

PARISH CALENDAR

Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

To the upright I will show
the saving power of God!

Saturday, January 21	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, January 22	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, January 23	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	.... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, January 24	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting - Kamiano Trailer
Wednesday, January 25	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, January 26	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:30 p.m.	Feeding Menu - Hamburger Curry
Friday, January 27	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	.... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, January 28	.. 11:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.	3RD ANNUAL TAKE-OUT LUAU - PICK UP
	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Zephaniah:2:3, 3:12-13: The remnant shall be a humble and lowly people.

1 Corinthians: 1:26-31: God chose those who count for nothing.

Matt:5:1-12a: Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes

Living Catholic in the 808!

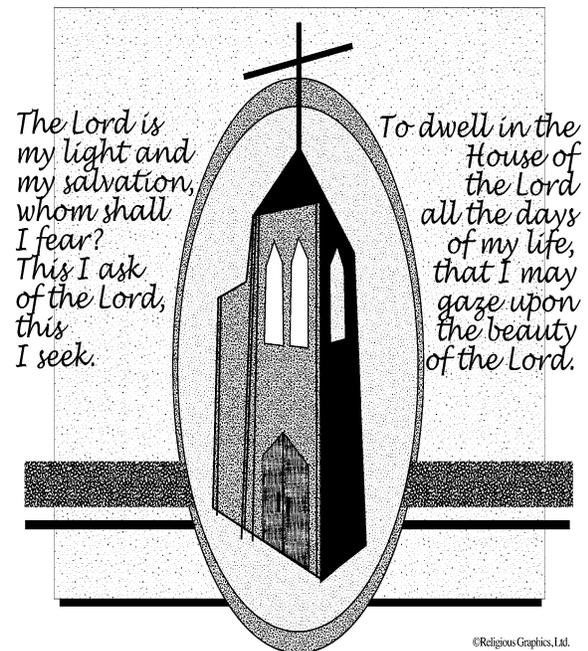
Our Lives Evangelize Those Who Think with their Feelings

Pope Francis, in November 2013, wrote, "An evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral.... May the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervor, who have first received the joy of Christ." (Evangelii Gaudium, paragraph 10, emphasis mine)

Pope Francis suggests that living Catholic today requires us to shift our approach - today's generation is completely different from previous ones. "The challenge lies before us to reach a generation that hears with its eyes and thinks with its feelings" (Paul Copan, True for You but Not for Me).

While we have the same message, it's time to change our methods. How we live our lives must take center stage today. People need to see the incarnation of the Gospel in our lives more than to hear the proclamation of the Gospel through our words. They need to experience the love of Jesus more than they need to be informed that Jesus is love. Their lives are more likely to be changed through the heart than through the mind.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION

COLLECTION: Today, our parish will take up the 131st annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contributions today. Thank you for your support.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA: This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens the faith of our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is bringing the faith to those in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Share your faith! Support this special collection. To learn more about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america

POVERTY AWARENESS: “All of us are asked to obey [Jesus] call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the “peripheries” in need of the light of the Gospel” (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*). **How will you “go forth” with Two Feet of Love in Action today?** There are many myths that can deceive us about the identity of those living in poverty. Did you know that 2.5 million people in the U. S. work full-time, year-round and are still living in poverty?

“MAKING ALL THINGS NEW” “STEWARDSHIP AND NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS: Stewardship of the Work: Resolve to be faithful to your daily, work-related task and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God.. **Stewardship of Mind** Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. **Read your Bible.** Familiarize yourself with the Church’s social teachings. (*International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin*)

WORD OF LIFE: “From each tiny child waiting to be born, to individuals nearing death, all are precious and deserve our care and protection. . . . Let’s ask God to make us channels of his loving mercy.” –“Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Chairman USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities 2016 Respect Life Month Statement www.goo.gl/Wiugsn

WEEKLY READINGS

Jan 22 Sun: 2ND Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is:8:23-9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor:1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

Jan 23 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Heb:9:15, 24-28; Ps: 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30

Jan 24 Tue: Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor of the church

Heb:10:1-10; Ps 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Jan 25 Wed: Conversion of Paul, apostle

Acts:22:3-6, or Acts 9: 1-22; Ps: 117:1bc, 2; Mk:16:15-18

Jan 26 Thur: Timothy and Titus, bishops

2 Tim:1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps: 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-25

Jan 27 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Heb:10:32-39; Ps:37: 3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Jan 28 Sat: Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor of the church

Heb:11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today’s Gospel we hear Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him. Following Jesus was a difficult journey for these first disciples. It is difficult for us today. Jesus wants to teach us his way of thinking, acting and encountering the world. But it is not easy for us to embrace his teaching. Good stewards of Jesus’ teachings realize they are on a spiritual journey, and must learn from their experiences of being open and resistant to the Gospel. They realize the need to be liberated from those actions that keep them from enjoying a closer friendship with Jesus. What is it in our lives that we need to reform? What keeps us from revealing God’s glory to others? (*International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin*)

FULFILLING STATEMENTS

The Gospel of Matthew was prepared for Jews who had converted to Christianity in the early church. Therefore, much of Matthew’s Gospel connects with prophecies found in readings from the Hebrew scriptures. Many of these prophecies foretold the suffering, doom, and demise of the Israelites, an often recalcitrant nation. But sometimes the prophecies pointed the people to a new vision, a new hope. It is this type of hopeful prophecy found in Isaiah today. At the time of Isaiah’s words (in the mid-eighth century B.C.) the Israelites were in the grip of darkness resulting from an Assyrian conquest. The Jewish leaders had rejected Isaiah’s plea for courage and faith in God. Instead they followed the pagan Assyrians. It was during this time that Isaiah foretold the coming of a Savior. The hope that Isaiah offered the people was the light brought to them by God, in the promise of the Messiah.

FOLLOWING JESUS . . . THE NEW LIGHT

Matthew makes a deliberate connection between the light that shines in the darkness and Jesus, the new light that will show us the way. The Gospel author uses the reading from Isaiah to connect the people of his community to their earlier tradition so that they could walk with Jesus Christ, the new light, the new hope.

There was something urgent in the story that Matthew put down for the people. As he described the call of the first disciples, they left their nets, their boats, and their families at the summons of Jesus. Two thousand years later, we still hear the invitation and our hearts are stirred to drop all the distractions of our lives and follow Jesus. The call of Jesus leads us to a vocation. We may choose a religious life or a single life, or we may be called to marriage, but it is the way in which we live out our response that brings us out of the darkness and allows us to walk in the light.

