

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus 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.”

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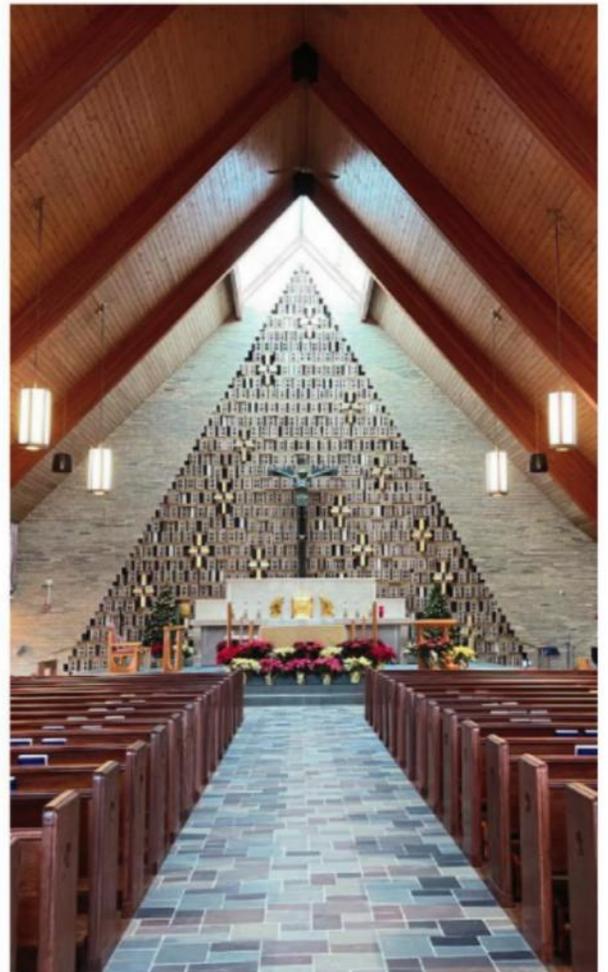
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Dearly beloved parishioners,

Have you ever read or heard any passage of Sacred Scripture read to you that brought you to tears? What happened afterwards? Have you ever heard a homily that spoke directly to you, calling you to make difficult life style changes not previously thought about? **Do you come to Mass with the openness of heart, and the expectation to be transformed by the Good News that you hear?** Or are your expectations to be intellectually stimulated and no more? What do you look for in a homily?

The above are some questions any preacher, who intends for the Word of God they proclaim to change hearts and mind would reflect on. Not infrequently do I hear parishioners compliment my homily after Mass. The short time spent with parishioners as they walk out of church is often insufficient for much meaningful discussion. These feedbacks are very much appreciated. But I often wonder what about my homily spoke to these parishioners. Although the same Word of God is spoken to the hearing of everyone, it speaks to each one of us differently. The parable of the sower found in Matthew 13 and Mark 4 makes me think that some of us listen and reflect further on what they hear and seek to act on it, some of us listen and applaud what is said but do no more, some others might listen, critique what is said, and not allow the Word to permeate their lives. These responses are not exhaustive, but it seems to me that they could be applicable to every group of people.

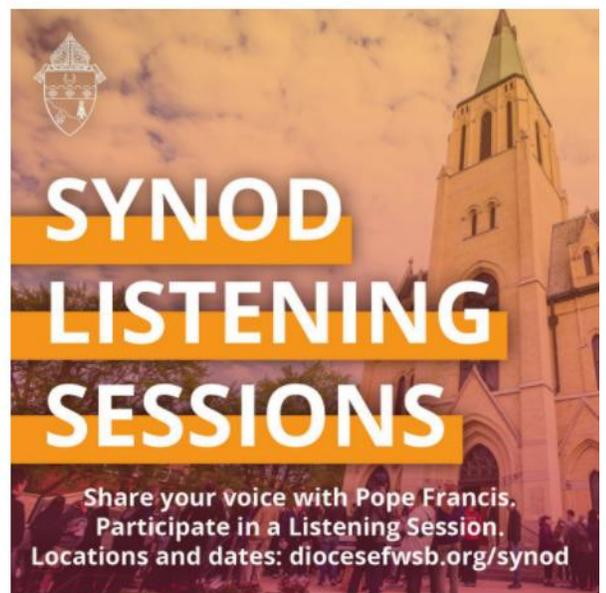
Our readings this weekend focus on the Word of God. The First reading speaks of an event that could easily be described as the ancestor to our present Liturgy of the Word. The priest-scribe, Ezra, reads from the Book of the Law on a wooden pedestal/platform that has been built for the occasion. He then admonishes the people, who responded with an emotional outburst and a bodily gesture that signaled their self-humiliation before God. These people, who had returned from exile, heard once again from the book of the law and reflected upon their lives, which was a far cry from what the Law commanded. Like the people who listened to Peter's preaching on the day of Pentecost, they were cut to the heart when the Word of God was proclaimed. They were driven to remorse, and repentance for their wrongdoing.

