

February 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus taught us about the kinds of people who are blessed by God.

This teaching is called the Beatitudes (Luke 6:20–21).

Draw a line from each speech bubble on the left to the one on the right that will complete what Jesus said.

Blessed are
you who
are poor,

for you will
be satisfied.

Blessed are
you who are
now weeping,

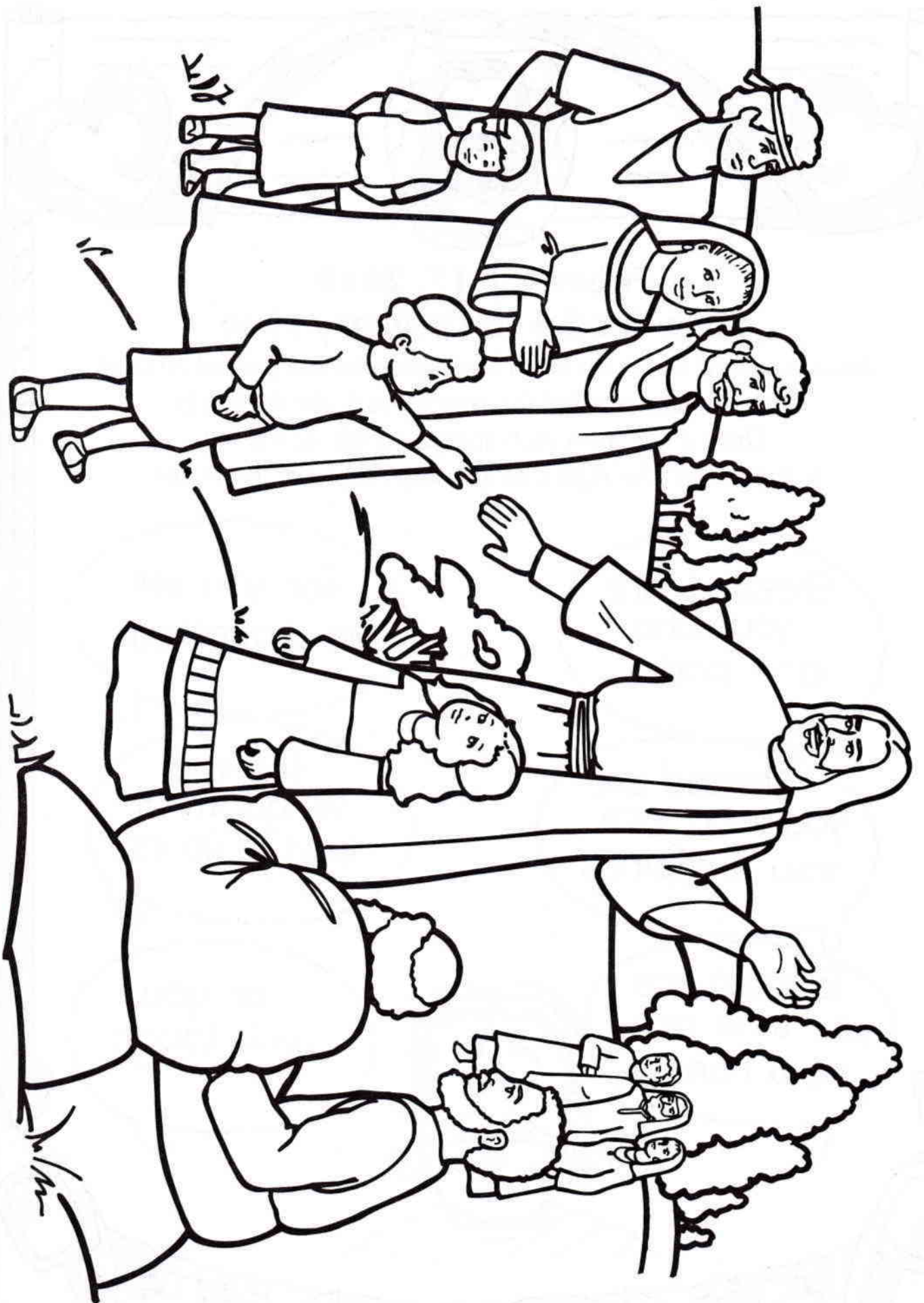
for the
kingdom of
God is yours.

