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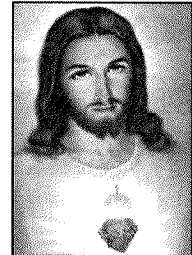
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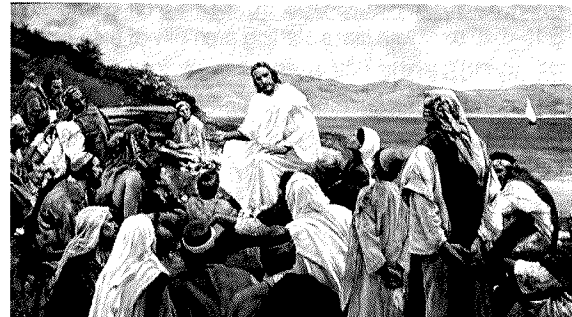
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POPE FRANCIS - Excerpt from GENERAL AUDIENCE
Paul VI Audience Hall - Wednesday, 19 February 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good Morning. In today's catechesis we consider the third of the eight Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Mt 5:5). Here, the term "meek", literally means sweet, docile, gentle, devoid of violence. Meekness manifests itself in times of conflict. It can be seen by how one reacts to a hostile situation. Anyone can appear meek when everything is peaceful, but how does one react "under pressure", if one is under attack, offended, threatened? In one passage, Saint Paul refers to "the meekness and gentleness of Christ" (2 Cor 10:1). Meanwhile, Saint Peter recalls the attitude of Jesus during his Passion: he did not respond nor threaten because "he trusted to him who judges justly" (1 Pt 2:23). And the meekness of Jesus can be clearly seen in his Passion. In Scripture, the word "meek" also indicates one who does not have earthly property. Thus, we are struck by the fact that the third Beatitude says precisely that the meek "shall inherit the earth". In reality, this Beatitude quotes Psalm 37 which we heard at the beginning of the catechesis. There too, meekness and earthly possessions are juxtaposed. If one thinks about it, these two things appear to be incompatible. Indeed the possession of land is a typical setting for conflict: people often fight over a territory in order to dominate a particular area. The stronger one prevails in war and conquers other lands. But let us look more closely at the verb that is used to indicate the possessions of the meek: they do not conquer the earth. It does not say "Blessed the meek for they shall conquer the earth". They "inherit it". Blessed are the meek, for they shall "inherit" the earth. In the Scriptures the verb "inherit" has a much deeper meaning. The People of God actually refer to the land of Israel which is the Land of the Promise, as their "inheritance". That land is a promise and a gift to the People of God and it becomes the symbol for something much greater than a simple territory. There is a "land" — allow me to play on words — which is Heaven, that is the land towards which we are journeying: the new heavens and the new earth towards which we are going (cf. Is 65:17; 66:22; 2 Pt 3:13; Ap 21:1). Therefore the meek are those who "inherit" the most sublime of territories. They are not cowards, "weak" people who find a moral expedient to avoid difficulties. Quite the contrary! They are people who have received an inheritance and do not wish to squander it. The meek are not accommodating, but rather they are Christ's disciples who have learned how to protect quite another earth. They protect their peace. They protect their relationship with God and they protect his gifts, God's gifts, preserving mercy, fraternity, trust, hope, because meek people are merciful, fraternal, trusting people with hope.



(To read more, go to http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200219_udiienza-generale.html)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Mar. 14	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Peter & Dorothy Kilichowski by family.	
Sunday	Mar. 15	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Third Sunday of Lent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Evelyn Plutowski by Roger & Clare Dufault.	
Monday	Mar. 16	6:30 pm (Minto)	+ Ronald Pokrzywinski by Duane Rivard.	
Tuesday	Mar. 17	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Mary Jean Altendorf by Steph Rudnik and Coleen Donelan.	<i>St. Patrick, Bishop</i>
Wednesday	Mar. 18	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Lucille Votava by Curtis & Sandy Gerszewski.	<i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>
Thursday	Mar. 19	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Charles & Agnes Odstrcil by their great-grandkids.	<i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Friday	Mar. 20	7:30 am (Minto)	+ Thomas Norberg by Mary Norberg.	Abstinence—Fridays of Lent
		5:15 pm (Warsaw)	——Stations of the Cross—— (Fr. Joseph)	
		7:00 pm (Minto)	——Stations of the Cross——	
Saturday	Mar. 21	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Martha Rudnik by Donnie & Marianne Rudnik.	
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ David Slominski by Irene & Janelle Schanilec.	
Sunday	Mar. 22	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Fourth Sunday of Lent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	Living & deceased members of the Joe & Minnie Kiedrowski family by Rod & Joan Schanilec.	

