

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 22, 2017

*Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.
— Psalm 27:14*

LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance and sin. As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us. Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,039.00	\$1,465.00
Number of Families contributing	126	102
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (3 Weeks)	\$10,000.00	\$11,644.00
Received to Date	\$8,673.00	\$7,085.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$1,327.00	\$4,559.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$396.00	\$1,024.00

Thirty-nine ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$343.00
Amount Outstanding	

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$1,520.00	\$1,655.00

Three people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$5.00.

43 **CHILDREN** contributed \$175.00

POOR BOX totaled \$51.00

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 240, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 290 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 250.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

An elephant took a bath in a river and was walking on the road. When it neared a bridge, it saw a pig fully soaked in mud coming from the opposite direction. The elephant quietly moved to one side, allowed the dirty pig to pass and then continued its journey.

The unclean pig later spoke to its friends in arrogance, "See how big I am; even the elephant was afraid of me and moved to one side to let me pass." On hearing this, some elephants questioned their friend, the reason for its action. Was it out of fear? The elephant smiled and replied, "I could have easily crushed the pig under my leg, but I was clean and the pig was very unclean. By crushing it, my leg would have become dirty and I wanted to avoid it. Hence, I moved."

Good men will avoid contact with negativity not out of fear, but out of desire to keep away from impurity. You need not react to every opinion, every comment, or every situation.

Kick the drama and keep going ahead.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Skully's in loving memory of Skully's Pat on the 4th Anniversary of his death and Bonnie on the 10th Anniversary of her death;
2. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
3. and another Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

are announced for the first time for Johnny Patrick Riley and Lacey Carroll.

THANK YOU

a member for a donation of \$1,000 in thanks; a member for a \$500 donation in thanks; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Anthony; and two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

7:00 P.M. MONDAY MASS

Beginning this Monday, January 23rd Mass on Monday will be at 7:00 P.M.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend will be for the *Church in Latin America*. Please be generous.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Lacoste Carroll and Scotland Costello for making the All-A Honor Roll; Jax Carroll, Monroe Carroll, Charisma Gorman, Noah Gorman, Jimmy Rylan Riley, Patrick Lewis Riley, Rylie Sherlock and Sybella Sherlock for making the A-B Honor Roll.

MASTER'S TABLE

The Society of Mary Immaculate is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master's Table in Augusta on Thursday, February 2nd. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ned's Priscilla.

HAPPINESS

Happiness is not determined by what's happening around you, but rather what's happening inside you.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIKE & LOVE

*When you like a flower, you just pluck it.
But when you love a flower, you water it daily!
One who understands this, understands life.*

BIBLE GUIDE

What must we do to serve God?

To serve God we must:

- 1. Have faith.
- 2. Keep the Commandments.
- 3. Receive the holy Sacraments and pray.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

One Sunday, Mr. John was in church. When the collection plate was passed around, he pulled a dollar from his pocket and dropped it in.

Just at that moment, the person behind him tapped him on the shoulder and handed him a \$20 bill. Secretly admiring the man's generosity, John placed the \$20 in the plate and passed it on. Then he felt another tap from behind and heard a whisper: "Sir, that was your \$20. It fell out of your pocket."

GOD's PLAN God's plan is always the best. Sometimes the process is painful and hard. But don't forget that when God is silent, He's doing something for you.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For a special intention.
- Tuesday:** In honor of St. Joseph and for the suffering souls.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Thursday:** In honor of the Holy Spirit and the Sacred Heart.
- Friday:** in honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
- Tuesday:** St. Francis de Sales
- Wednesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul
- Thursday:** Ss. Timothy and Titus
- Friday:** St. Angela Merici
- Saturday:** St. Thomas Aquinas

LOOPHOLES

Are you continually looking for loopholes
So you can do just what you please?
Are you thinking only of the ways
You hope will bring you ease?

If you feel you have to have your way,
And you think you are always right,
Then you must change your thinking,
Christ can grant you new insight.

Confess your faults to Him alone,
Acknowledge you have lost your way,
Don't try to justify your wrongs,
Just let Him know you will obey.

If you put your trust in Jesus,
Hide His Word inside your heart;
You won't need to look for loopholes,
Amazing grace He will impart.

READERS

- Sat. Jan. 21st, 4:00 P.M.**
Kathy Boo &
Ann T.
- Sun. Jan. 22nd, 10:00 A.M.**
- Sat. Jan. 28th, 4:00 P.M.**
Dominique &
Natalie.
- Sun. Jan. 29th, 10:00 A.M.**
- Sat. Jan. 21st, 7:00 P.M.**
Jay &
Mary Melissa
- Sat. Jan. 28th, 7:00 P.M.**
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- Sat. Jan. 21st, 7:00 P.M.**
Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat
- Sat. Jan. 28th, 7:00 P.M.**
Theresa Maria & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.**
Front
Left Cup
- Saturday 7:00 P.M.**
Front
Cup
- Jan. 21st**
Bridget Ann
Winnie Ann
- Jan. 21st**
Jay
Johnny Jay's Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

- Jan. 22nd**
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie
- Jan. 29th**
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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

BE YOURSELF

*"Never change your originality for the sake of others.
Because no one can play your role better than you. So be yourself. You are the best."*

DAYS IN YOUR LIFE

**Never regret a day in your life:
Good days give happiness.
Bad days give experience.
Worst days give lessons.
Best days give memories.**

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER FOR A GOOD DAY

Lord, I trust in Your unfailing love, in Your promises. I give this day and all that it holds to You. May I walk in Your goodness, knowing Your gentle hand will guide me. Amen.