

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 26, 2020

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

— Psalm 27:14

SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (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 (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$1,694.00	\$1,072.00
Number of Families contributing	91	70
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (3 Weeks)	\$10,868.00	\$10,538.00
Received to Date	\$6,052.00	\$4,203.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,816.00	\$6,335.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$208.00	\$637.00

Twenty-eight ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$5,010.00	\$12,885.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$208,330.00
Total Received	\$14,247.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$4.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$32.00.

29 **CHILDREN** contributed \$87.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 90; Saturday 7:00 P.M. was 125 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 110.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It was in the valley of Achor that Achan was stoned for his sin. Since that time the valley has been associated with trouble, heart break, and disappointment. Those traveling the spiritual valley of Achor are in the tension of crisis. Yet, God promises help even here.

Many today are walking through the valley of trouble. Each person has his special valley and the sorrow in some is deeper and darker than in others. The valley can be brightened only by the "Sun of Righteousness." He said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls." (Mat. 11:28-29)

To live by the law of Christ and accept Him in our hearts is to turn a giant floodlight of hope into our valleys of trouble. Problems do not always vanish in Christ's presence, but he gives us victory over them. "My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness." (Cor.12:9)

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, not ever murmur repine, content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Tommy Newman in loving memory of Tom "Popeye" Sherlock on his 82nd Birthday;
2. the Duggan's in loving memory of Tommy "Duggan" Gorman on his 80th Birthday;
3. The Wife and Family of "Shaft" in loving memory of him on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
4. Ralph and Rose in loving memory of Tom "Popeye" Sherlock on his 82nd Birthday.
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lawson Sherlock who was nominated for the **CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE** for outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine. Great Job!

SPECIAL THANKS to Pete Suedle and Mary Louise for their donation of \$5,000 to the Church in thanks to Jesus and Mary for good news received.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Jim Edward Carroll and Loriel Riley.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for the *Church in Latin America* and the second collection next weekend will be for *Disaster Relief for Australia, Philippines and Puerto Rico*. Please be generous in these collections.

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 6th. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ned's Priscilla.

UNDERSTANDING IS DEEPER THAN KNOWLEDGE

There are many people who know you,
But there are very few who understand you.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A cute girl was giving a manicure to a man in the barbershop.

The man said, "How about a date later?"
She said, "I'm married."
"So call up your husband and tell him you're going to visit a girlfriend."
She said, "You tell him yourself. He's shaving you."

ALWAYS PRAY

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,
a heart that forgives the worst,
a mind that forgets the bad,
and a soul that never loses faith in God.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Sacred Heart, Precious Blood and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

INFLATION

Son: Dad what is "creeping inflation?"
Father: It's when you're mother starts out asking for new shoes and ends up with a complete new outfit.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Sunday of the Word of God; Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. Angela Merici
- Tuesday:** St. Thomas Aquinas
- Friday:** St. John Bosco
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Jr.'s Bridget Ann on her Birthday and the Anniversary of her death.
- Tuesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.
- Wednesday:** For Pete Suedle Carroll.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Barney Pole on his Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Catherine Ann Pole on the 13th Anniversary of her death.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Cannon on his Birthday.

BOUQUETS OF LOVE

*Life is like a large bouquet
Of flowers, lovely and rare,
A spectacle of color and strength,
With grandeur, patience and care.*

*Each day a life can be brightened
From another's thoughtful deeds;
They can multiply in number
And spread like untended weeds.*

*So, daily, give precious flowers,
As God blesses you from above;
For when you share of God's bounty,
You're giving out bouquets of love.*

READERS

- Sat. Jan. 25th, 4:00 P.M.** Ritz & Ivana
- Sat. Jan. 25th, 7:00 P.M.** Christina & Natalie
- Sun. Jan 26th, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat
- Sat. Feb. 1st, 4:00 P.M.** Cathy Lisa & Karen
- Sat. Feb. 1st, 7:00 P.M.** Bridgette Anna & Carolyn
- Sun. Feb. 2nd, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Joy
- Tuesday** - Skylar
- Wednesday** - Cathy Lisa
- Thursday** - Rose Marie
- Friday** - Christina

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** Jan 25th
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

- Jan. 26th** Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie
- Feb. 2nd** Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** Cathy Pole
- Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora
- Wednesday** Margaret Butts
- Thursday** Betty Jo
- Friday** Mary Cat

HUMAN

There is a lot of difference between
—**Human Being**— and —**Being Human**—
A few understand it.

GOD — PROVIDENCE OF

A man was questioning God's arrangement of the universe. He said, "Why does God make a big tree with small nuts, and a small plant with large watermelons. It doesn't make sense."

Just then a nut fell out of the tree and hit him on the head. He said, "Thank God that wasn't a watermelon."

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

DEAR GOD

*Dear God,
I know that I am not perfect,
I know sometimes I forget to pray.
I know I have questioned my faith,
I know sometimes I lose my temper,
But thank You for loving me unconditionally
And giving me another day to start over again.
Amen.*