

Journey OF Faith

February 14, 2010

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In Word & Deed

The college football team has a strict dress code and a strict code of behavior. Student athletes must dress well, sit in front of all classes, maintain a B average, attend mandated study hall and do community service hours each month. It's a matter of pride and integrity to be a member of the team, and each player supports the others in the effort to be his best.

Jesus had just chosen the Apostles, the 12 men who would be His closest companions and the first preachers of the Gospel. At the very beginning of their time together, Jesus outlines what is expected of those who would preach and live the Kingdom. Their attitude, treatment of others, dependence on God and the quest for holiness will mark the life of a believer.

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BLESSED *are you who are poor,*
for the Kingdom of God is **YOURS.**

LUKE 6:20 (NAB)



Scripture Readings

Sunday	February 14
Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26	
Monday	February 15
Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13	
Tuesday	February 16
Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21	
Wednesday	February 17
Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	
Thursday	February 18
Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25	
Friday	February 19
Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15	
Saturday	February 20
Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32	
Sunday	February 21
Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13	

The Origin of St. Valentine

The origin of St. Valentine, and how many St. Valentines there were, remains a mystery. One opinion is that he was a Roman martyred for refusing to give up his Christian faith. Other historians hold that St. Valentine was a temple priest jailed for defiance during the reign of Claudius. Whoever he was, Valentine really existed because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to Saint Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom. He is the patron of Love, Young People and Happy Marriages.

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FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate love and send cards and gifts as expressions of affection and devotion. It is a popular day for engagements, for new beginnings and renewal of long time relationships. It is a day of hope and a day of remembrance. It is a sentimental look at all that is good about love.

God loves us and our Valentine begins on Ash Wednesday. It is a time for us to reflect on our relationship with Him, to ponder the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and to recommit ourselves to a life of holiness and faith. He offers us a share in His life, promising forgiveness, redemption, and new life. It is a Valentine that is more than a sentimental gesture; it is

God's creative power that restores us to grace.



Every year people struggle to find a Lenten sacrifice to make. Giving up something does not always help us grow spiritually or help us live a better life. This year, make Lent a time of love. Focus on building bridges with others, reaching out to those from whom you are distant. Forgive faults and failings and start anew. Find ways to share the blessings of God with those who have lost hope. Love the unloving. Make the sacrifices necessary to be a channel of God's love.

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A new inspiration springs forth with every time,
with every age, with every place. In the song of
the church there is always one more measure, one
more note, one more verse, more lyrics, and above
all, more deeds to perform, deeds that build the
temple of the kingdom of God.

Ricardo Ramirez

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It's easy to become complacent with religion. People fall into the good habits of going to church, supporting their parish and volunteering from time to time. But the mission is not to sustain the way things are, but to shake things up, to be signs of the Kingdom

that announces a new way of life, justice, peace and mercy. Be more than a pew warmer. Carry the message with passion and urgency. Live the Beatitudes and you'll live the life of the Kingdom of God.

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