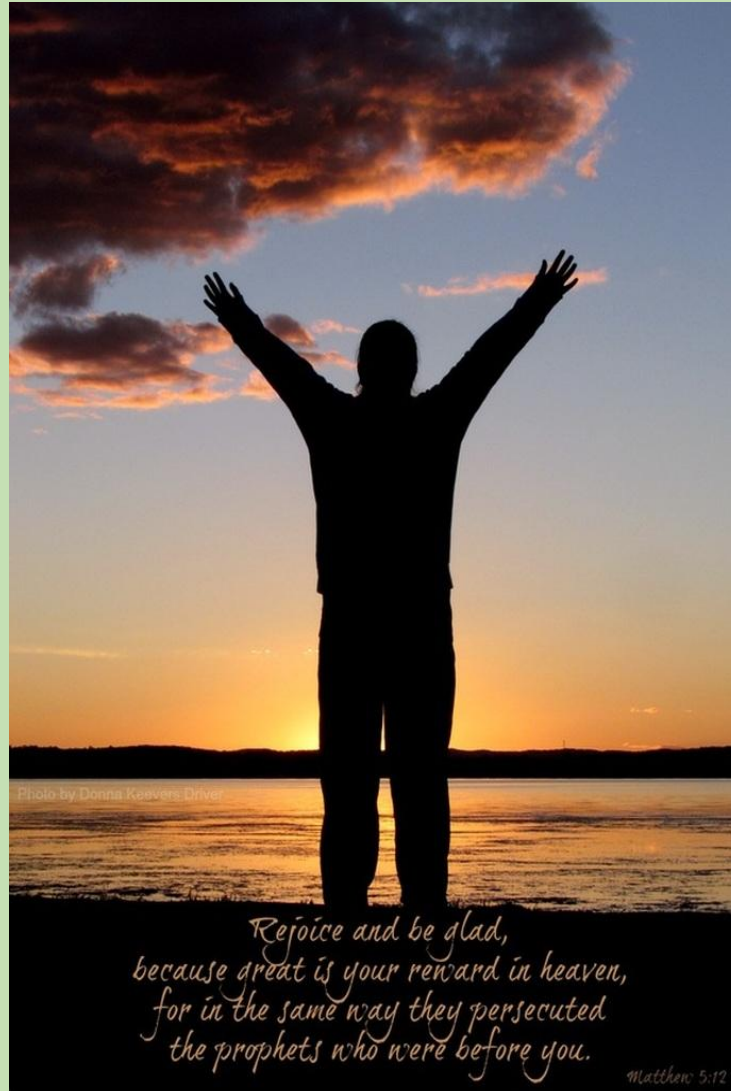


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Matthew 5:12

**Know that God is with you even when it is difficult to be allowed to do what is right!**

**There are no instant results in the struggle for justice and right.**

**The reward for doing what is right is knowing that we are adding beauty to God's creation!**

## Bible Search

Read **Matthew 5:1-12** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



# Consider



**What is God calling you to let go of today?**

# Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to hear God calling you.

