St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
Martinez, California

JANUARY 23, 2022

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 4:18

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30 PM
SUNDAY: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM (LIVESTREAMED) 11:00 AM , 1:00 PM (SPANISH MASS)

DAILY ROSARY: Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM
DAILY MASS: Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: 8:30 AM

ADORATION: Thursday's 4-7 PM
RECONCILIATION: 7:15– 7:45 AM Daily (M-F)
Thursday: 5:30 – 6:30 PM ; Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM

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All Volunteers must have form on file in the Parish Office

PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you Registered with our Parish? Has your family status changed? If you would like to register or update your current family information with the Parish, you may do so with our new on-line form located on our website, **www.stcmtz.org** or call the office, and we can help you with any update.

Top Reasons to Register at a Parish

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
- It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- Registration enables the parish pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you. This is especially important during a time of crisis so that the pastoral staff can attend to your spiritual needs and the needs of your family.
- Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Providing your contact information is important so that parishes provide you timely updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc. Also, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will also receive a year-end statement of your donations for income tax purposes. Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number.
- Registered active members are eligible for sponsor/godparent validation.
- Registered active members are sometimes eligible to rent parish facilities.
- Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled

"Let's stay connected" via one of our many social media platforms:

Parish Website: www.stcmtz.org

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Submissions are due no later than 12PM every Friday for the following Sunday.
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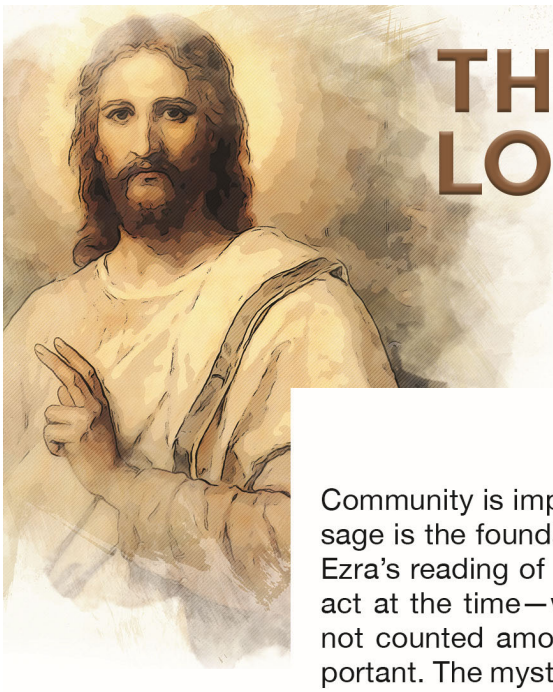

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,

because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

LUKE 4:18

COMMUNITY

Community is important. Community is essential. Community is crucial. This message is the foundation of today's readings from Nehemiah, Corinthians, and Luke. Ezra's reading of the scroll is done in front of the community, including—a radical act at the time—women, and children old enough to understand, groups usually not counted among those hearing God's promise proclaimed. Community is important. The mystical Body of Christ, like the human body, functions best and most fully when all members are playing the role for which they were meant. Community is essential. God's word is fulfilled when the community has heard it, and witnessed it. In Luke, the baptism and desert trials of Jesus lead to the synagogue scene, which will then lead Jesus to his public ministry of proclaiming the reign of God. He eventually will journey to Jerusalem and his crucifixion. Community is crucial.

ONE BODY, ONE JESUS

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

Nehemiah 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
1 Corinthians 12:12–30 [12–14, 27]
Luke 1:1–4; 4:14–21

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St. Catherine of Siena Parish follows Jesus by welcoming all, sharing our gifts, and giving glory to God.

Gathering Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

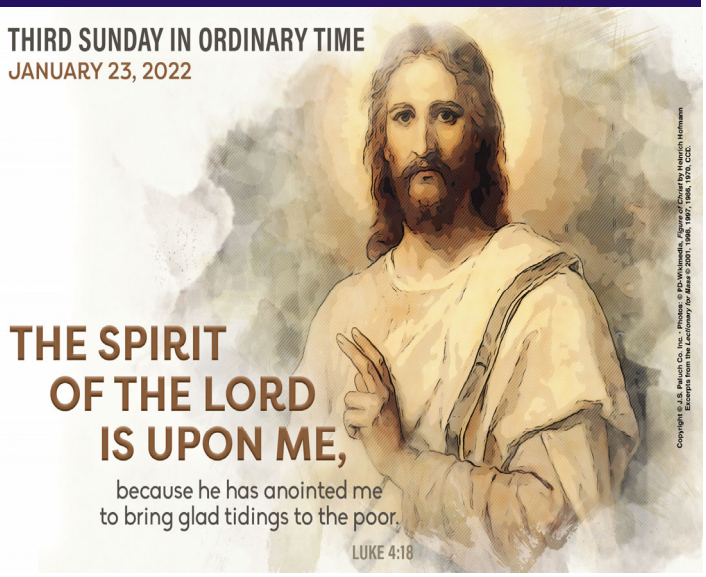
1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Soft silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Great rushing winds who are so strong,
You clouds above that sail along,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;
Stars nightly shining, find a voice,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Fire so intense and fiercely bright,
Who gives to us both warmth and light,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Text: LM with additions; St. Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; Laudato sia Dio mio Signore; tr. by William H. Draper, 1855–1933, alt. Music: Auserlesene

