

February 16 & 17 Homily Outline

On Missing Mass because of Snowstorms!

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

CCC 2180 The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass."¹¹⁷ "The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day."¹¹⁸

CCC 2181 The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor.¹¹⁹ Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.

Code of Canon Law (CIC)

CIC Can. 1245 for a just cause . . . a pastor can grant in individual cases a dispensation from the obligation of observing a feast day . . .

CIC Can. 1247 On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass.

Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body.

Excused for a serious reason – vs. – Dispensed

The main point is that – if it's impossible, or dangerous or there is a serious reason – then you don't have to go. If you could go, but would like that law relaxed instead, then you would need to ask for a dispensation.

The Sermon on the Plain

Matthew 5:1-3

WHEN HE SAW THE CROWDS, HE WENT UP THE MOUNTAIN, AND AFTER HE HAD SAT DOWN, HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM. HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM, SAYING:

“BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Luke 6:17, 20

AND HE CAME DOWN WITH THEM AND STOOD ON A STRETCH OF LEVEL GROUND. A GREAT CROWD OF HIS DISCIPLES AND A LARGE NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE FROM ALL JUDEA AND JERUSALEM AND THE COASTAL REGION OF TYRE AND SIDON . . .

AND RAISING HIS EYES TOWARD HIS DISCIPLES HE SAID:

“BLESSED ARE YOU WHO ARE POOR,
FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS YOURS.

"The crowds that gather around Jesus are thirsty for healing, for light, for happiness. He responds to this thirst; he gives these suffering people a magnificent promise of happiness, repeated nine times but in language very different from what we might expect. What he proposes isn't a human happiness, the image of happiness we are accustomed to, *but an unexpected happiness, encountered in*

situations and attitudes not normally associated with happiness—a happiness that is not a human production but a “surprise from God,” granted precisely when and where we thought it impossible. - The Eight Doors of the Kingdom: Meditations on the Beatitudes. by Jacques Philippe

1. Happiness of the Kingdom is unexpected, not where you expect it, a surprise from God!

2. "In regard to the first beatitude, there is first of all a literary problem: Matthew and Luke report the beatitudes to us in somewhat different ways. . . .Matthew says, **“The poor in spirit,”** while Luke simply says, **“The poor.”**

From St. Leo the Great

It might have been unclear to which poor he was referring, if after the words “blessed are the poor,” he had not added anything about the kind of poor he had in mind. For then the poverty that many suffer because of grave and harsh necessity might seem sufficient to merit the kingdom of heaven.

But when he says: Blessed are the poor in spirit, he shows that the kingdom of heaven is to be given to those who are distinguished by their humility of soul rather than by their lack of worldly goods.

There is no doubt that the poor find it easier than the rich to receive the blessing of humility; for gentleness goes with poverty just as pride more commonly goes with riches. Nevertheless, very many rich people find that their wealth does not swell them up with pride: rather, they do good and benevolent things with it. For these people the greatest treasure is what they spend in relieving the distress and hardship of others.

What does this spiritual poverty consist of? If I had to sum it up in one sentence, I would say it is essentially a form of freedom, the freedom to receive everything freely and to give everything freely. The true gospel poor are those who depend on God and have staked everything on him in faith. *The Eight Doors of the Kingdom: Meditations on the Beatitudes. by Jacques Philippe*

Announcements:

- ❖ **Sunday**—Teen Confirmation/Faith Works @ 9:30am in School. Sparks @ 9:30am in JPPII Center. *Ignite kick off event @ 12:15pm in lower JPPII Center.* “Roots” Young Adults program @ 6:15pm in Camerman Hall.
- ❖ **Monday**—Legion of Mary @ 9am in upper JPPII Center. Respect Life @ 5:30pm in upper JPPII Center.
- ❖ **Tuesday**—Bible Study @ 9am in JPPII Center.
- ❖ **Wednesday**—Rosary Makers @ 9:30am in upper JPPII Center. Confession @ 5pm. Fraternalis/Fidelis @ 6pm in JPPII Center. Adult Series on *Apologetics* @ 6pm in Camerman Hall.
- ❖ **Thursday**—“That Man is You” @ 6am in Camerman Hall. Women’s Bible Study @ 6pm in lower JPPII Center. RCIA @ 6:30pm in Camerman Hall. Extraordinary Form Mass @ 7pm in Church.
- ❖ **Friday**—Mom’s Group @ 10am in JPPII Center. Youth Bible Study @ 3:30pm in lower JPPII Center.
- ❖ **Saturday (Feb 23)**— *“Night at the Races” @ 7pm in Camerman Hall.*
- ❖ **Women’s Welcome Retreat (Mar 30/31)** email: OLSOSWomensRetreat@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Men’s Welcome Retreat (Apr 6/7)** email: OLSOSMensRetreat@gmail.com.
- ❖ **After Morning Masses in Camerman Hall**—Join your Parish Family for Hospitality, hosted by Sister-Parish Ministry.