

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2017

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

— Isaiah 49:6b

THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the “servant songs” from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus’ ministry of service. Isaiah’s mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians. Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today’s Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus “outranks” John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John’s baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$4,026.00	\$2,611.00
Number of Families contributing	142	115
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (2 Week)	\$6,670.00	\$8,096.00
Received to Date	\$6,803.00	\$5,620.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$133.00)	\$2,476.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$341.00	\$628.00

Thirty-five ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$323.00
Amount Outstanding	

Nine people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$65.00	\$135.00

Three people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$8.00.

24 **CHILDREN** contributed \$135.00

POOR BOX totaled \$55.00

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 160, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 2015 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 180.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Alfred Stone and James Walker paid the top bid of fifty dollars for an old carved wooden trunk at an auction. They broke the lock and discovered paintings, sketches, watercolors, and engravings bearing the signature of Henry Farney, a prominent artist of yesteryear.

They were surprised and delighted to find that these paintings were valued at twenty thousand dollars, four hundred times what they had paid.

What a find! What an investment! What a profit!

Did you ever think of the investment a soul makes when one accepts Christ, the artist of all ages? His work of artistry is love, salvation, comfort, forgiveness, perfection joy, and, as the Scripture states, “all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

The men had to break the lock to get to the treasures they had unwittingly bought. But with Christ each man has a key. Faith unlocks the treasures for each person. Have you found the real treasures in life in Christ? Or are they still hidden by your unbelief? Remember – *YOU* hold the key.

“Of Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Colossians 2:2-3

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE

are announced for the third time for Pete Martin Suedle Carroll and Reed Sherlock.

THANK YOU

to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

will be closed this Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

ROAD TO HAPPINESS

“Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw in later life what you have deposited along the way.”

Remember these simple guidelines for happiness:

1. Free your heart from hate.
2. Free your mind from worry.
3. Live simple.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Helen goes to a psychiatrist and says, “Doctor, you’ve got to do something about my husband – he thinks he’s a refrigerator!”

“I wouldn’t worry too much about it,” the shrink replies. “Lots of people have harmless delusions. It will pass.”

“But, Doctor, you don’t understand,” Helen insists. “He sleeps with his mouth open, and the little light keeps me awake.”

GOD KNOWS BEST

God’s creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't.

A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.

You're getting old when you enjoy remembering things more than doing them.

Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools talk because they have to say something.

HOW DO WE MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION?

Jesus knew that, even after Baptism, we would fall into sin, so he instituted the Sacrament of Confession. In confession, we admit what we've done, apologize, and resolve not to do it again. In return, we receive absolution and the grace to fight against temptation, "His mercy is infinitely greater than our sins" (Pope Francis). A good confession begins with a thorough examination of conscience. Using the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as guides, reflect on instances when you have failed to love like Christ. Confess any mortal sins since your last confession and nay venial (lighter) sins that you remember. For sin to be mortal, it must be serious, freely chosen, and committed knowing it was a sin. After hearing your confession, the priest will ask you to make an Act of Contrition expressing sorrow for sins and desire to change. He will give you absolution and assign you penance. Remember, god loves you dearly and he wants to forgive you; you need only ask for it

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:* For the suffering souls.
- Tuesday:* In honor of the Holy Spirt and the Sacred Heart.
- Wednesday:* In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Thursday:* In honor of the Holy Spirit and the Sacred Heart.
- Friday:* For a Special Intention.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:* Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Tuesday:* St. Anthony
- Wednesday:* Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Thursday:* Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
- Friday:* St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
- Saturday:* St. Agnes

I NEED A HAND TO HOLD

Now, I need a hand to hold,
 As I go on through this life,
 Because I'm not very strong,
 And want someone at my side
 To comfort and sustain me,
 And help me up if I fall,
 To reassure me when it
 Feels like no one cares at all....
 Someone is holding my hand;
 His own hands are strong and kind.
 He is my Savior and Friend,
 Here throughout this life of mine.

Steven Michael Schumacher

READERS

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| Sat. Jan. 14th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina &
Dayna | Sat. Jan. 14th 7:00 P.M.
Jay &
Mary Melissa |
| Sun. Jan. 15th, 10:00 A.M. | Jimmy Joseph & Tommy Mack |
| Sat. Jan. 21st, 4:00 P.M.
Kathy Boo &
Ann T. | Sat. Jan. 14th, 7:00 P.M.
Jay &
Mary Melissa |
| Sun. Jan. 22nd, 10:00 A.M. | Theresa Maria & Jimmy Joseph |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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| Monday | Kara |
| Tuesday | Tony's Kathy |
| Wednesday | Natalie |
| Thursday | Annette |
| Friday | Theresa Maria |

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Front
Left Cup | Jan. 14th
Bridget Ann
Winnie Ann |
| Saturday 7:00 P.M.
Front
Cup | Jan. 14th
Jay
Johnny Jay's Ann |

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

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| Jan. 15th
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie | Jan. 22nd
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie |
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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| Monday | Mary Cat |
| Tuesday | Pete Man's Nora |
| Wednesday | Ann T. |
| Thursday | Rose Marie |
| Friday | Bridget Ann |

BIBLE GUIDE

Why are we on earth?
We are on earth to serve God and by serving Him to gain eternal happiness in Heaven.

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten my mind that I may clearly see all my sins. Let me not be deceived by self-love, but show me the true state of my conscience. Move my will to sincere sorrow and help me to make a good confession. Holy Mother of God, intercede for me that I may obtain the pardon of my sins. Holy Guardian Angle, pray for me that I may mend my ways. Amen.