**The Word of God is alive and active.** As in Biblical times, so it is even in our own time. **It has the power to save. It has the power to convert hearts and to turn people's lives around. But we must be open to let it act in us.** We must not wish only to hear what pleases or excites us. Sometimes, the Word of God might make us happy, and at some other times, it might challenge us to change our ways and repent of any wrongdoing. **The Word of God is Good News.** This Good News does not always mean joyful news, as some of us like to think. **Even when it brings us to tears, the result is always Good News, which is repentance and right relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters.**

Please remember the Listening Session of the diocesan phase of the Synod. For our vicariate, it is being held at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Granger on February 3rd beginning with the Holy Mass at 6:00 pm. See last week's bulletin insert, scan the code below, or visit <https://diocesefwsb.org/synod/> for reflection questions. Everyone is welcome!

May Jesus bless you, and may Our Lady protect you!

*Fr. Julius*



## Readings for the Week of January 23, 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15/ 1 Cor 12: 12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14,27/ Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor</b> 2 Sm 5: 1-7, 10/ Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 25-26/ Mk 3: 22-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle</b> Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22/ Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Mk 16: 15-18
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops</b> 2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/ Mk 4: 1-20
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Sm 7: 18-19, 24-29/ Ps 132: 1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/ Mk 4: 21-25
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor</b> 2 Sm 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/ Mk 4: 26-34
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17/ Ps 51: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4: 35-41
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19/ Ps 71: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17/ 1 Cor 12: 31 13: 13/ Lk 4: 21- 30

## St. Michael Prayer



St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against  
the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we  
humbly pray,  
and do Thou, O Prince of  
the Heavenly Host,  
by the power of God cast  
into Hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits who  
prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

## Please Note!

### Wednesday, January 26th

There will be no Adoration or Confession following the 8:30 am Mass and the Parish Office will be closed for the day while Fr. Julius and the staff are away on retreat. Please keep us in your prayers!

*St. Thérèse, pray for us!*

## This week's Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 22

5:30 pm †Alfredo Estrera

### Sunday, January 23

9:00 am †Mr. Bartolomeo Dinh

11:30 am The Parish Family of St. Thérèse,  
Little Flower

8:00 pm †Catherine Grasinski

### Monday, January 24

8:30 am Intentions of Theresa Tamandl

### Tuesday, January 25

8:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the  
Christ Child Society

### Wednesday, January 26

8:30 am †John & Dolores Peck

### Thursday, January 27

8:30 am †Louis Waski

### Friday, January 28

8:30 am †Kathy L. Buszkiewicz

### Saturday, January 29

8:00 am †Sue Allen

5:30 pm †Greg Vela

### Sunday, January 30

9:00 am †Norma Miller

11:30 am Paul Costello

8:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse,  
Little Flower

# WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT BUILDS & SENDS DISCIPLES

## Try Alpha!

**Mondays beginning January 17th, 6:30 pm, Payne Hall**

It's not too late to try Alpha! All are invited to join us weekly for dinner, a talk, and the opportunity for discussion in an honest, friendly and open environment. Questions? Email Abby, [abby@littleflowerchurch.org](mailto:abby@littleflowerchurch.org)!

## January Kingdom Builders Gathering

**Thursday, January 27th, 7-8:30 pm in the Church**

Ladies, you were made for joy and peace! All women are welcome to join us for our January gathering. Often there is a sense of **dissatisfaction** as we begin the year. We know, deep within our souls, we were created for **more** than endless food, screens, and presents. But it isn't a New Year's resolution that our souls are truly seeking. Come and rest in Jesus and allow Him to unveil the **'more'** for which our souls were created. **Our Heavenly Father awaits each of His beloved daughters with outstretched arms.**



## Household Life at St. Thérèse, Little Flower Catholic Church

We hope you and your family will join us and give households a try this year. The motto of household night is: "Be loved and be fed," and all welcome!

### **Upcoming Household dates:**

Friday, Jan. 28th @ 6:30 pm – House of Praise

Wednesday, Feb. 9th @ 6:30 pm – Jireh

Monday, February 14th @ 6:00 pm – Rooted in Love

Friday, Feb. 25th @ 6:30 pm – House of Praise

Sign up for the Household newsletter to receive monthly gathering details by scanning the code or visiting [bit.ly/3dK45oi](https://bit.ly/3dK45oi)



## Healing Prayer Corner: What Would You Say?

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus proclaiming the words from the prophet Isaiah. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me"... and he continues with what the Spirit anointed him to say. It sparked this writer's imagination on what I might say today. Here are my humble offerings.