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
we praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



First Reading: **Neh 8:2-6, 8-10**
Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"— for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD.
Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

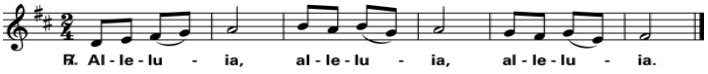
Responsorial Psalm PS 19:8-10,15
R. ***Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.***

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

Brothers and sisters:
As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. VII



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The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk: 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**
(At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Presentation of the Gifts: Here I Am
Tom Booth

Refrain
***Here I am, standing right beside you.
Here I am; do not be afraid. Here I am, waiting like a lover. I am here; here I am.***

1. Do not fear when the tempter calls you.
Do not fear even though you fall. Do not fear, I have conquered evil. Do not fear, never be afraid.

2. I am here in the face of ev'ry child. I am here in ev'ry warm embrace. I am here with tenderness and mercy. Here I am; I am here.

3. I am here in the midst of ev'ry trial. I am here in the face of despair. I am here when pardoning your brother. Here I am, I am here.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are Full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We Proclaim you Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
Or
Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.
Or
When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O lord, until you come again.

Great Amen

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer / Sign of Peace / Lamb of God,

Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
All respond:
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion:

Ang Katawan ni Kristo/Behold, the Body of Christ
Ricky Manalo CSP / Pia de Leon

1. In the presence of our God, as we gather here in Christ, feel the Spirit breathe upon us,
the breath of life, graced and divine. We have come to break the bread; we have come to share our lives. Let us bring these fruits to the table, the love of God, yours and mine!

Refrain
Ang katawan ni Kristo, ang katawan ni Kristo. Behold, the Body of Christ! Jesus, our Savior and Life! Rejoice, O People of God! We are the Body of Christ!

2. When we gather in our homes, through our prayers and our meals, we are fed and nourished together, our families, broken and blessed. In the household of the Lord, where we come to share the meal, we are fed the words of our Savior, one family, strengthened and healed. (to Refrain)

Bridge
Is not the meal that we bless and share a communion in the life of Christ? One bread, one blessing, one cup make us one body in our Lord. (to Verse 3)

3. In the presence of our God, by the justice that is shown, we will build a kingdom together; the love of Christ given to all! (to Refrain)
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Sending Forth

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer
CWM RHONDDA

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more, (want no more)
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield, (strength and shield)
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside,
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee, (give to thee)
I will ever give to thee.

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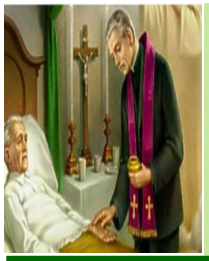

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Anointing of the Sick
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Call (925) 228-2230 Ext 6
Please leave your name, phone # and address.

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound

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STEWARDSHIP

To create a culture in the parish rooted in gratitude and generosity.

January 16, 2022		ONLINE
Weekly Offering:	$8,868.00	$ 2,066.00
Seminarians:	$ 623.00	$ 75.00
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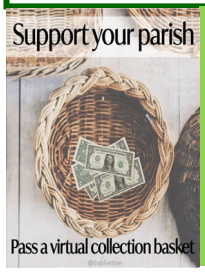
Thank you for your continued support both spiritual and financial.