CONFESSIONS Sat. 3:45-4:55 pm (Minto), 1/2 hour before weekday Mass, & anytime... just call.
Also Confession Time: 1/2 hour before Sunday Masses.

WEEKLY OFFERING March 8, 2020: **Minto** = \$2,295 **Warsaw** = \$994 **FORMED CODE: M6G74Q**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Sat., Mar. 21: Altar Servers: Volunteers needed. **Lector:** Jennifer Kelley. **Ushers:** Lenny Schanilec & Michael Wysocki.

Sun., Mar. 22: Altar Servers: Jack Kennedy & Jack Lane. **Lector:** Irene Evenson. **Ushers:** Donald Rudnik & George Kozel.

WARSAW: Sun., Mar. 15: Altar Servers: Andy Plutowski, Ben Gudajtes, Blake Lizakowski. **Lector:** Greg Feltman.

Ushers: John Graves & Mark Vandal. **Gift Bearers:** Dennis & Linda Slominski.

Sun., Mar. 22: Altar Servers: Simon Plutowski & Damian Bushaw. **Lector:** Greg Feltman.

Ushers: John Graves & Mark Vandal. **Gift Bearers:** Dale & Judy Plutowski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASS on Wednesday, **March 18**, for **grades 9-12** at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw. A meal will be served from 6:15-6:45 p.m. with class starting promptly at 6:45 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: The next parent meeting and class for students in **grades K-8** will be on Wed., **April 1**, 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Minto. **Final session on Wed., April 22** for the whole family — Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by a potluck supper. All are welcome.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE on **Sun., April 5**, at **4:00pm** at **Sacred Heart Church, Minto, for Minto & Warsaw parishes together.**

Other area Reconciliation Services are Sun., March 22, 12:00 noon, St. John's, Pisek. Sun., March 22, 4:00pm, St. John's, Grafton.

Mon., March 30, 7:00pm, St. Mary's, Park River.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: A devotion during Lent that is declining in practice is the Stations of the Cross. Stations are scheduled for all the **Fridays of Lent including Good Friday.** They will be held in Warsaw at 5:15 p.m. and in Minto at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross as many times as possible during Lent in either parish. Families with children are encouraged to attend and instill a love of this ancient devotion in their families.

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPER — Last one for this Lenten season! The Sacred Heart Altar Society of Minto is serving a Lenten simple supper from 6:00-6:50 p.m. on Friday, **March 27**, at Sacred Heart Church, Minto. This meal is being offered at no charge. Everyone is welcome to attend the meal and attend Stations of the Cross afterwards.

EASTER FLOWERS: Envelopes for Easter flowers were attached to last weekend's bulletins. Please return the envelope by putting it in the collection basket or mailing it to the parish office, PO Box 316, Minto ND 58261. You may use your own envelope also. Please indicate which parish your donation is for. Thank you for helping our churches look beautiful for Easter!

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL: Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2020 God's Gift Appeal. Sacred Heart Parish is 52% towards its goal of \$27,431 with a participation rate of 25% and St. Stanislaus Parish is 49% towards its goal of \$18,249 with a participation rate of 26%. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out your commitment card as soon as possible and return it in the collection basket or mail your donation directly to the Diocese of Fargo. If you do not have a card, extra commitment cards are located by the bulletins. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

OPERATION RICE BOWL - Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Please help the neediest people of the world by putting your extra change or cash in your Rice Bowl. For both parishes, please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church and write Rice Bowl on the memo line. For more information on global hunger, visit crsricebowl.org.