- To act justly in the midst of injustice.
- To be merciful to the intolerant.
- To be quick to forgive.
- To be courageous in refuting untruth.
- To not fear rejection and reprisal.
- To comfort the sick and the suffering.
- To reach out to the poor, the hungry, the homeless.
- To look for the good in everyone we encounter.
- To be humble in our attitudes and speech.
- To be peaceful in the presence of belligerence.
- To be generous with our speech, our actions, our money.
- To be beacons of hope and light in dark times.
- To be fearless in proclaiming Jesus.
- To love those who are different.
- To love those who are hard to love.

How about you? How might the Spirit anoint you? What might you say?

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday, February 5th, after 8:00 am Mass**

We are excited to announce that the men's prayer breakfast will be returning to St. Thérèse, Little Flower. Thanks to Charles Ingram who will be leading this important men's prayer and discussion hour. The prayer breakfast will be the First Saturday of each month beginning after the Saturday Morning Mass. All men are invited to attend and help if you so desire. Please reach out to Charles Ingram at [hogman63@yahoo.com](mailto:hogman63@yahoo.com).



## WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT SERVES THE POOR

### Baby Shower

**Weekends of January 30th & February 5th**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Baby Shower. We will have a collection container in the rear of the Church. The items collected will be taken to the Women's Care Center of South Bend. The Women's Care Center is an integral part of the Right to Life Movement, they provide essential care to women and children in need.

You can help by dropping off any of the requested items listed below. The Knights of Columbus, Women's Care Center and most importantly the mother's and children they serve, thank you!

#### Items needed by Women's Care Center

- 4T boy and girl clothes
- 5T boy and girl clothes
- Newborn boy and girl clothes
- Preemie boy and girl clothes
- 0-3m boy and girl clothes
- New, store bought plush baby blankets
- swaddle wraps
- cozy infant car seat covers
- diapers in all sizes
- pull-ups
- gas cards

### Right to Life Michiana

Learn to save babies and support women on the frontlines in a peaceful, prayerful, and law-abiding manner. Join Right to Life Michiana for Sidewalk Advocacy Training on Saturday, January 29th from 9:30am-2:30pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mishawaka. All pro-lifers are encouraged to attend to learn how to support women facing unplanned pregnancies in any situation. Snacks and lunch provided. You must be registered to attend. RSVP by emailing Megan at [programs@prolifemichiana.org](mailto:programs@prolifemichiana.org).

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## WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT EXTENDS THE KINGDOM OF GOD

### SEEKING HELP IN THE PARISH OFFICE

We are looking for regular volunteers to help in the parish office. The greatest need is Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons, but any help is welcome! Come share your talents with us!

<b>WELCOME</b> Be a welcoming presence to parishioners & visitors.	<b>ACCOMPANY</b> Walk with parishioners, visitors and those calling in.	<b>SERVE</b> Be the loving voice of Christ to those calling in for assistance or comfort.
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Questions? Ready to help? Please contact Gail via [gail@littleflowerchurch.org](mailto:gail@littleflowerchurch.org)

### Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving: November

Adult Collection	\$51,706.00
Loose Collection	\$16,276.92
Christmas Collection	\$ 5,016.00
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$72,998.92</b>
<b>(Under)/Over Budget</b>	<b>\$14,665.59</b>
<b>Year to Date Under Budget</b>	(\$ 71.07)
Capital Campaign	\$ 15,474.88
Food Pantry	\$ 1,280.00
Whatever You Do	\$ 26,578.82

### Extraordinary Minister Trainings

**Saturday, February 5th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

New and returning Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to a morning of education and formation on Saturday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. - noon. In South Bend, this will be held in the St. Anthony of Padua Parish Church, 2310 E Jefferson Blvd. While this is catered to new ministers, all are welcome! The event is free, but registration is required. It is sponsored by the Office of Worship. Learn more and register: [diocesefwsb.org/trainings](http://diocesefwsb.org/trainings)

### Be a Totus Tuus Summer Missionary

Are you a college student or young adult looking to deepen your own spiritual life through serving young people? Join the 2022 Totus Tuus Summer Missionary Team, which is made up of four college-aged missionaries who receive training and travel to six parish sites for week-long summer formation programs with children and youth. Lodging and stipend are provided. For more information and to apply, go to [diocesefwsb.org/totus-tuus](http://diocesefwsb.org/totus-tuus).



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