



# St. Mary's Catholic Church



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

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

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**1/24: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Craig & Janice LaFond & family <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Darlene & Bruce Cummings

**1/25: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Special Intention <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Jo Hasler

**1/26: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Repose William E O'Neil <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Extension Society

**1/27: Malta - Hi-Line Retirement Center 10:00 AM:** Jennifer Howell <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Julie & Gary Howell

**1/28: Malta—8:30 A.M.** Special Intentions <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Lana Fortin

**1/29: Malta 4:00 P.M.** Repose Marjorie Howell <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Julie & Gary Howell

**1/30: Malta - 10:30 AM:** For all Parishioners;

**Dodson—8:30 AM:** Scott & Kathy King's 40th Anniversary <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Julie & Gary Howell

**Saco - 12:30 PM:** Souls in purgatory <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Darlene & Bruce Cummings

## Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00, Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

## Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

**Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM** after Daily Mass.



**Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.**

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Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

## Daily Scripture Readings

**1/23: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin;** 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalms 80:2-3, 5-7; Mark 3:20-21

**1/24: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;** 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Psalms 89:20-22, 25-26; Mark 3:22-30

**1/25: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle;** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Psalms 117: 1-2; Mark 16:15-18

**1/26: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops;** 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Timothy 1:1-5; Psalms 89:4-5, 27-30; Mark 4:1-20

**1/27: St. Angela Merici, Virgin;** 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Psalms 132:1-5, 11-14; Mark 4:21-25

**1/28: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church;** 2 Samuel 11:1-10, 13-17; Psalms 51:3-7, 10-11; Mark 4:26-34

**1/29: Saturday in the 3rd week of ordinary time;** 2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17; Psalms 51:12-17; /Mark 4:35-41

**1/30: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week;** Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalms 71:1-6, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Luke 4:21-30

**Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday—Dodson—8:30 a.m.**

**Malta - 10:30 a.m.**

**Saco—12:30 p.m.**



## New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

## Sacraments

**Confessions:** See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

**Baptism:** Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

**Marriages:** Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

## Please Pray For

Staci French, , Lona Darrah, , Sandra Wiebe, Cory LaBrie, Julia Cebulski, Eric Riggs, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Bev Comstock, Leroy Rummel, Howard Rummel, Lyle Cochran, Pat Comstock, Benny Milks, Jason Bednarzyk, Cody Drabbs, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and for comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 and Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

# Everyday Stewardship

## Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

*By revealing his name God at the same time reveals his faithfulness which is from everlasting to everlasting, valid for the past ("I am the God of your father"), as for the future ("I will be with you"). God, who reveals his name as "I AM", reveals himself as the God who is always there, present to his people in order to save them.*  
CCC 207

## Pope Francis' Intention

### 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.

## Fr. Felix

Sunday III (C) Neh 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10; I Cor 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

Today's liturgy draws our attention to the importance and power of the Word of God and its challenge for us today. The Word of God is called "sacramental," in the sense that when it is spoken, read and heard, God is present in our midst. So, we must listen to the Word of God, accept it into our hearts, and then put it into practice as we live out our lives.

Today's First reading describes that after defeating Babylon, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. The Jews who returned, rebuilt their ruined Temple and the city walls under Ezra the priest, their spiritual leader, and Nehemiah, the Governor of Persia. Both taught the Hebrew Scriptures and inspired the people with their ancestral religion. Ezra led the people in a "Covenant renewal" ceremony. In this ceremony, with the help of a few Levite priests, Ezra read and interpreted the "Law for the Jews" for the exiles. Thus,

Torah became a living Word of power, grace and forgiveness for these exiles. They realized that in many ways they failed in keeping God's Commandments in their lives. Hence, they repented, asked forgiveness from God and experienced joy in their hearts. Thus, the passage describes the birth of preaching with the first homily taking place at an assembly of the Chosen People of God during the 5th century BC!

Today's Second Reading speaks about the Corinthian community which was a mixture of people of various ethnic groups who's teaching occasionally conflicted with each other. St. Paul was worried that the community might break apart into factions. In order to keep them united and in mutual love, St. Paul addressed a Christian community blessed with a variety of gifts of the Holy Spirit. Prophets, preachers, healers and teachers were in the group. So, St. Paul advised the Corinthians to enjoy and express their gifts: that would give them strength, unity to the community and glory to God. Each member of the Church is compared to one of the

parts of the body who, with God's special gifts, is making a unique contribution to the health of the whole. Hence, St. Paul urges the Spirit-gifted Corinthian Christians at that time and us today to find Jesus in our community by recognizing Jesus in one another.

Today's Gospel describes how, on a Sabbath, Jesus stood before the people in the synagogue of his hometown, Nazareth, reading and interpreting what Isaiah had prophesied about the Messiah. Jesus rooted and grounded his mission and ministry in the written word of Isaiah, particularly in the passage in which the Spirit sends the prophet to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberation to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed language that reflects the Biblical year of Jubilee. These words had long since

been seen as applying to the coming Messiah. To the great amazement and disbelief of his own townsmen, Jesus declared that Isaiah's prophecy was being fulfilled at that very moment because the prophet was foretelling and describing Jesus' mission and ministry. Jesus' mission would be to give liberation to everyone who would listen to his "Good News," accept it, and put it into practice. Thus, the passage challenges us to receive Christ's freedom, live it and pass it on to others, Amen.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# Gospel Meditation

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



## Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions



## Sacrificial Giving for 1-16

	<b>1-16</b>	<b>Direct Deposit</b>
Malta:	\$2,825.50	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$1,125	\$0.00
Saco:	\$155.00	\$50.00

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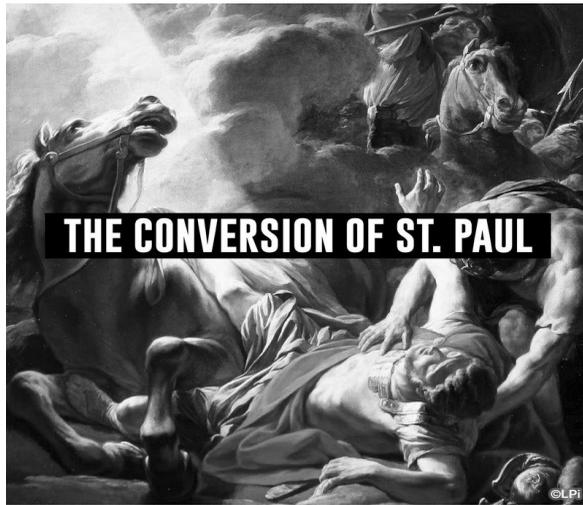
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## Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

“The fact that we know that we are right lifers are convinced – mightily about the sacred value of human life convinced – of the boundless mercy of should make us humble and more God. That is the light we bring to the determined to spread this message by world: the truth about God’s love, about the love shown in our lives and our forgiveness, about the beauty of human willingness to be servants of life. As St. life in all its stages and states.”

John reminds us, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us” (1 Jn 1:8). Pro-



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**THIRD PRIZE: Traeger/PermaFrost BBQ Package with \$500 Gift Card**  
**FOURTH PRIZE: Kayaks for Two Package**  
**FIFTH PRIZE: Outdoor Movie Theatre Package**

**Plus - EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS for \$1,000 (Nov), \$500 (Dec), \$250 (Jan) and \$250 (Feb).  
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# SPIRIT



*The Spirit of the Lord  
is upon me...*

LUKE 4:18