

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the follow-

ing: Jacob Stephens. George & Wanda Duke. Fr. Nano, Fr. Ruggles, Fr. Kelly, Fr. McGrath, Fr. Rootman, Fr. Duyka, Msgr. Priest. John Fabetz. Bill Pritchett. Ryan Madden. Bernardo Garcia. Bill Hoffman, Jr. Jane Stone. Eric Hurley. Jim & Joann Rayl. Juan Delgado. Mark Owen. Andrea Easter. Dottie Schuetz. Cathy Ellis. Mary Lou Johnson, Betty Brown, Beth Benoit, Rose Kennedy, Judith Sotomayor, Dennis Rayl, Judy Fazzio, Jim Catalano, Marty Blahitka, Carolyn Edwards, Dominic Sosta, Greg Hass, Joshua Larsson, Avery Boultinghouse, Wanda Stephens, Wanda Thompson, Elleana Fritz, Kathryn Allen, Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service

from our parish community: Lt. Col. William P Shea, (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana, U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Commander Tom Moroney, Navy (Son of Roger & Shirley Moroney). Colonel Sean Corrigan & 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lpl. Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan, U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma).

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 1/20 5:00pm Mass—Deacon Sam Mullen 21st Ordination Anniversary

Sun 1/21 9:30am Mass—Frank Duff+ (Founder of Legion of Mary)

Tue 1/23 9:00am MASS/ADORATION—Michael Blahitka+ (M/M Blahitka)

Wed 1/24 7:45am MASS—Parishioners

Thurs 1/25 9:00am MASS—Special Intentions

Fri 1/26 9:00am MASS—Special Intentions

Sat 1/27 5:00pm Mass— Holy Spirit Parishioners

Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm

Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am

PARISH SUPPORT

Required Weekly Funds Offerings

1/13 & 1/14 Attendance

	Sat.	Sun.
\$ 3,961	66	138
\$ 3,862		

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

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

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



Monday, Jan. 22nd is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

EVENTS AND NEWS

January Second Collections:

1/20 & 1/21: "Church In Latin America."

1/27 & 1/28: "Catholic Schools Special Collection."

Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm

"There is a mystery, the greatest of all mysteries—not that my adored Lord is in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar—His word has said it, and what is so simple as to take that word which is truth itself? - but that souls of His own creation, whom He gave His life to save, who are endowed with His choicest gifts in all things else, should remain blind, insensible, and deprived of that light without which every other blessing is unavailing!" - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Pastoral Council & Parish Council save the date,

Saturday, March 3rd. There is a mandatory retreat at Holy Spirit with Rev. Vreeland (from TK Gorman) beginning at 1:00pm, ending at the 5:00pm Mass.

We are in need of a historian for our parish. The historian would talk to our parishioners that have been here for many years regarding the history of our church, so that the heritage will be preserved and can be honored and remembered in the future. By understanding the past, the historian will help the parishioners envision and prepare for the future. Please call Bridget Rich @ 903-769-3235 for more details.

2017 Annual Contribution Statements: If you want a copy of your statement. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex. Your statement will be ready the last weekend in January.

SAVE THE DATES APRIL 26th—28th
PARISHIONERS PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN
FOR OUR DIRECTORY
Watch the bulletin for more detailed information.

Last call to pick up your 2018 Collection Envelopes in the hallway by the parish hall.

Due to the increase of Flu cases in the state of Texas and in particular, the northeast area. Bishop Strickland wants to begin taking precautions during the reception of the Holy Eucharist. It is important that we safeguard the health of our parishioners as best we can during this flu season.

Bishop Strickland has given temporary suspension of the reception of the Most Precious Blood during Holy Communion.

And, Fr. Mike would like to temporarily suspend the Sign of Peace during this time.

JANUARY EVENTS

Wed., Jan. 24th: Fundraiser Meeting 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend meeting to help make this fund raiser successful.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Sun., Feb. 4th: K of C Breakfast after 9:30am Mass

Feb. 5th—9th: Fr. Mike will be attending the Annual Priests' Retreat @ Monsterrat. (No morning Masses)

Sun., Feb. 11th: Family Faith Formation

Wed., Feb. 14th: ASH WEDNESDAY. In order to make it convenient for those wishing ashes, we will have two Masses @ 7:45am and 5:30pm.

Fri., Feb. 16th: K of C Fish Fry

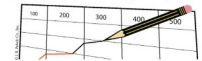
Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 5:30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross approx. 5:45pm.

Fri., Feb. 23rd: Vespers (evening prayers) beginning 5:30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross approx. 5:45pm. Soup Supper in Parish Hall.

Wed, Feb. 28th: Fr. Mike attending the Deanery Mtg. in Jefferson. No Mass today.

We need your help now!

Fund Raiser



In preparation for our spring fundraiser, Sat. April 14th. Casino/Dinner/Raffle

Can you help us for jobs such as:

Stapling tickets

Passing out tickets after a Mass or two

Come to a mtg. and help us plan our dinner

Help in the kitchen the night of event

Help decorate the tables the day before event

Donate a prize in the amount of \$25.00 or more

Help clean up after event

Then, come join in the fun on April 14th.

Please remember.....every parishioner is a member of our fundraising committee

Mtg. Wed. Jan. 24th @ 6:00pm