

A Wonderful Life

How many of you have seen the movie A Wonderful Life?
It is my Favorite Movie.

George Bailey the main character has lots of Dreams and Plans to see the world, but always ended up doing what was the right thing for his family and friends. He loved and showed compassion to and for people, and helped them out.

George did not always do it with great joy and peace, but still He did it all.

Towards end of the Movie, George Bailey is faced with an insurmountable problem and does not know what to do.

George is visited by an angel who takes him through his life and shows him what it would have been like if he had never been born. It is a wonderful reminder that our role here on Earth is important and we impact others in ways we may never be fully aware of.

You see my friends, George really did have a wonderful life and when he realized it, he was filled with joy and peace even though he still had a problem.

It is a great Movie to see during Advent as you prepare for Christmas.

Jesus often said: Those who have ears should hear (listen). What if I told you that the Scriptures were meant to be heard, not just read. Notice we Proclaim Scriptures at Mass. We do not say - take out your book and Read.

So What did you hear today?

The Scriptures are from God, for You and Me. Today's Readings urge us all to possess patience, joy and peace in our hearts and radiate it to others.

In the First Reading the Lord tells us something very special:

“Be strong, fear not! Here is your God,... he comes to save you. ”

Did you hear that – God comes to save us.

We also hear that in our Responsorial Psalm

In our Second Reading from James, we hear: Be patient, brothers and sisters... Do not complain about one another, that you may not be judged.

Have you ever pondered the thought? If I gossip about another person, can I really say that I am pro-life? Tearing down someone through gossip does not respect another person's human dignity.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist asks "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Jesus said to them in reply,

"Go and tell John what you hear and see." So when you look at your faith, what do you hear and see about Jesus.

But the message of this Sunday, reminds us that this is a wondrous thing. The source of our redemption is near. God is with us.

"Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near."

"Have no **anxiety** at all, but in **everything**, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

Don't bring God the solution in prayer – just bring Him the problem - bring Him where you are right now.

He has a better plan. Try this Prayer:

I Love You Lord, I Praise You Lord, I Thank You Lord, I Bless You Lord, I Trust You Lord, I cannot do this on my own, Please Lord, Show me the Way! Amen.

It is through Jesus that we come to have a Wonderful Life!

We are people of the Good News. Amidst all the uncertainties around us, we must have joy that comes from knowing in our hearts that God loves us as a Beloved Son or Daughter and that we are precious in His eyes.

So a Wonderful Life really does show us how we should live in this world and that we should be filled with God's Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace.

Dear Lord help us to see the Wonderful Life that you have given each one of us. Let that Wonderful Life fill us with great joy, and bring us closer to you. May we welcome You warmly by sharing our joy with others.

Come Lord Jesus Come, Now and Forever. Amen!