

Sunday 17 February 2019: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus teaches the crowd the Beatitudes



...As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes", those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation... these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness...

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