

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

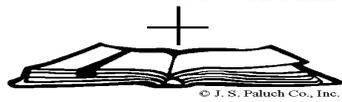
January 27, 2019

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
— Luke 4:18a*

TIME

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 but listen to and act on God's word.

Mass Intentions



Sat., Jan. 26, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Karge Family (L), Nick Sita, Louis Perschall Sr.

Sun., Jan. 27, 7:30 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule', Pieri Family (L), Carol Pieri, Most Reverend Gregory Aymond D.D. (L), Evelyn Kinchen, David Tucker, Janice Roussel (L), Don and Judy Bitler (L), Ruth Christie (L), Gloria Fabre, Larry J. Thibodeaux Sr., Bertha Knieper, James Leonard

Sun., Jan. 27, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Jan. 27, 11:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

Mon., Jan. 28, 8:00 a.m. Leonard Wilfert

Tues., Jan. 29 NO MASS

Wed., Jan. 30, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Thurs., Jan. 31, 8:00 a.m. Mary Jane Mehaffey

Fri., Feb. 01, 8:00 a.m. Millard and Regina Falcon

Sat., Feb. 02, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Karge Family (L), Nick Sita, Louis Perschall Sr., Guidry and Bolotte Family, Breaux Family

Sun., Feb. 03, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Feb. 03, 9:15 a.m. Mary Jane Mehaffey, Richard W. Letsch, Carolyn Pierre (L), Doris M. Letsch, Andrew Danenhower (L), Cham Mehaffey (L)

Sun., Feb. 03, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

We welcome all newcomers to St. John's Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a "Parishioner Form" located in back of church and drop it in the collection basket. A member of St. John's Church will contact you to assist you with registration.

PRAYER LIST

Helen Lafleur
Ruth Christie
Alicia Pertuit
Carolyn Pierre
Josie Leathem
Pam Addotto
Freddie Addotto

Rosalind Baham
Louise Cashmere
Ethel Istre
Rhonda Taylor
Rolland Golden
Ruthi Olson
Roy Kellum

Please remember these parishioners and friends in your prayers. May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and restored soon to the full active life of our community and their families.

The Weekly Collection totals will be posted in next weeks bulletin.

The annual second collection for Catholic Schools supports the Champion of Catholic Education tuition assistance fund, which is dedicated to helping more families afford the cost of Catholic Education. Please support Catholic Education by giving to the 2nd Collection this weekend at all masses.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<i>Sanctuary:</i>	Larry Kass Sr.
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Kathy Martin Family (L)
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Jon Holmes Family (L)
<i>St. Ann</i>	Agnes Kramer

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLORALS

The flowers at the Altar
in memory of

Shane Berger

REMINDER: Ladies Altar Society

We will have a quarterly meeting on Thursday, February 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the office meeting room.

Thanks to the volunteers for keeping the office running while I was on vacation.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

PIVOTAL PLAYERS DVD'S #1

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS *The Theologian* The relationship of faith and reason is under intense scrutiny in an age beholden to the competing claims of fundamentalism and secularism. So called "new atheists" insist that the claims of religion amount to mere superstition, a retrograde holdover from a time long ago. Others insist that the life of faith is a retreat into emotions and subjectivism. St. Thomas Aquinas anticipated these objections and trends and demonstrated that to believe is to think and that the life of the mind is integral to life in Christ. The first study will take place this Monday in the library in Jonathan Hall at 7:00 p.m.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY FEBRUARY 2ND AND 3RD

As part of their new Faith in Action program, the Knights of Columbus Council 10176 are inviting all parishioners, particularly our families with young children, to participate in the Consecration to the Holy Family prayer which will take place following the vigil mass on February 2nd and the morning masses on Sunday February 3rd. The prayer will be a simple one, consisting of a community prayer petitioning for the intercession of the holy family on behalf all families to follow their example of faith and devotion to the Father. The literature that will be made available to all parishioners will further explain the meaning of the prayer, and includes suggestions for other activities that may benefit you in your efforts to seek God's grace, as did Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on behalf of our Families. You can pick up a flyer and a prayer cards in the back of the church. Knights of Columbus members will also be passing out the flyers and cards before and after mass on the Sunday before the event.

The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will take place Sunday, June 2nd, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. The celebration will be a Prayer Service. All married couples celebrating 50 or more years of Marriage this year are invited to participate. *All participants must register. Forms are available at the Parish Office and must be returned to the Parish Office by Friday, March 2nd.* For more information, please call the parish office at 985-796-3806.

BROKEN BRIDGES

When we cannot forgive, we break the bridge over which we must pass if we would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.

MAGNIFICAT

You are invited to a Breakfast sponsored by West St. Tammany Chapter, a Ministry to Catholic Women on Wednesday, February 6, 2018 at Benedict's Plantation from 9 a.m. till noon. Your guest speaker will be Karen Schwaner Sheehy. A native of New Orleans, Karen Schwaner Sheehy, is a wife and mother. Raised in the Catholic faith, Karen had been given all of the tools needed to fight the battles that were waiting for her. However, she must choose to use those tools to live in the love, joy and light of Christ. Pained by the journey of becoming a mother and raising a challenging son, Karen learns to place her trust in God, and finds that he is always there as a patient Father, loving her and calling her to himself. Tickets are on sale now in the Church office And are 15.00 each. No tickets will be sold at the door.

A NEW YEAR:

Let a New Year and a Renewed Love Be Reflected In Your Marriage.

The holidays are over and the kids are back in school...now give some time to the two of you. Consider making a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend and bring joy and passion to your special love. The next weekend in Louisiana is scheduled on February 15-17 at the Bishop Robert E.

Tracy Center in Baton Rouge, LA. You can register online today at www.LAMS-wwme.org or by calling Matt & Gail Quinn at 800-586-5469.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL

FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT 8:00 A.M. EVERY MONTH

CATCH FIRE YOUTH GROUP MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6 – 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL.

PSALMS ADULT BIBLE STUDY, THURS. OR FRI. IN LIBRARY AT 9 A.M.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES EVERY SUNDAY, NOON UNTIL 1:15 IN LIBRARY

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, REVELATION, 7:30 PM IN LIBRARY

PSR CLASSES ARE EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR 6:15 – 7:30 P.M.

EVERY THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP MEETS AT 7:30 PM IN LIBRARY

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How am I challenged to live my life differently? Can I recognize the Spirit when I am challenged to change?