

THE MONO COUNTY CATHOLIC



You must open the interior eyes of your soul on this light, on this heaven within you, a vast horizon stretching far beyond the realm of human activity, an unexplored country to the majority of human beings.
-Saint Vincent Ferrer

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Our commitment to daily prayer using the weekday Mass readings as our guide

MONDAY 1/28
Hebrews 9:15, 24-28
Mark 3:22-30

TUESDAY 1/29
Hebrews 10:1-10
Mark 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY 1/30
Hebrews 10:11-18
Mark 4:1-20

THURSDAY 1/31
Hebrews 10:19-25
Mark 4:21-25

FRIDAY 2/1
Hebrews 10:32-39
Mark 4:26-34

SATURDAY 2/2
Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Solemnities, Feasts, & Memorials of the Week

Monday, Thomas Aquinas; Thursday, John Bosco; Friday, The Presentation of the Lord

7:00 AM WEEKDAY WORSHIP SERVICES in the MAMMOTH RECTORY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mass	Mass	Mass	Service	Mass	Mass
Walk right in and come up the stairs. Stay after for coffee and fellowship.					

2013 COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Each year Catholic churches throughout the United States take up a collection to help our sister churches in Central and South America find ways to bring families and young people closer to Christ and nearer to Catholic values. This week we will make our annual offering to the Church in Latin America. Sus donativos ayudan a difundir el Evangelio de Cristo y a asegurar que las futuras generaciones de jóvenes puedan vivir su fe todos y cada uno de sus días. Please make your checks payable to St. Joseph Church, Our Savior of the Mountains, or Infant of Prague.

LENTEN ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This 7-week course will examine the particular insights found in the passion and resurrection accounts of the four Gospels. Incorporating these stories into the core of our faith, the study will challenge participants to see both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection in daily living. The study will take place at the Lee Vining Rectory Tuesdays, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, & 3/5; Thursday 3/14; and Tuesdays, 3/19, 4/2. For details call David and Linda Dore at 760-647-1055.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

This Friday is the First Friday of the month. As is our custom, we will celebrate First Friday devotions, Holy Mass followed by Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Joseph Church, Mammoth, beginning at 7 o'clock in the evening.

PRAYERS

Our prayers are requested for Bonnie Zwart, Mark & Mary Anne Bewsher, Tina Quan, James Zvetina, Pat Glynn, Bobbie Engstrom, Raquel Rodriguez, John Gracey, Bob Tomko, Jr., Virginia Reyes, Elizabeth Cauzza, Kay Reilly, Mary Jo Ferreir, Julie Rogers, Josefina Flores, Glenn Inouye, Peter Mariniello, Consuelo Mendoza Aéyon, Brian Venneman, Gary Boyd, John Wallis, Jill Morstad, Dolores Glynn, and for the repose of the soul of Bill Glynn.

January 27, 2013

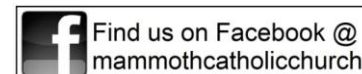
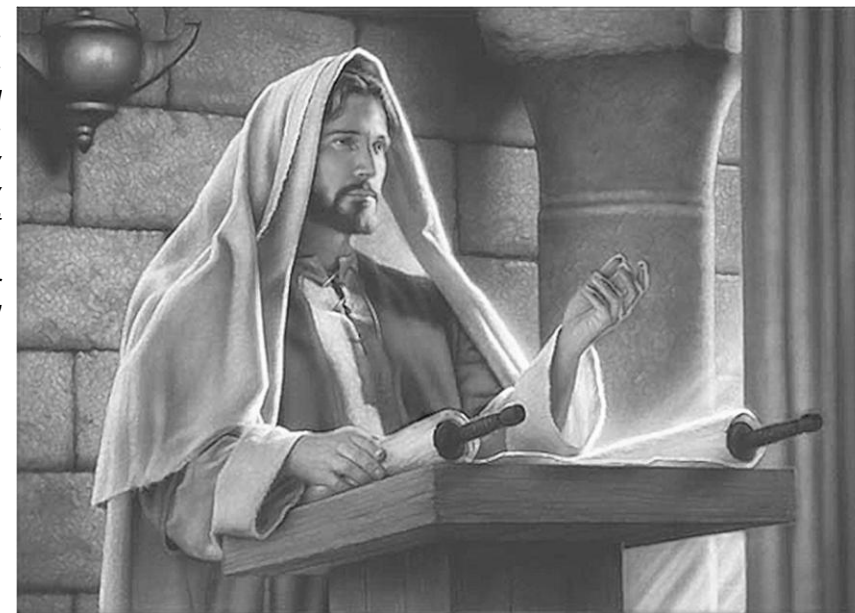
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. 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."