"NO GREATER LOVE" LENTEN STUDY: Session Three, entitled The Trial Before Pilate: Jesus Is Condemned to Death, will be held on **Thurs., Mar. 19, 7:15 p.m.,** Sacred Heart Church dining room, Minto. This study, written by Dr. Edward Sri of Ascension Press, has five sessions plus a bonus session. Bring a friend to Session 3. If you have questions, please call Joan at 360-2499.

REJOICE! ON LAETARE SUNDAY, MARCH 22, St. Edward's in Drayton is hosting a classical piano performance by Jay Hershberger, professor of piano at Concordia, featuring Chopin and Schubert. The performance will begin at 2PM with a dessert buffet and beverages to follow. There will be gluten-free deserts available, too. A free-will offering is being asked for to help with the cost of major repairs to our geothermal system.

WOMEN'S REDEEMED CONFERENCE 2020 will be held **March 27 (evening) and March 28 at the Fargo Avalon Events Center but there is only one week left to register for this Conference!** *Sun., March 22, marks your last chance to register for this exciting event.* After that, registration will close. Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet in Fargo together with women from across our region. We will have the chance to encounter Christ deeply, aided by the stirring music of *The Vigil Project* during Eucharistic adoration; to be refreshed through powerful keynotes by Helen Alvaré, Dr. James Link, and others; and to grow in friendship as Trusted Sisters in Christ. Visit www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen to find all the details and get registered now. Registration fee is \$75.

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY for the Diocese of Fargo (Kathy Loney) is looking for young adults, male & female, to help plan and present a gender specific retreat this summer for students ages 13-17. The paid position includes several meetings, the actual retreat, and evaluation. For more information or to say 'yes' to this challenge, please contact Kathy Loney 701-356-7902 or email Kathy.loney@fargodiocese.org no later than Fri., March 20.

FISH FRY St. John's Parish, Grafton, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Friday, **March 27 and April 3.** \$12.00 All You Can Eat. \$6.00 ages 6-12 years. Free for ages 5 and under. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #3918. Dessert Bar sponsored by St. John's Youth.

28TH ANNUAL "OLD-FASHIONED SPAGHETTI DINNER" Sunday, **March 15**, noon to 6:00 p.m., Holy Family Catholic Church Social Hall, 1018 18th Ave. S., Grand Forks. Free will offering. All proceeds support local, regional, and global human needs, such as a mission in Chimbote, Peru; the food cupboard, St. Joseph's Social Care and Thrift Store. All are welcome!!

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, **March 15**, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Forest River Legion Hall for the benefit of the Forest River Community Fund. Menu: Pancakes, ham, sausages, scrambled eggs, bars, and beverage. All are invited to attend.

MINTO

LENTEN FOOD PANTRY DRIVE from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday at Sacred Heart, Minto, for the Walsh County Food Pantry. All kinds of non-perishable food items and non-food items are needed. No open packages or outdated items please. Please put items in the area where the Giving Tree is set up at Christmas time.

SACRED HEART CHOIR PRACTICE Sun., **Mar. 15**, after the 8:30am Mass. New members welcome!

MARCH CHURCH CLEANING: Lead family: Rod & Joan Schanilec. Kurt & Jennifer Kelley, Layne & Traci Kittelson, Tim Mondry, Tyler & Janesa Narloch, Vern Schreiner.

MONUMENT TO BE PLACED AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CEMETERY: To all former members of St. John the Baptist Church of Ardoch, anyone who has relatives buried at St. John's Cemetery, and all others who may be interested in this project: A monument is being planned for St. John's Cemetery as a memorial to the church. Anyone wanting more information or wanting to make a donation, please contact Ray Korynta at (home) 701-869-2869 or (cell) 701-521-0517.

WARSAW

THE GATES FOR THE COMMUNION RAIL in Warsaw will be reinstalled by Henning Church & Historical Restorations. The columns need to be rebuilt in order to support the gates. Donations are needed for this special project. The estimated cost is \$2,500. Donations can be put into the collection basket or mailed to the parish office (PO Box 316, Minto ND 58261). If you have any questions, please talk to Fr. Moen. Clearly mark all donations as "Communion Rail" donations. Thank you.