

Pastor's Note

Follow the Lord!

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Ordinary Time" is a span of thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which the readings focus on the ministry of Jesus. During the winter season, beginning with this weekend readings, we focus on the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and our call to follow him and share the gifts, the miracles, and blessings. All the readings this weekend focus on doing God's will.

In the first reading from Isaiah, we read how God introduces a special servant who will bring light to the nations. The servant does not act on his own initiative but is chosen by God. The servant's mission is to guide Israel and the nations into a right relationship with God. He is a beacon of light for the nations. In the second reading, we begin the reading from Paul to the Corinthians, which we will read for the next several weeks. Paul greets the church in Corinth with a prayer that God grant them grace and peace and he tells the community that he was called to be an apostle. In the Gospel of Matthew, we read how Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist and this begins his ministry to the world. At his baptism, Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit. As priest, prophet and king, this act launched Jesus' public ministry to do God's will. Let us listen to the Lord's call and respond.

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Thank You!

Thanks to all who made the Installation Mass last Saturday afternoon very special. I appreciated all who attended, and those who helped with the set up and clean up. As we begin our new parish and as your pastor, I am deeply humbled to walk this journey with you. Please be patient with all the changes that we have all encountered and continue to go through. Let us continue to be the *Church Alive* and spread the good news in the East End of Pittsburgh.

Thank you to all who helped clean up and put away the Christmas decorations at all three of our campuses.

2020 Mass Intentions Our Mass Intention book is open to have Masses said for loved ones daily or weekends. What a great tribute to have a Mass said for a family member, friend, or neighbor, living or deceased. Mass intentions are \$10.00 payable to St. Mary Magdalene Parish. To inquire about having a Mass offered, please contact Terri Price at the Administrative Center during normal business hours: Monday thru Friday 9 am to 5 pm at 412.661.7222 ext. 205. Mass cards are available to send as a reminder of the time and date of the Mass.

Parish Improvements

S & N Roofing of Slippery Rock has begun to work on some roof repairs at the Holy Rosary Rectory.

Jake Luffy Masonry continues to conduct sidewalk repairs around St. Bede Church and School.

Sound system upgrades continue to be installed at Mother of Good Counsel Church.

St. Mary Magdalene banners have been placed on all our church altars. The St. Mary Magdalene Stained glass picture that is on the banner is from the inside of St. James Church which has a Mary Magdalene window on the right hand side of the altar above the sacristy. Special thanks to Mike Myers for making this project a possibility.

Temporary St. Mary Magdalene Parish signs have been installed at all three of our campuses until new permanent signs are installed. Special thanks to Christine Honan for organizing this project.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week Next week is "Catholic School's Week and lots of great celebrations are being planned at both of our schools.

Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy and St. Bede Catholic School provide a quality Catholic Education in a safe, loving and nurturing environment. If you are interested in looking at the Pre -School 3 and 4 year program or Kindergarten thru Eighth Grade, call the school office at Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy in Wilkinsburg at 412.242.3515 or St. Bede Catholic School in Point Breeze at 412.661.9425 to schedule a tour.

Happy Birthday Happy Belated Birthday to **Frank Grande**, our business manager, who celebrated his birthday last Wednesday, January 8.

On Monday, we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy!

Something to Think About...

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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