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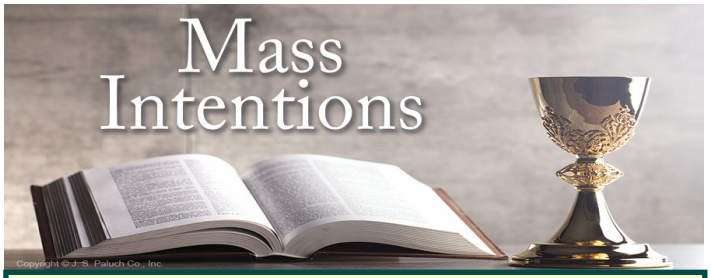
1) **On-line Giving**: **www.stcmtz.org**
2) **My parish App**:
CLICK on the "giving icon"

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County

St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection 1/29 – 1/30

During the last fiscal year ending 9/30/21 St. Vincent de Paul served 5464 neighbors. The majority of the people received food through our food pantry. However, we also assisted 23 households made up of 48 people with utilities, rental and auto assistance and referrals. The assistance other than the pantry amounted to $9,620. We are able to continue our work because of your generous donations. On 1/29-1/30 the second collection is for St. Vincent de Paul. We thank you for your continuous support and welcome contributions throughout the year to meet the needs of those in our community. Please pass the word, neighbors seeking help can call 925-788-7409 for assistance. No Charity is foreign to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



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		4:30	
SUN	1/23	7:00	
		8:30	Int. St. Catherine Parishioners
		11:00	Legion of Mary Members†
		1:00	John & Dolores Cardenas†
MON	1/24	8:00	
TUES	1/25	8:00	
WED	1/26	8:00	Int. St. Catherine School & Families
THUR	1/27	8:00	
FRI	1/28	8:00	Int. Ramona Liles - Birthday
SAT	1/29	8:00	
		4:30	
SUN	1/30	7:00	Int. St. Catherine Parishioners
		8:30	Zenaida Grecia Zaguirre†
		11:00	Magdalena Lim†
		1:00	

St. Catherine of Siena Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers for the families and, the repose of the soul of all who entered into eternal life.
All Victims of the Coronavirus,

2022 Memorial Votive Candles

Available to honor the deceased. They are located in the Sacred Heart of Jesus alcove inside the church and can be reserved for one year, renewable thereafter. Renewal letters are sent out in December. Forms are available on the website

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EL ESPÍRITU DEL SEÑOR ESTÁ SOBRE MÍ,

porque me ha ungido para llevar
a los pobres la buena nueva.

LUCAS 4:18

TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

23 DE ENERO DE 2022

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Primera Lectura Neh 8, 2-4a. 5-6. 8-10

En aquellos días, Esdras, el sacerdote, trajo el libro de la ley ante la asamblea, formada por los hombres, las mujeres y todos los que tenían uso de razón.

Era el día primero del mes séptimo, y Esdras leyó desde el amanecer hasta el mediodía, en la plaza que está frente a la puerta del Agua, en presencia de los hombres, las mujeres y todos los que tenían uso de razón. Todo el pueblo estaba atento a la lectura del libro de la ley. Esdras estaba de pie sobre un estrado de madera, levantado para esta ocasión. Esdras abrió el libro a la vista del pueblo, pues estaba en un sitio más alto que todos, y cuando lo abrió, el pueblo entero se puso de pie. Esdras bendijo entonces al Señor, el gran Dios, y todo el pueblo, levantando las manos, respondió: "¡Amén!", e inclinándose, se postraron rostro en tierra. Los levitas leían el libro de la ley de Dios con claridad y explicaban el sentido, de suerte que el pueblo comprendía la lectura.

Entonces Nehemías, el gobernador, Esdras, el sacerdote y escriba, y los levitas que instruían a la gente, dijeron a todo el pueblo: "Éste es un día consagrado al Señor, nuestro Dios. No estén ustedes tristes ni lloren (porque todos lloraban al escuchar las palabras de la ley). Vayan a comer espléndidamente, tomen bebidas dulces y manden algo a los que nada tienen, pues hoy es un día consagrado al Señor, nuestro Dios. No estén tristes, porque celebrar al Señor es nuestra fuerza".

Salmo Responsorial Salmo 18, 8. 9. 10. 15

R. (Jn 6, 63c) Tú tienes, Señor, palabras de vida eterna.

Segunda Lectura 1 Cor 12, 12-14. 27

Hermanos: Así como el cuerpo es uno y tiene muchos miembros y todos ellos, a pesar de ser muchos, forman un solo cuerpo, así también es Cristo. Porque todos nosotros, seamos judíos o no judíos, esclavos o libres, hemos sido bautizados en un mismo Espíritu, para formar un solo cuerpo, y a todos se nos ha dado a beber del mismo Espíritu. Ustedes son el cuerpo de Cristo y cada uno es un miembro de él.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio Lc 4, 18

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

El Señor me ha enviado para anunciar a los pobres la buena nueva y proclamar la liberación a los cautivos.

