

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 29, 2017

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

— Matthew 5:3

THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity. Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have. Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant." **J. S. Paluch Co.**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

| | Offertory | Development |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Collection | \$5,332.00 | \$4,212.00 |
| Number of Families contributing | 157 | 120 |
| Total Pledge for 2017 | \$175,815.00 | \$188,514.00 |
| Pledged to Date (4 Weeks) | \$13,330.00 | \$15,192.00 |
| Received to Date | \$13,676.00 | \$11,297.00 |
| Envelopes Outstanding | (\$346.00) | \$3,895.00 |

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2017 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$251.00 | \$1,275.00 |

Twenty-nine ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

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| 2017 Parish Goal | |
| Amount Received to Date | \$693.00 |
| Amount Outstanding | |

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2017 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$125.00 | \$1,780.00 |

Four people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$6.00.

43 **CHILDREN** contributed \$109.00

POOR BOX totaled \$176.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 180, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 240 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 230.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I have heard the statement "sleeping like a log" since I was a child. Not until recently was I assured a person could sleep so soundly. However, I refer to an article I clipped from the February 7, 1972, issue of the local newspaper.

A sixty-one-year-old gentleman from Burns, Oregon, suffered the misfortune of having his car stall just as he began to cross the railroad tracks. He couldn't get the car to start; so, because a cold wave had set in that morning and he was very sleepy, he wrapped himself in a blanket and went to sleep in the car.

You guessed it! While he was snoozing, a freight train hit the car. Although extensive damage was caused to the car, the geriatric sleepyhead was found unharmed, wrapped in his blanket and still asleep. We are to be busy and active, living the life God has given us.

Are you asleep on the highway of life?

Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty.

—PROVERBS 20:13

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Pete Anthony Jude, Fallon and Onasis in loving memory of Pete Cannon Sherlock on his 65th Birthday;
2. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced for the second time for Johnny Patrick Riley and Lacey Carroll.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Martin De Porres and two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Ireland Carroll and Mike Thomas O'Hara for making for making the All-A Honor Roll; Patrick Dempsey Carroll, Tommy Faro Carroll and Royal Riley for making the A-B Honor Roll.

MASTER'S TABLE Ann. T's Legion Group 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 Ann T.

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 3rd at 10:00 A.M. with Solemn Mass and Blessing of Throats.

2016 TAX STATEMENTS 2016 Tax statements for donations made during the year were mailed to those who contributed \$250 or more during the year. If you have donated less than \$250 but still require a tax statement, please contact the Church Office at 803-279-1837.

WALKING IS THE BEST EXERCISE

- *Walk Away* from arguments that lead you to anger.
- *Walk Away* from people who deliberately put you down.
- *Walk Away* from failures and fears that stifle your dreams.
- *Walk Away* from people who don't care for you.
- *Walk Away* from any thought that reduces your worth.

The more you **Walk Away** from things that poison your soul, the **HAPPIER YOUR LIFE WILL BE**. Gift yourself a walk towards happiness.

BIBLE GUIDE

What is meant by faith?

By faith is meant accepting and holding as true all that God has revealed and through His church teaches us to believe.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A woman and her husband interrupted their vacation to go to the dentist. "I want a tooth pulled, and I don't want any pain killers because I'm in a big hurry," the woman said. "Just extract the tooth as quickly as possible, and we'll be on our way." The dentist was quite impressed. "You're certainly a courageous woman," he said. "Which tooth is it?" The woman turned to her husband and said, "Show him your tooth, dear."

CUT YOUR EGO

When nails grow long, we cut nails not fingers.

Similarly when misunderstanding grow up,
cut your ego, not your relationship.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** In thanks for Alec Carroll on his 10th Birthday.
- Tuesday:** In honor of the Holy Spirit and Sacred Heart.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph and in thanks for Dior Gorman on her 12th Birthday.
- Thursday:** For Pete Suedle Carroll.
- Friday:** In loving memory of Jude "Underdog" Sherlock on the 7th Anniversary of his death.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday:** St. John Bosco
- Thursday:** The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day
- Friday:** St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday;
Blessing of throats
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

MY DAILY PRAYER

*Midst the hustle and bustle of a busy day,
I pause and take time to kneel and pray.
A prayer for all my friends, near and far,
For God to keep them safely wherever they are.*

*To fill their hearts with His love that nurtures all each day,
To show that hope will better things that have gone astray.
These gifts of patience, love and hope we can always share,
Then peace will dwell within our hearts and banish every care.*

READERS

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| Sat. Jan. 28th, 4:00 P.M. Dominique & Natalie | Sat. Jan. 28th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa |
| Sun. Jan. 29th, 10:00 A.M. | Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat |
| Sat. Feb. 4th, 4:00 P.M. Rita Riley & Scott's Mercedes | Sat. Feb. 4th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa |
| Sun. Feb. 5th, 10:00 A.M. | Theresa Maria & Jimmy Joseph |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M. Front Left Cup | Jan. 28th Bridget Ann Winnie Ann |
| Saturday 7:00 P.M. Front Cup | Jan. 28th Jay Johnny Jay's Ann |
| <u>Sunday 10:00 A.M.</u> | |
| Jan. 29th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie | Feb 5th Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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

YESTERDAY, TOMORROW, & TODAY

*Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is a gift. That's why it's called the **PRESENT**.*

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.*

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

MORNING OFFERING

O God, through the hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, I offer Thee all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the conversion of sinners, world peace, and the avoidance of the punishments which Thou dost justly threaten the world. Amen.