

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 27, 2019

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

— Luke 4:18a

TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

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

Second Reading — In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,190.00	\$2,756.00
Number of Families contributing	111	94
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (3 Weeks)	\$7,756.00	\$10,553.00
Received to Date	\$3,112.00	\$6,287.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,644.00	\$4,266.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$281.00	\$730.00

Thirty-four ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$1,050.00	\$1,403.00

Forty-eight people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$4.00.

27 **CHILDREN** contributed \$106.00

POOR BOX totaled \$28.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 90, 7:00 p.m. Mass was 120 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 105.

DRIVE

Darkness cannot drive out darkness;

Only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate;

Only love can do that.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Christ did not take the blood of goats and bulls to offer as a sacrifice; rather, he took his own blood.
—HEBREWS 9:12

Lieutenant Richard Pembrey was a surgeon in the British armed forces during World War II. In his book *The Sands of Dunkirk*, he tells how he witnessed an act of sacrifice that made him weep. A soldier, realizing he was dying, took the only blanket covering him in his final hours and placed it over the shivering body of a pneumonia-stricken soldier in the next bunk.

The soldier's sacrifice in his last hours and Jesus' sacrifice on the cross invite me to ask about my spirit of sacrifice. When did I last make a great sacrifice?

One secret of self-denial, one sacrifice of inclination to duty, is worth all the mere good thoughts, warm feelings, passionate prayers in which idle people indulge themselves.
—JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Duggan's in loving memory of Tommy "Duggan" Gorman on his 79th Birthday;
2. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Ireland Carroll for achieving the A+ Honor Roll; Patrick Dempsey Carroll, Scotland Costello, Radiance Riley and Kody Sherlock for achieving the All-A Honor Roll; Beckham Carroll, Elite Carroll, Jax Carroll, Jim Richmon Carroll, Monroe Carroll, Montela Gorman, Patrick Lewis Riley, Acea Sherlock, Easton Sherlock and Wealth Sherlock for achieving the A-B Honor Roll.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Thomas Andrew Sherlock and Chandler Riley.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

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

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

St. Blaise is the patron saint of those with throat maladies. We shall celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise this Friday, February 1st at 10:00 A.M. with Solemn Mass and Blessing of Throats.

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 7th. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ned's Priscilla.

THANK YOU

to a member for a donation in thanks to the Precious Blood of Jesus, the Blessed Mother, St. Expedite and St. Anthony for prayers granted; a member for a donation in thanks to God, the Blessed Mother, St. Theresa the Little Flower and St. Expedite; and to three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER IN LIFE

1. **Take care of your thoughts when you are alone.**
2. **Take care of your words when you are with people.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK A young lady visited a dating service to look for a husband. The matchmaker asked what kind of man she was looking for. She replied, "Well, let me see. He needs to be good looking, polite, humorous, sporty, willing to stay home with me, be able to tell me interesting stories and be silent when I want to rest."

The matchmaker entered the information into the computer and, in a matter of moments, handed a printout to the woman. The results read, "Buy a television."

RESPECT

Putting your phone away and paying attention to those talking to you?

There's an App for that it's called "RESPECT".

LIVE IN THE PRESENT

If you are depressed, you are living in the past.

If you are anxious, you are living in the future.

If you are at peace, you are living in the present.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Catholic Schools Week
Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Thursday: St. John Bosco
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Blessing of Candles; First Saturday;
World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For a special intention.
Tuesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for the sick, St. Joseph and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
Wednesday: For Alec Carroll on his 12th Birthday.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Cannon on his Birthday.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Beasley on the 1st Anniversary of his death.

HE GIVES YOU STRENGTH

*The God of Heaven gives you strength,
As you journey on life's road.
You may think, "I'm not so strong,"
As you carry your life's load.*

*But, by God's grace, He sends to you
Help along the way.
A caring neighbor, a faithful friend,
Or someone just to pray.*

*We are all God's family,
So we never are alone.
We bear each other's burdens,
Until He takes us home.*

READERS

Sat. Jan. 26th, 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa & Karen	Sat. Jan. 26th, 7:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
Sun. Jan. 27th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria
Sat. Feb. 2nd, 4:00 P.M. Grace & Rita Riley	Sat. Feb. 2nd, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa
Sun. Feb. 3rd, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Joy
Tuesday	-	Celia
Wednesday	-	Theresa Maria
Thursday	-	Natalie
Friday	-	Christina

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. Front Left Cup	January 26th Bridget Ann Winnie Ann
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Sunday 10:00 A.M.

January 27th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie	Feb. 3rd Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Bridget Rita
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Rosie Cat
Thursday	Betty Jo
Friday	P.A.'s Ann Marie

INTERESTING ONE LINERS

- ***Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other, "Does this taste funny to you?"***
- ***I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.***
- ***Last night I saw a movie with a happy ending; everybody was glad it was over.***
- ***He who laughs last, thinks slowest.***
- ***Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.***
- ***The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.***

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

I give thanks for my church and all other churches that work together to end hunger. Bless the efforts of those organizations that offer relief in times of emergency as well as those who support long-term development. May our witness to the Gospel of Your love and compassion shine ever more brightly.

Amen.