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio Lc 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21

Muchos han tratado de escribir la historia de las cosas que pasaron entre nosotros, tal y como nos las trasmitieron los que las vieron desde el principio y que ayudaron en la predicación. Yo también, ilustre Teófilo, después de haberme informado minuciosamente de todo, desde sus principios, pensé escribírtelo por orden, para que veas la verdad de lo que se te ha enseñado.

(Después de que Jesús fue tentado por el demonio en el desierto), impulsado por el Espíritu, volvió a Galilea. Iba enseñando en las sinagogas; todos lo alababan y su fama se extendió por toda la región. Fue también a Nazaret, donde se había criado. Entró en la sinagoga, como era su costumbre hacerlo los sábados, y se levantó para hacer la lectura. Se le dio el volumen del profeta Isaías, lo desenrolló y encontró el

pasaje en que estaba escrito:
El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque me ha ungido para llevar a los pobres la buena nueva, para anunciar la liberación a los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos, para dar libertad a los oprimidos y proclamar el año de gracia del Señor.

Enrolló el volumen, lo devolvió al encargado y se sentó. Los ojos de todos los asistentes a la sinagoga estaban fijos en él. Entonces comenzó a hablar, diciendo: "Hoy mismo se ha cumplido este pasaje de la Escritura que acaban de oír".

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo:	Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo de la Palabra de Dios
Lunes:	San Francisco de Sales
Martes:	La Conversión de san Pablo; Termina la Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana
Miércoles:	Santos Timoteo y Tito
Jueves:	Santa Ángela de Merici
Viernes:	Santo Tomás de Aquino
Sábado:	Santa María Virgen

Vayan a **comer espléndidamente,**
tomen bebidas dulces
y **manden algo a los**
que nada tienen,
pues **hoy es un día consagrado**
al Señor, nuestro Dios.

Nehemías 8:10

Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

23 de enero de 2022

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Nuestro calendario litúrgico separa las diferentes escenas del Evangelio, lo que a veces puede hacerles un flaco favor. El año litúrgico, por supuesto, tiene su propio ritmo y finalidad, en el que insertan los relatos de la vida de Jesús. Sin embargo, cuando Lucas organizaba su Evangelio (para "Teófilo", el amigo de Dios que encontramos en la introducción del Evangelio de hoy), la escena de hoy formaba parte de una estructura triple: el bautismo de Jesús, las tentaciones en el desierto, el anuncio de la misión pública en la sinagoga de Nazaret. El vínculo es el Espíritu Santo, que descendió sobre el cuerpo de Jesús en su bautismo, que llenó su cuerpo mientras soportaba su prueba de cuarenta días, y que está sobre su cuerpo para anunciar y realizar el reino de Dios, misión que cumple con su cuerpo en la cruz. La encarnación (el "encarnarse") de Jesús, que pensamos en relación con su nacimiento, sigue siendo el centro de su historia.

UN CRISTO, UN CUERPO

La lectura de Corintios de la semana pasada se refería al único Espíritu que otorga muchos dones, pero que es la fuente de nuestra unidad. Pablo continúa hoy este tema utilizado la imagen del cuerpo, cuyos diferentes miembros tienen cada uno una función importante y distinta. El Espíritu del bautismo forma ese único Cuerpo místico de Cristo. El Espíritu del bautismo llena los numerosos miembros, pero los une siempre como uno solo. El Espíritu del bautismo está en cada miembro, como lo estuvo para Jesús en la sinagoga de Nazaret. Ese Espíritu de nuestro bautismo nos unge a cada uno de nosotros como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo para ser alegres, proclamar la libertad, traer una visión más clara, levantar a los oprimidos, anunciar el reino de Dios a todos. Como miembros diferentes del Cuerpo de Cristo, cada uno está llamado a hacer esto a su manera. Podemos enfrentarnos a la oposición o al rechazo, como hizo Jesús, pero siempre podemos volver a acudir con fe a l Espíritu de nuestro bautismo, que sigue estando con nosotros.

Lecturas de hoy: Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10, Sal 19 (18):8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12–30 [12–14, 27]; Lc 1:1–4; 4:14–21

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Come and pray the rosary.
All are invited by the Hispanic Community.
Friday, January 28th, 2022
Rosary begins at 6PM
in front of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine.
(every last Friday of the month)
Ultimo Viernes del mes a las 7 del noche
You are welcomed to bring a chair.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Cómo puedo permitir que Dios dirige mis pasos esta semana?

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EVENTS

The Acts of the Apostles is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* is a twenty-part Bible study. The study shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today.

Participants of *the bible study* will meet every week to view a video presentation followed by a time of group discussion.

