

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR.

— LUKE 4:18A

JANUARY 27, 2013

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

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| <p>TIME</p> | <p>The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time. When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . Do not be sad, and do not weep." The year acceptable to the Lord: is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you listen to and act on God's word.</p> |
| <p>JOIN US THIS FRIDAY FOR AN ENLIGHTENING PRESENTATION</p> | <p>Our Faith Formation Ministry and Sister France White invite you to explore THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS through the emotions and atmosphere of word and art. Sister France will then suggest how we might examine our own experience of the same or similar emotions. Join other parishioners this Friday, February 1st, 7:00p.m. in the parish hall for this beautiful presentation. A helpful booklet will be available for purchase (\$15) if you choose to use it as a basis of Lenten reflections where one word can be considered each week.</p> |
| <p>OUR FANTASTIC HEALTH MINISTRY</p> | <p><i>"The need for blood is constant...the gratification of giving blood is instant!"</i> Next Sunday, February 3rd, our parish will host a BLOOD DRIVE on behalf of St. Mary Medical Center and the American Red Cross...please give. Our parish nursing ministry will also provide assessments to help us better monitor our health. There will be evaluations for vision, BMI (body mass index), blood sugar, blood pressure, cancer prevention, lung check and several others. It will take place in the Fr. Gerald Meisel parish hall between 8:00a.m.—2:00p.m.</p> |
| <p>CATHOLIC CHARITIES</p> | <p>Next weekend we will again be collecting non-perishable food items for the Catholic Charities food pantry. Many people are helped on a daily basis and without your help, this would not be possible. We thank you again for your continued support of this ministry.</p> |
| <p>"LOVE NEVER FAILS." 1 COR 13:8 TOGETHER IN MISSION</p> | <p>Next weekend, we will begin the in-pew solicitation process for the Together in Mission campaign which provides funds to 35 parishes and 52 schools that find it difficult, if not impossible, to operate without them. This week please consider the question: <i>Do I really believe that I have a duty to help others who are in need?</i> Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you consider this question and give generously, according to what God has given to you.</p> |
| <p>HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS</p> | <p>Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers to take food and a friendly visit to homebound seniors. Volunteers help the frail and elderly who have no other resource for food. You would provide this service once a month. For more information, please call Joan Dilig at 562.591.1351.</p> |
| <p>LITURGY MEETING</p> | <p>A very important Liturgy Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Monday the 28th at 7:00p.m. We will review the Advent/Christmas season and make plans for our <i>around-the-corner</i> Lenten season. Members are encouraged to attend...<i>we need your valued input.</i></p> |
| <p>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 3, 2013 FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 1:4-5, 17-19 SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31 GOSPEL: LUKE 4:21-30 <i>The people in Jesus' home town could not accept his words because they knew where he came from. May I learn to listen to the prophetic words of others in my family or in my workplace, remembering that God works in the midst of my daily life.</i></p> |