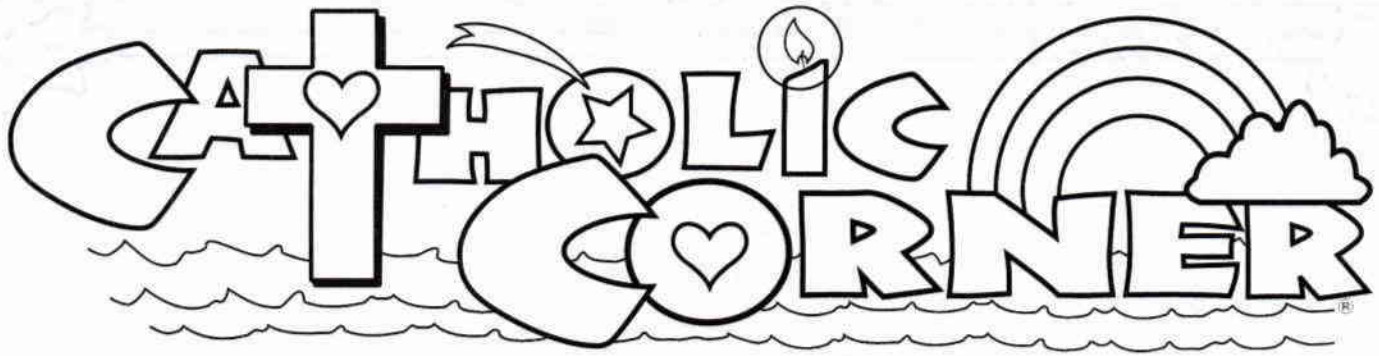
Blessed are
you who are
now hungry,

for you
will laugh.



Jesus talks to all the people who gather to hear his words.





THE CHAIR OF PETER

This Friday, February 22, we celebrate a feast with an unusual name, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle.

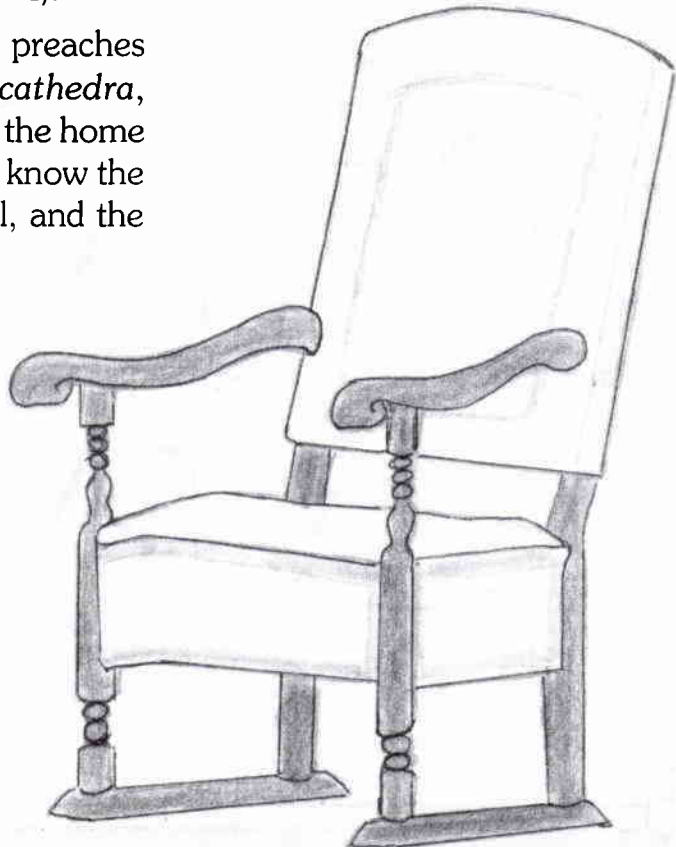
But we are not really celebrating a piece of furniture; we are honoring what the chair symbolizes. The chair itself does have a history. St. Peter is often considered the first Bishop of Rome. Today the pope is regarded as the Bishop of Rome. The physical Chair of Peter is in the basilica of St. Peter in Rome. Some of the wood in the chair is believed to be preserved from the time when Peter himself sat in it. You can see a picture of this chair, now beautifully decorated, on the Internet.

The significance of this feast is not the chair itself but what it symbolizes. A person who holds a position of authority and leadership in an organization is often referred to as its chair. The person who sits in the leadership chair holds great responsibility. In Matthew's Gospel (16:13-19) we read that Jesus told Peter that he would build his church upon Peter and give him the "keys to the kingdom of heaven." Every pope since Peter has had the responsibility to continue to lead the Church in the footsteps of Christ. The pope is to care for all people, following the example of Jesus the Good Shepherd (see 1 Peter 5:1-4).

Every bishop has a chair from which he preaches and presides. The Latin word for this chair is *cathedra*, from which we derive the English "cathedral," the home church of the bishop of each diocese. Do you know the name of your bishop, archbishop, or cardinal, and the name of your cathedral?

If your cathedral is nearby you might want to visit it and see its *cathedra*. Say a prayer for your bishop, who tries every day to do the work given to him by Jesus. If you can't visit the cathedral try to find a picture of it on its website.

In your own parish, notice the presider's chair where the priest sits during the liturgy. Compare it to the picture of the bishop's chair at your cathedral.



Remember to trust God.
God will always be there for you!
Find the letters that spell out the word TRUST.
Color them red.