Bible study began on **Sat. Jan 15th** @ 11:30AM in the Parish Library. **Study is open always, come when you can. You are not required to make every weekend. But you are certainly welcomed too.**
For more information or to register for the study email or call Cindy Buscaglia (925) 228-2230 Ext 5

Catholic Schools Week
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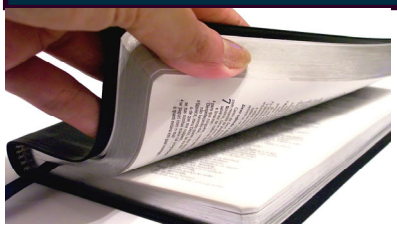

Join in the Weekly Scripture Reflection with the Clergy every Tuesday (via ZOOM) 7– 8:15 PM Please call the office (925) 228-2230 Ext 4 or Ext 7 to be connected to the link.

Sunday, Jan 23, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Those aren't fighting words

Most fights don't start with a punch, but with a word. That's because words are among the most powerful forces on the planet. Ideas divide or unite a society. Insults scar, just as kind words can heal. Our sacred story contained in scripture is a word meant to make the world whole. Pope Francis asks us to honor the word of God this Sunday. We begin by symbolically enthroning the Bible in our homes today: putting it in a place of honor. This reminds us of the deeper enthronement of God's word in our hearts. Make room for one Bible verse every day.

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69). "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Monday, Jan 24, 2022

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

God, our shield and our strength

We live in tumultuous times for sure. But the world has been topsy-turvy before. Saint Francis de Sales lived during the religious, political, and social upheaval of the Protestant Reformation. And he became known for his gentleness and patience in the face of it. Leave it to him, the patron saint of writers, to pen a prayer that is timeless balm for troubled souls: "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations . . ." A balm for these troubled times. TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (317). "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."

Tuesday, Jan 25, 2022 FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

Harden not your heart

Paul has always been a controversial figure. Before becoming a Christian, he was a persecutor of Jesus' followers. Paul's biblical words advising women to be submissive to their husbands have been alternately obeyed, rejected, and reinterpreted. But the word "conversion" on this feast reminds us what Christian life is about. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes Saint Ambrose on the "two conversions" in Christian life—one of them a one-time event and the other ongoing. "There are water and tears, the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance." What parts of your life still require repentance?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). "Jesus . . . appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Wednesday, Jan 26, 2022 MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

Stay the course

Evangelizing and living the gospel demands much of us. Saints Timothy and Titus serve as examples to us of holding fast to the faith among difficult circumstances. Friends and companions of Saint Paul, they ended up becoming bishops and leaders of the early church. They helped Paul to spread the gospel during those difficult early years. Timothy paid the ultimate price for encouraging others to embrace the emerging Christian faith. Reflect on the ways you choose to follow Jesus Christ and embrace his mission despite the challenges and difficulties it presents.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:1-20 (520; Gospel 319). "[T]hose sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

Thursday, Jan 27, 2022 MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

Wise counsel for the overwhelmed

On this memorial of Saint Angela Merici, 16th-century founder of the Ursuline Sisters, it makes sense to recall one of her many insights into faith-filled living. She advised the overwhelmed thus: "Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand." May you find that saving hand when you reach the end of your rope.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25 (320). "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand?"

Friday, Jan 28, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Root yourself in honesty

G.K. Chesterton once said of philosopher and theologian Thomas Aquinas, "Being himself resolved to argue, to argue honestly, to answer everybody, to deal with everything, he produced books enough to sink a ship or stock a library." We could use a little more Thomas in our media, especially social media, because today we're not always sure if things are actually true or merely "internet true." For Thomas, honesty was key to communication. He considered it beautiful, honorable, and a reflection of moral goodness itself. May we take to heart his commitment to honesty in all of our communication.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34 (321). "Once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

Saturday, Jan 29, 2022

Sea of hope

Alonzo Ketcham Parker, a 19th-century travel writer, called the Sea of Galilee "a fifth gospel" due to the amount of biblical history that occurred on its shores. It is the site where Jesus performed many of his most renowned miracles, such as walking on water, calming the storm, and feeding the multitude. Villages and settlements dotted the shore in Jesus' day, and most of Jesus' followers probably gained their livelihood and nourished their families from its bounty. The nourishment continues every time we read the vivid accounts of biblical drama that occur on the holiest of seas. Dive in!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 (322). "He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Quiet! Be still!' The wind ceased and there was great calm."

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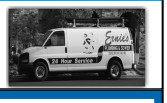

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