Luke 4:18-19

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mammoth Lakes: St. Joseph Church –
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM
La Misa en Español: 5:30 PM
Lee Vining:
Our Savior of the Mountains Mission -
Sunday Mass 10:00 AM
Bridgeport: Infant of Prague Mission -
Sunday Mass 12:00 Noon

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Mammoth Lakes from 5:30 to 5:45 on Saturday afternoons, 7:30 to 7:45 on Sunday mornings, y en español a las tardes del domingo de 5:00 a 5:15; and upon request before mass at Our Savior of the Mountains mission in Lee Vining and Infant of Prague mission in Bridgeport. The "Act of Contrition" is available in the confession room.

FIRST READING:

Nehemiah 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10

Nehemiah said to the people, "Today is holy to the Lord you 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, "Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!"

Based on some of the grim faces we see in our congregations every Sunday, somebody's missing the point here. Or maybe it's the priests. Maybe the folks are just mirroring their faces. Either way, something's

got to change if we are to experience the strength God intends for us.

The situation in this first reading is that, in the rebuilding of the temple after the return from captivity in Babylon, the scroll of the law is discovered by the workers. So Nehemiah, the provisional governor of Judea, has Ezra, the priest, read the scroll to the people. Well, they hear it and realize that they haven't been keeping any of it, so no wonder God has been punishing them for the last 50 years! This is the worst day of their lives.

No! Nehemiah tells the people to rejoice. After all, now they know what to do! "The precepts of the Lord are right," it says in Psalm 19:9, "rejoicing the heart." God has given a clear message to the people: Follow the

commands of the law and you will gain all the blessings that the law promises.

It is this joy, this buoyant, positive attitude toward life and the future that gives the human person strength and a clear, watchful eye to be ready to gather those blessings.

SECOND READING:

1Corinthians 12:12–30

God has so constructed the body . . . so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Anyone who's ever stubbed a toe really hard against some unseen object knows what it means when, "if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it." A toe is no big deal and you can get along just fine without some of them, or even most of them. But when just one of them, even the littlest piggy, is in pain, your whole body knows about it and feels the agony.

But the opposite is true as well. Take, for instance, a good back rub—as often as you can! When you get your shoulders worked over by a really good massage therapist, your whole body reaps the benefits. You feel fabulous.

We should look at all the things we may have heard (or said) about God and being Catholic and decide what gives joy to the body and what makes for pain. Yes, we've heard all about sin and condemnation and that should indeed give rise to a mighty powerful contrition. But when was the last time we heard the proclamation in Romans 8:1 that "there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" and that in Jesus Christ our

sins are forgiven? The mission of the gospel preacher is to announce the good news of Jesus Christ and bring joy and healing to the Body of Christ. After all, rejoicing in the Lord must be our strength.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:1–4, 4:14–21

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.

There are a lot of people in the world that are poised to rejoice because of this announcement. They are the poor, the captives, the blind, the oppressed, and those for whom this year, at least in their minds, has been totally unacceptable.

"But woe to you who are rich," Jesus laments in Luke 6:24, "for you have received your consolation."

In other words, those who are having a terrible present are destined for a great future, and those who are having a great now can look forward to a future that isn't so hot. The kingdom of God fulfills divine justice in a restorative, not necessarily punitive, sense. Punishment for wickedness and reward for good is certainly a reality at one level. But at another level, God works to balance the experience of life so that "the mighty are cast down from their thrones and the lowly are lifted up; the hungry are filled with good things and the rich are sent away empty." (Luke 1:52–53)

It would seem, then, that the gospel is bad news for the rich. And in a way it is, if the rich don't take heed. But the beauty of the Good News is that it is universal. The rich can hear it and be glad because they have the freedom to join in the works of God's justice. *FP*

Llamados a vivir en el amor



El llamado parece ser un tema central en la liturgia de hoy y en la liturgia de las semanas siguientes. Es la vocación a servir como una respuesta a la presencia del Espíritu Santo en la vida de los que creen en Él. Tanto la primera lectura como la segunda proclama un mensaje de "restauración", de nueva vida. Para Nehemías el pueblo de Israel ha regresado de su exilio para comenzar de nuevo; hay que restaurar el templo. Para san Pablo, cada uno de nosotros forma parte del Cuerpo de Cristo y cada uno debe ser responsable de los demás. Por la fuerza del Espíritu Santo estamos llamados a vivir en el amor y en el cuidado de todos.