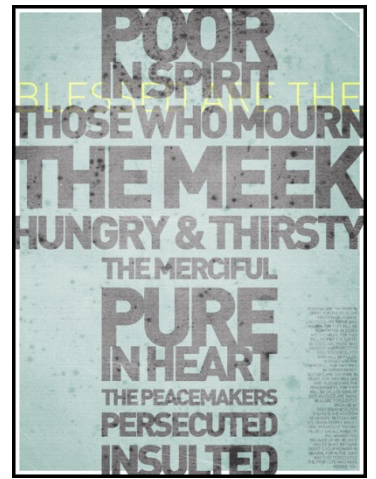


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In this week's Gospel we hear Jesus teaching us the characteristics of a true disciple of Christ. All of us are familiar with the Beatitudes. The Sermon on the Mount is the focus of the readings over the next few weeks. They begin with the words **“blessed are, meaning, “filled with deep joy”**. Almost sounding like a contradiction when the blessings are a series of difficult things to feel blessed about! **Poor in Spirit, Hungry, Thirsty, Insulted, Mourning, and Persecuted**. But He concludes with the promise that if we are true disciples we **will** be blessed! If we look at all the readings this Sunday the others have the theme of Prophets. To be a prophet is to listen to God and tell the message to others. Let us quietly listen to the voice of God within and become His hands and feet on earth.



Review of auction items: The Auction committee is working very hard to make this our biggest and best ever! Please check out the information provided this week on some of the items you will find. This is only a small sampling of the great gifts available for bid. If you haven't been contacted by your room parents, you will be hearing from them very soon. The class gifts are also a great sell and a tremendous boost to our Auction sales. Please be generous when called upon for your class gift contribution. Please make every attempt to help

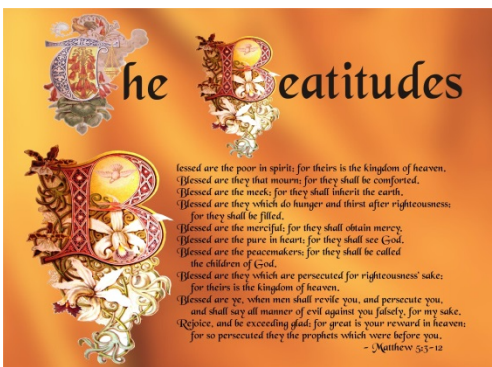
A change for next year's Tuition Financial Aid: We will no longer use the paper forms from Private School Tuition Aid Services. (PSAS) as it was formerly known. They have been bought out by **FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment**. Information from **FACTS** is in this week's envelope. We will soon have the link on our website. This application is online only. We will not be handing out any forms. All applications must be submitted by April 30th for currently enrolled families.

Tennis Club and Taekwondo Club: We are once again offering two clubs to help with indoor activities for the winter months. Please see the enclosed information regarding the sign-ups for these clubs.

100th day celebration: We are looking forward to once again share in the fun with the First Grade project. The 100th day celebration for our school will be Monday Feb. 6th. It is a dress-up day where the creative kids can dress up how they think they will look when they are 100. The proceeds from this day will benefit the "New Haven Reads" project. This is the Grade One service project.

CHILD LURES PROGRAM: As is required by the Archdiocese, all students will have the presentation of the Child Lures Program. Mrs. Fresco is a trained facilitator with this program and gives the presentation each year. Please refer to the letter in this week's packet.

Catholic Schools Week Activities: We are anticipating a great week of activities for the students. Please see the enclosed flyer for the week. Special note of a change in lunches for Tuesday and Thursday: lunches are switched Tuesday will be Hot dogs and Thursday Pancakes.



REJOICE! WE ARE BLESSED!

Hope to see you on Sunday!

Sr. Annette