

YOUTH



MINISTRY

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### 2010 Youth Life in the Spirit Seminar #11

There will be shepherding tonight after the Youth Praise and Worship.

The next *Shepherding Sessions* will be on February 19 and February 26, 2010 (one-on-one)

*Invocation Mass:* March 12, 2010

*YLSS Proper:* March 13 & 14, 2010  
@ Cardinal Leger School in Scarborough

*Post Shepherding Session:* March 19, 2010

We would like to ask everyone to continue praying for all the YLSS #11 participants and to observe silence during the shepherding sessions in the basement hall.



From the Solo Parents Ministry

### SOLO PARENTS ENCOUNTER #9

Date: April 9 – 11, 2010

Location: Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre

Invitees: Widow(er), Divorced, Separated, Single with Children, Married whose spouse is working abroad, Married with a spouse who is incapacitated or bedridden

Application Forms are available at the OLA Basement Hall before and after each corresponding Friday's Mass/Corporate Worship.

Please submit completed forms to Monette McQuaid, Linda Canaria, Sylvia Centeno, Nilda Villa or any other member of SPE #8.



### Toronto Teaching Schedule

For a complete and up-to-date Teaching Schedule, visit: [www.bldtoronto.org](http://www.bldtoronto.org)



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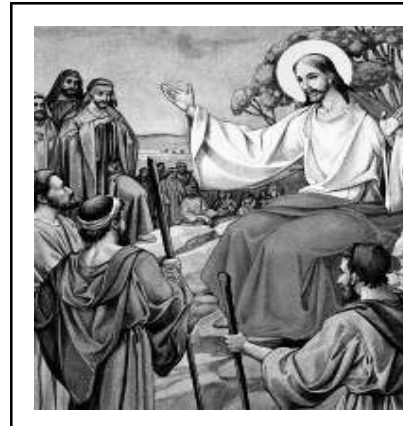


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February 12, 2010

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### ORDER:

Rejoice and trust in the Lord. (Lk 6:23; Ps 1)

### REFLECTION:

Jesus had just selected the twelve apostles and before a large crowd of followers, he presented the basic principles on which this new community must be grounded to. He spoke about the code of values and way of life each disciple must adhere to. The code, also known as the Beatitudes, defined the character of each follower of Christ not only the first twelve apostles but also all his followers in this modern times. The Beatitudes describe the character and values of Jesus that we must all do our best to imitate.

### THEME:

We spread the Good News of salvation when people see the character of Jesus in us.

### WORD:

Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;  
Lk 6:17, 20-26

The first one is the foundation for all the Beatitudes; "**Blessed are you who are poor.**" It's a posture of humility and dependence on God. Most of the early followers of Jesus were poor people distinctly relying on the goodness of

God for provisions and comfort. They relied on God to protect and heal them. They surrendered to God's sovereign rule and obeyed his law. They knew that without God, they could do nothing. As Jesus was humble, dependent and obedient to the Father, we too must do the same.

**"Blessed are you who are meek."** Poverty is associated with being powerless, defenseless, being oppressed and even being denied of the right to be heard. Jesus was gentle; he was mocked and sneered at. It is not that different nowadays because often times we see people throw their weight around to achieve their goals. There is a saying, "Might is Right". This is not how Jesus is nor does he want us to be like; but rather, he wants us to have an attitude of gentleness and kindness as our way to move our agenda, not by throwing our weight around or by overcoming opposition with aggression.

**"Blessed are you who are hungry now."** Hunger springs from poverty. Most of the victims of injustices are the poor people. They hunger not only for food but more so for justice - that's why Jesus identified with them. As disciples, we ought to "hunger and thirst" for what is right, to respect others and to treat others with dignity. So when we see other people being abused in whatever way, we hunger and thirst that their dignity will be respected and we should be moved to do something about it.

**"Blessed are you who weep now."** Weeping is an expression of suffering and unhappiness of those who are experiencing hardships. Jesus wanted his disciples to be sensitive and compassionate as he was to those who are mourning and weeping. He wants us to be moved to offer our help and charity to those in need. When we see in the news the sufferings of the earthquake survivors in Haiti, we feel compelled to extend whatever assistance we can give and to pray for them.

The Beatitudes are, among others, the values and the ways of life Jesus expects us to emulate. These are the values of our community. We spread the Good News of Salvation not through our own capabilities and strengths but by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ as demonstrated in all our words and deeds to everyone and everywhere.

### **DIRECTION:**

Delight in the law of the Lord, meditate on it day and night so that we will bear fruit in due season and all we do may prosper.

### **GOD'S PROMISE:**

*"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord."* (Jer 17:7-8)

## ***THE BEATITUDES: BLUEPRINT FOR HOLINESS***

### ***Be the Saints of the New Millennium***

The Servant of God John Paul II exhorted the youth at Toronto's World Youth Day to be "***People of the Beatitudes***". He spoke to young people about the call to holiness and the vocation to be saints. In his message for World Youth Day 2000 in Rome, he wrote to his "dear young friends" throughout the world unforgettable words that became the rallying cry for the Jubilee's greatest celebration:

*"Young people of every continent, do not be afraid to be the saints of the new millennium! Be contemplative, love prayer; be coherent with your faith and generous in the service of your brothers and sisters, be active members of the Church and builders of peace. To succeed in this demanding project of life, continue to listen to His Word, draw strength from the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Penance. The Lord wants you to be intrepid apostles of his Gospel and builders of a new humanity."*

Two years later for our World Youth Day 2002 in Canada, John Paul II took up once again the theme of holiness and saints in his message to us:

*"Just as salt gives flavor to food and light illumines the darkness, so too holiness gives full meaning to life and makes it reflect God's glory. How many saints, especially young saints, can we count in the Church's history! In their love for God their heroic virtues shone before the world, and so they became models of life which the Church has held up for imitation by all. ...Through the intercession of this great host of witnesses, may God make you too, dear young people, the saints of the third millennium!"*

At the concluding World Youth Day Mass at Downs view Park in Toronto on July 28, 2002, Pope John Paul issued a stirring challenge:

*"And if, in the depths of your hearts, you feel the same call to the priesthood or consecrated life, do not be afraid to follow Christ on the royal road of the Cross! At difficult moments in the Church's life, the pursuit of holiness becomes even more urgent. And holiness is not a question of age; it is a matter of living in the Holy Spirit, just as Kateri Tekakwitha did here in America and so many other young people have done."*

(Father Thomas Rosica, CSB)

### ***Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11th)***

Anyone who has made a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Lourdes will not have missed the opportunity to pray at the Grotto where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared on the 11th of February 1858. A mystical place, similar to the welcoming "bosom" of a mother, almost a baptismal font, in which to immerse ourselves and rediscover the unrivalled beauty of being Christians: having God as our Father and Mary as our Mother! (Msgr.Luciano Alimandi, Catholic Culture.Org)