

PARISH CALENDAR

Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019

Look toward the Lord
and be radiant!

Saturday, January 26	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, January 27	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education
Monday, January 28	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, January 29	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, January 30	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Thursday, January 31	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Friday, February 1	..... 5:30 p. m.	Feeding Menu - Chicken
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Saturday, February 2	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Jer:1:4-5, 17-19: Jeremiah, called to prophecy, will face resistance

1 Cor:12:31-13:13: Love is the greatest of all gifts

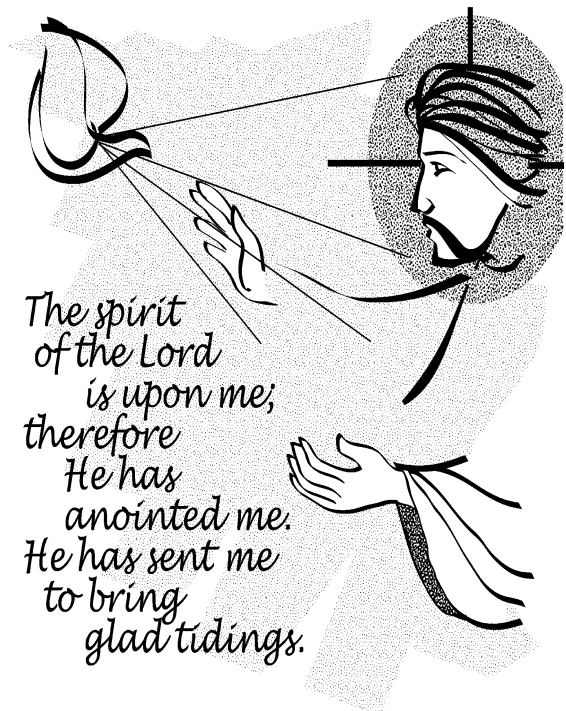
Lk:4:21-30: Jesus announces his ministry to those considered outsiders

Reflection

At the very beginning of his ministry among us, Jesus outlined a model for living a life exemplifying good news. From the beginning, Jesus made it clear that his life work was to bring good news and comfort to the poor, proclaim liberty to all who were captives, give sight to those who were blind, liberate all who were oppressed, and bestow God's favor upon all people.

From the very beginning, Jesus recognized that the greatest desire of the human heart is to possess a life of love forever with God. If Jesus had recognized and acknowledged that desire, but had not shown us how to realize it, his life and ministry would have been the cruelest form of false advertising. His gospel would have been anything but good news. But Jesus did show us how to realize it: by bringing comfort to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to blind eyes, freedom to the oppressed, and an invitation to all to the favor of God's reign. Jesus' life was a model of good news living. When we strive to live a life of good news, then, not only do we possess God, our greatest desire, but we also allow God to possess the hopes, dreams, and desires of all those we touch.

The mission of Jesus is given to us in baptism. That is favor and gift. The way we choose to return that favor, to use that gift, to live out that mission, is ministry. If our heart's desire is the same as Jesus', then our ministry will be remarkably like his. Oh, not in manner, or clothes, or speech, or dress—all those unimportant things—but in action, intent, relationship, and decision—all those most important things. The ministry of someone who cherishes the life of God within and who strives to exemplify that life to others is one of peace, reconciliation, passion, and compassion. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION:

This weekend, is the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean, do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america

CULTURAL/HULA MINISTRY: If you are interested in being a part of the Cultural/Hula Ministry please join us after the 5pm Sunday Mass at 630pm-8pm. Just be open to learning more about Hula and other cultural dances within the context of our Catholic faith. If you have experience, that is also appreciated but no experience necessary. Any questions please call/text Christina Lefu'a at 808-699-1343 or email her at chrilefua@yahoo.com

WORD OF LIFE: "While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin." Learn how you can become an instrument of God's mercy at www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy. - "USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing", "www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy"

WEEKLY READINGS

Jan 27 Sun: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh:8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps:19; 1 Cor:12:12-30; Lk:1:1-4; 4:14-21

Jan 28 Mon: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

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

Jan 29 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

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

Jan 30 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Heb:10:11-18; Ps:110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk:4:1-20

Jan 31 Thu: Saint John Bosco, Priest

Heb:10:19-25; Ps: 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk:4:21-25

Feb 1 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

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

Feb 2 Sat: The Presentation of the Lord

1 Mal:3: 1-4; Ps:24: 7, 8, 9, 10; Heb:2: 14-18; Lk:2:22-40

Good News

In the Broadway musical *The Wiz*, the character of the Witch sings to her minions this marvelous phrase: "Don't nobody bring me no bad news!" The Witch's words are our deepest wish. We don't want to hear bad news. We yearn for good news. It is life blood to us. Rejoice, then. Today's liturgy is jam-packed with good news, just what we all want to hear. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke offers us the first words of Jesus as he begins his public ministry. The words reflect his understanding of his Spirit-anointed mission. His words are his "mission Statement." Good stewards rejoice in being followers of Jesus. They realize that Jesus' commission is their commission as well. They embrace it and adopt it as their own. We, too, have "glad tidings" to bring to a suffering world. This year, how will we fulfill Christ's commission in the world in which he has placed us, using the gifts he has entrusted to us? (*International Catholic Stewardship Council ~e-Bulletin*)

Nehemiah and Ezra were the two major "reconstructionists" of the Israelite people after the Babylonian exile. Nehemiah was the governor, the political leader. Ezra, a priest and descendent of Aaron, was responsible for the restoration of the people's religious life. Today's first reading finds Ezra gathering the nation to hear the Law and to renew the Sinai covenant.

In the proclamation of God's word, the returned exiles hear more than a narration. They hear a reaffirmation of their summons to be God's people and a call to live out their chosen dignity: great good news!

The second reading continues the discourse begun in last week's second reading. Paul is writing to the Corinthians to remind them that God has favored them with many gifts, but gifts intended not just for the good of the individual recipients but for the good of the community. Using the metaphor of the human body, Paul stresses how all parts must cooperate with one another because all parts—all people—are baptized in the one Spirit. Paul goes on to make his metaphor a reality, proclaiming the good news that his readers are, in fact, "the body of Christ."

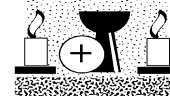
Today's Gospel reading is made up of a section from the prologue of Luke and a section of Chapter 4. In the prologue, the evangelist explains his intent in writing his Gospel, namely, to verify the preaching of the good news and to establish continuity between the Old and New Covenants. The section from Chapter 4 finds Jesus in the synagogue of his hometown declaring that he is the fulfillment of the Old Covenant. Jesus' declaration forges a link with the past and inaugurates a whole new age of great good news



We are the BODY of CHRIST

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Many
though
we are,
we are
ONE in
CHRIST



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