



Go, eat rich foods and
 drink sweet drinks,
 and allot portions to those
 who have nothing prepared;
 for today is holy to our LORD.

Nehemiah 8:10

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

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Our liturgical calendar separates different Gospel scenes, which can sometimes do them a bit of a disservice. The liturgical year, of course, has its own rhythm and purpose, into which the stories of the life of Jesus are placed. However, when Luke was organizing his Gospel (for "Theophilus" the lover of God whom we encounter in today's Gospel introduction), today's scene was part of a three-fold structure: the baptism of Jesus; the temptation in the desert; the announcement of the public mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. Linking these is the Holy Spirit, who descended on the body of Jesus at his baptism, who filled his body as he endured his forty-day trial, and who is upon his body to announce and to bring about God's reign, a mission he fulfills with his body on the cross. The incarnation (the "in-flesh-ing") of Jesus, which we think of in connection with his birth, remains central to his story.

ONE CHRIST, ONE BODY

Last week's reading from Corinthians concerned the one Spirit who gives many gifts, yet is the source of our unity. Paul continues this theme today using the image of the body, whose different members each have an important and distinct role to play. The Spirit of baptism forms that one mystical Body of Christ. The Spirit of baptism fills the many members, but unites them always as one. The Spirit of baptism is on each member, as it was for Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. That Spirit of our baptism anoints each of us as a member of Christ's Body to be glad tidings, proclaim liberty, bring clearer vision, lift the oppressed, to announce God's reign to all. As different members of Christ's Body, we are each called upon to do this in our own way. We may face opposition or rejection, as Jesus did, but we can always turn again in faith to the Spirit of our baptism who is still with us.

Today's Readings: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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 Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

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Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
 and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
 you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Lonnie & Tammy McClung. Jean Hamilton. Randy & Louise Beard. Sven Stemer. Kathy Gravatt. Nancy Rasca. Jess Corrigan Jr. Clifford & Frances Jo Moore. Fran & Kathleen Fleming. Dave Cormier. Thomas Holzmann. Jim Hickey. Michael Allen. Joe Fazzio. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Gary Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Wanda & George Duke. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Esther Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. 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: Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jemigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 1/22 Fran Fleming (K of C)

Sun 1/23 Luke Miller (K of C)

Tue 1/25 Ryland "Rocky" Eddleman+ (Ellis Family)

Wed 1/26 Jim O'Neil+ (K of C)

Thurs 1/27 Geri O'Neil (K of C)

Fri. 1/28 Jim O'Neil+ (K of C)

Sat. 1/29 Mike Fleming+ (K of C)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,666

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,799

Attendance: 1/15/22 Saturday: 50 1/16/22 Sunday: 49

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

Approximate Payoff as of December 31, 2021

Rectory \$ 38,282.00

St. Jude's Hall \$ 97,857.00

Reflection question:

How can I allow God to direct my actions this week?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

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

Second Reading: As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel: While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

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

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; 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: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Pope's Intention for January:



For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

GOD'S LAW

Scripture has always held God's law to be the path to human happiness. In today's first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel's relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God's law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice.

In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as "Christ's body" requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke's Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God's "law" of mercy to those in need.

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ONLY A HAND FULL OF PEOPLE ASKED QUESTIONS WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOWING:



Looking for a Director of Religious Education (DRE) for our parish. If you are interested and have questions, please call the office at 903-769-3235 for more information.



We are still looking for an organist for our parish. If you are interested; you know of someone, or have ideas please call the office at 903-769-3235.

JANUARY NEWS & EVENTS

Sun., Jan. 23rd: Following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

Tues., Jan. 25th: 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Wed., Jan. 26th: 6:00pm Fundraising Meeting in St. Jude's Hall. All are encouraged to attend.

Sun., Jan. 30th: Following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

FEBRUARY NEWS & EVENTS

Sat., Feb. 5th: 9:00am Patriotic Mass followed by Rosary

Sun., Feb. 6th: Following 9:00am Mass, coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

Thurs., Feb. 10th: K of C Meeting

Sat., Feb. 12th: Pre-Valentine Game Day from 10:00am—2:00pm. Tickets \$15.00per person, including sandwich, soup, dessert and beverages. Door prizes & 50/50 drawing. Call Carol Szczepanski for more detailed information and/or tickets 903-638-9974.

Tues., Feb. 15th: 9:00am Mass & Adoration (Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm). **Mandatory Lector Workshop from 3:30-4:30pm in the church. Workshop is for current and new lectors.**

Sun., Feb. 20th: Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall. Jane Bidlack facilitates "The Bible and Mass Study" Class in the middle classroom.

Mon., Feb. 21st—Fri., Feb. 25th: Fr. Mike will be attending the priests annual retreat in Dallas. No weekday Mass or adoration.

Sun., Feb. 27th: Following 9:00am Mass, coffee & donuts in St. Jude's Hall.

January Second Collections: 22nd & 23rd: "Church in Latin America." 29th & 30th: "Diocese of Tyler Catholic Schools."

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:00—4:00pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.** If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

SAVE THE DATE

DIOCESAN WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY MASS



FEBRUARY 12, 2022

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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MORE INFORMATION TO COME


SAVE THE DATE

DINNER & CASINO NIGHT SAT., APRIL 30TH

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ALL TICKETS GO ON SALE IN FEBRUARY

CARTERBLOODCARE BUS is coming to Holy Spirit on Sun., Feb. 20th from 9:30am—2:00pm. Tyler CarterBloodCare is in *critical* need of blood. If you are able to donate please plan to sign up. More information coming next week. **Bridget** 



The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **We are in the need of peanut butter; (urgent) canned vegetables; pasta sauce; cereal and pudding cups.**

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net

Thank you, Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team



PRE-VALENTINE GAME DAY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022

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“GENTLEMEN ARE WELCOME”

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 19 January 2022 Edition
(Submission date: 14 January 2022) Submitted by Randy Munoz.

How about a few quotes on churches and Christians?

Gravity explains the motions of the planets, but it cannot explain who sets the planets in motion. Isaac Newton

In the Lord's Prayer, the first petition is for daily bread. No one can worship God or love his neighbor on an empty stomach. Woodrow Wilson

A real Christian is a person who can give his pet parrot to the town gossip. Billy Graham

The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people. Gilbert K. Chesterton

Anyone who thinks sitting in church can make you a Christian must also think that sitting in a garage can make you a car. Garrison Keillor

God has no religion. Mahatma Gandhi

I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress. Ronald Reagan

Science and religion are not at odds. Science is simply too young to understand. Dan Brown.

God save us from people who mean well. Vikram Seth

Science investigates; religion interprets. Science gives man knowledge, which is power; religion gives man wisdom, which is control. Science deals mainly with facts; religion deals mainly with values. The two are not rivals. Martin Luther King, Jr

No woman wants to be in submission to a man who isn't in submission to God! T D Jakes

Yet as I read the birth stories about Jesus I cannot help but conclude that though the world may be tilted toward the rich and powerful, God is tilted toward the underdog. Philip Yancey

One of the things that Christmas reminds us of is that Jesus Christ was once a child. Hark Herald Sarmiento

In a very real sense not one of us is qualified, but it seems that God continually chooses the most unqualified to do his work, to bear his glory. If we are qualified, we tend to think that we have done the job ourselves. If we are forced to accept our evident lack of qualification, then there's no danger that we will confuse God's work with our own, or God's glory with our own. Madeleine L'Engle

If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him. A.W. Tozer



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