

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 22, 2023

Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

— *Psalm 27:14*

GOD'S LOVING CARE

Two readings today refer to the northeast region of ancient Israel: "the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali." Upon hearing these names, some of us might consult maps and determine exactly where these regions lie. Others might let the unfamiliar names drift by unnoticed. If no maps are handy—but we don't want to ignore the references completely—consider this: we might not know the latitude and longitude of Zebulun and Naphtali, but God does. We praise God for watching over every inch of land and sea, caring perfectly for each creature on the planet. While Isaiah celebrates the depth of God's care with "abundant joy and great rejoicing," Saint Paul begs us to remember how the Lord shows this loving care: through the cross. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to follow him. We follow too, confident that God accompanies us, wherever we are.

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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 guides and saves me (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]).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

On his first day as President, when Abraham Lincoln entered to give his inaugural address, a rich man stood up and said, "Mr. Lincoln, you should not forget that your father used to make shoes for my family." The whole Senate laughed; they thought they had made a fool of Lincoln.

But certain people are made of a totally different mettle. Lincoln looked at the man directly in the eyes and said, "Sir, I know that my father used to make shoes for your family. As he made shoes the way nobody else can, he was a creator. His shoes were not just shoes; he poured his soul into them. As far as I know, nobody has ever complained about my father's shoes. He was a genius, a great creator, and I am proud of my father."

The whole Senate was struck dumb. They understood this great man. He was proud because his father did his job so well that not even a single complaint had ever been heard.

Remember:

"No one can hurt you without your consent."

"It is not what happens to us that hurts us."

"It is our response that hurts us."

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$1,852.00	\$1,362.00
Number of Families contributing	66	59
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (3 Weeks)	\$10,408.00	\$10,482.00
Received to Date	\$7,067.00	\$5,989.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$3,341.00	\$4,493.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$152.00	\$691.00

Seventeen ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$10.00	\$120.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$239.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$60.00.

12 **CHILDREN** contributed \$40.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Tommy, Beth, and Dale Thomas in thanks to the Divine Mercy for Era;
2. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Patrick Joseph Mack and Mary Theresa Carroll.

PATIENCE & SILENCE

Patience and Silence are two powerful energies.

PATIENCE makes you mentally strong.

SILENCE makes you emotionally strong.

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

TOUCHING SAFETY PROGRAM St. Edward Catholic Church Religious Education will present a sexual abuse prevention program to students January 23rd and January 26th during Religious Education classes with a makeup date of January 30th.

As parents you have the right to choose whether your child participates in the program. Opt-out forms will be given to parents at Religious Education classes. If you want to opt your child out and haven't filled out a form, please contact Sandra.

THANK YOU to a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

THE BEST

- **TIME is still the best answer.**
- **FORGIVENESS is still the best painkiller.**
- **GOD is still the best healer.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK One day a man spotted a lamp by the roadside. He picked it up, rubbed it vigorously and a genie appeared.

"I'll grant you your fondest wish," the genie said.

The man thought for a moment, then said, "I want a spectacular job—a job no man has ever succeeded at or has ever attempted to do?"

"Poof!" said the genie. "You're a housewife."

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; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
- Thursday:** Ss. Timothy and Titus
- Friday:** St. Angela Merici
- Saturday:** St. Thomas Aquinas

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Tommy Anthony McGuire on his 54th Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Edward Straightener O'Hara on his Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Big A. on his Birthday.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Cannon on his birthday and for the repose of the soul of Kaiser's Lily.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Duggan on his 82nd Birthday.
- Friday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; and for the repose of the soul of Catherine Ann Pole on the 16th Anniversary of her death.

MAY OTHERS AT TIMES LIKE THESE

*Thank you, dear Father, for being there
When I have needed Thee,
And may I ever, always hear
Whenever You're calling me.*

*To be Your faithful witness, Lord,
To others far and wide —
Telling them of Thy precious love
And concern, what e'er betide.*

*Give me the strength that I may need
And a heart so filled with care,
That others see Thee — living in me,
And with You all their burdens share.*

READERS

- Sat. Jan. 21st, 4:00 P.M.** Cathy Lisa & Reed
- Sat. Jan. 21st, 7:00 P.M.** Savannah & Ritz
- Sun. Jan. 22nd, 10:00 A.M.** Lauren Ashley & Taniel
- Sat. Jan. 28th, 4:00 P.M.** Leah & Dayna
- Sat. Jan. 28th, 7:00 P.M.** Natalie & Apple's Carolyn
- Sun. Jan. 29th, 10:00 A.M.** Lauren Ashley & Taniel

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Theresa Hun
- Tuesday** - Macy
- Wednesday** - Julie Ann
- Thursday** - Lauren Ashley
- Friday** - Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Theresa Hun
- Tuesday** - Jack's Mary Rita
- Wednesday** - Julie Ann
- Thursday** - Betty Jo
- Friday** - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **January 21st**
- Right** Winnie Ann
- Left** Bridget Rita
- Saturday 7:00 P.M.**
- January** Kim Gallon & Rita Weaver
- Sunday 10:00 A.M.**
- January 22nd** **January 29th**
- Nora Ned's Rose Marie

TRUST GOD

*There is NO STORM that God won't carry you through.
NO BRIDGE that God won't help you cross.
NO BATTLE that God won't help you win.
TRUST GOD AND NEVER GIVE UP.*

EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN

**Don't educate your children to be RICH.
Educate them to be HAPPY.
So when they grow up they will know the VALUE of
thing; not the PRICE.**

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER TO LOVE MY ENEMIES

*Lord God, Prince of Peace,
You have asked us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. To teach us how, You sent us Your son Jesus Christ who, even in the agony of crucifixion, cried, "Father forgive them." Help me pray for those who have harmed or tried to harm me. Give me the grace to truly forgive my enemies and bless those who persecute me. In so doing, I may reflect the loving grace You have shown to me. I ask this in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*