

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 2022

Chapter 6, in Luke's Gospel is his version of the Sermon on the Mountain in Matthew.

Scripture's scholars call it Luke's Sermon on the Plain. Where Matthew uses, the word "Happy", Luke uses a more poetic word "Blessed". Notice the values Luke highlights: Blessed are the poor, ... the hungry, those who are weeping. These represent the Sufferings that the disciples can expect as they work to build the Kingdom of God. But even more important is the word "NOW", those who now are hungry... now are weeping.... For this suffering is temporary. The resurrection of all of us will put an end to these imbalances in this life.

Notice, Luke's woe's: Woe to you who are rich NOW... who are filled NOW, who laugh NOW....

These words challenge us to take seriously these behaviors and attitudes. I think the challenge for us is to notice the NOWs of our lifetime. Do we receive our "now" time as a blessing or a curse? Does our gratitude balance out our woe's?

Do we live our life as a blessing or as a curse?