

Jan 16 Devotion Page. Greetings from the Church of the Holy Cross. We hope this finds you well. We love you and we miss you.

Update on Church...A good update on progress at the church this week. The drying efforts have been concluded. Tony will be meeting with the restoration company and adjuster on Wednesday this week for further discussion on the area that needs to be built back in the sacristy.(cabinet and sink area) Separate from that we should be on track to meet back in-person at the church this upcoming Sunday, 1/22. If that date needs to get pushed back we'll communicate that via email and on the Facebook page. We're very much looking forward to getting back to in-person worship together. Fr Bryan

### The Beatitudes

The Beatitudes are the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-10). Jesus teaches us that if we live according to the Beatitudes, we will live a happy Christian life. The Beatitudes fulfill God's promises made to Abraham and his descendants and describe the rewards that will be ours as loyal followers of Christ.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean in heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

### *11. For the Parish from the Book of Common Prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent.

Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*