

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 23, 2022

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

— Luke 4:18a

GOD'S LAW

Scripture has always held God's law to be the path to human happiness. In today's first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel's relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God's law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice.

In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as "Christ's body" requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke's Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God's "law" of mercy to those in need.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$2,106.00	\$1,400.00
Number of Families contributing	62	51
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (3 Weeks)	\$10,477.00	\$10,551.00
Received to Date	\$4,347.00	\$3,380.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,130.00	\$7,171.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$117.00	\$251.00

Twelve ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$100.00	\$3,070.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

POOR BOX totaled \$145.00.

6 CHILDREN contributed \$24.00.

BAA totaled \$10.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A man married a very beautiful woman. He loved her so much. Everyone complimented the woman for her attractiveness. But soon, she became ill and got a rare skin disease. She started having spots all over her face and body. Soon, her beauty started to fade away.

One day her husband went on a business trip. When he returned home, he had an accident. He lost his vision, but their love didn't get affected by it. They still loved each other with all their hearts.

Meanwhile, the wife's illness got worse with time. She had totally lost her prettiness. The husband was blind, so he couldn't know this. For him, his wife was still attractive. He loved his wife just like he always did. But the wife was worried that her husband would leave her if he saw her face. But he couldn't see her. So, the wife didn't care about her appearance anymore. She didn't feel anxious anymore and lived freely.

After a couple years, the wife passed away. The husband was really hurt by the wife's fortune. After the funeral, he was leaving the town. A relative asked the man, "Why are you leaving? How will you survive all alone in a new city? Your wife used to take care of you. Who will take care of you now?" The man took off his glasses and said, "I am not blind. I faked my blindness for the last two years because I knew my wife had a rare skin disease and she didn't have much time left. I didn't want my wife to be anxious about her looks during her last days. So, I pretended to be blind."

Sometimes we have to act blind and ignore people's imperfections. So, they can live without insecurity.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Scully's in in loving memory of Pat on the 9th Anniversary of his death & Bonnie on the 15th Anniversary of her death;
2. a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

NO REASON

When people hate you for no reason, remember God loves you for no reason.

THANK YOU to a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Raphael, St. Mother Theresa and Padre Pio; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Jude; and a parish member in thanks to St. Expedite and St. Joseph for the needy.

2021 TAX STATEMENTS 2021 Tax statements for donations made during the year will be mailed to those who contributed. If you did not receive your statement, please contact the Church Office at 803-279-1837.

THE FIRST
The first to APOLOGIZE is the BRAVEST.
The first to FORGIVE is the STRONGEST.
The first to FORGET is the HAPPIEST.

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

- Sunday:** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Sunday of the Word of God
- Monday:** St. Francis de Sales
- Tuesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
- Wednesday:** Ss. Timothy and Titus
- Thursday:** St. Angela Merici
- Friday:** St. Thomas Aquinas
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Big A on his Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Cannon on his Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Kaiser’s Lille.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Duggan on his 81st Birthday.
- Thursday:** 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 Popeye on his Birthday.
- Friday:** *Communion Service.*

A PERFECT DAY

***Walk with me in the morning hours
 When the dew’s still heavy on the flowers;
 When birds awaken from nightly rest
 And the sun rises o’er the mountain crest.***

***Walk with me in noontide hours
 Down country lanes where pine trees tower,
 Drinking in joys at the peak of day,
 Tasting the beauties that God has made.***

***Walk with me in the sunset hours,
 See the twilight and evening showers;
 Then at the end of this perfect day
 May we give to God our thanks and praise.***

READERS

- Sat. Jan. 22nd, 4:00 P.M.**
Christina & Julie Ann
- Sat. Jan. 22nd, 7:00 P.M.**
Natalie & Mary Martha
- Sun. Jan. 23rd, 10:00 A.M.**
Jersey & Bridgette Anna
- Sat. Jan. 29th, 4:00 P.M.**
Cathy Lisa & Reed
- Sat. Jan. 29th, 7:00 P.M.**
Leah & Dayna
- Sun. Jan. 30th, 10:00 A.M.**
Jersey & Bridgette Anna

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Skylar
- Tuesday** - Gwen
- Wednesday** - Christina Apple
- Thursday** - Mary Ashley
- Friday** - Dayna

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** - Kim Gallon
- Tuesday** - Nora
- Wednesday** - Catherine Ann
- Thursday** - Mary Cat
- Friday** - Rosie Cat

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M. | January 22nd |
| Front | Winnie Ann |
| Right | Cathy Pole |
| Left | Catherine Ann |
| Saturday 7:00 P.M. | January 22nd |
| Right | Mary Regina |
| Left | Mary Cat |
| Sunday | Sunday |
| January 23rd | January 30th |
| Rose Marie | Rose Marie |

FORGIVENESS

**Forgiveness is a strange medicine.
 If you give it to others, it heals the wounds in your heart.**

WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

To value only what can be “sold” is to defile what is truly precious. The innocent joy of childhood, the devotedness of a wife, the self-sacrificing service of a daughter—none of these have an earthly market. To reduce everything to the dirty scales of economic values is to forget that some gifts, like Mary’s are so precious that the heart that offers them will be praised as long as time endures.

**~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~
A PRAYER FOR FRIENDS**

Guardian Angel watch over those whose names you can read in my heart. Guard them with every care and make their way easy and their labors fruitful. Dry their tears if they weep; sanctify their joys; raise their courage if they weaken; restore their hope if they lose heart, their health if they be ill, truth if they err, repentance if they fall. Amen.