

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 26, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. (Isaiah 9:1)

On September 30 of last year, Pope Francis issued a letter declaring that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time was to be set aside every year as the “Sunday of the Word of God.” The Holy Father urged pastors to celebrate this day with special homilies, added reverence to the Scriptures in Mass, and by encouraging us to take up the Scriptures anew and find in them the treasures of God’s word for our lives.

In his letter, Pope Francis spoke about how we cannot read the Bible in the same way we read any other book. “Since faith comes from hearing,” he wrote, “and what is heard is based on the word of Christ, believers are bound to listen attentively to the word of the Lord, both in the celebration of the liturgy and in their personal prayer and reflection” (*Aperuit Illis*, 7).

This “attentive listening” means asking the Holy Spirit, who has inspired the Scriptures, to breathe life into the words we read. It means trying to silence the other voices in our minds and quiet our anxious hearts so that we can hear God’s voice speaking to us. As Pope Francis wrote, “Without the work of the Spirit, there would always be a risk of remaining limited to the written text alone.” But as we take in God’s word prayerfully, it becomes for us “the living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of his holy people” (9).

God has a message just for you today, and that message may well be embedded in the readings you will hear at Mass. It will be something personal and inspiring. No one else will hear these readings in exactly the same way that you will. No one else will receive exactly the same message that you will. So practice the attentive listening that Pope Francis described. What is he saying to you? How will the “great light” of God’s word shine in your heart today (Isaiah 9:1)?

“Come, Holy Spirit! Open my ears and my heart to your word today.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Sacred Heart Retreat

Ladies, it's that time of year again for our Silent Retreat at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. Enjoy days focused on the theme: Come Holy Spirit - "He will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). Our retreat will take place March 27th - 29th. You can commute daily or stay the entire weekend. Spaces are filling up fast. So please contact Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846 to get registered right away.

Daily Scripture Readings

WHEN GOD COMES

My God, what joy is when you come to us in daily visitation; what peace is ours when by your coming we find life anew.

Come, O come to live with us and reign within, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday	Is 8:23-9:3, Ps 27:1-14, Mt 4:12-23
Monday	2 Sm 5:1-10, Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	2Sm 6:12b-19, Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	2Sm 7:4-17, Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	2Sm 7:18-29, Mk 4:21-25
Friday	2Sm 11:1-17, Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	2 Sm 12:1-17, Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Mal 3:1-4, Ps 24:7-10, Lk 2:22-40

Mass Intentions

Saturday	January 25
5:15 PM	Intention of Julieta Reyes
Sunday	January 26
8:00 AM	Intention of the Richardson Family
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Soul of Robert Johns

Weekly Offering for January 19, 2020

\$3426.86 Tithes and Offering
284.00 Building Fund
91.00 "We Care"

Important Message

Regarding Anointing of Sick

In order to comply with the wishes of **ALL** families needing anointing for their loved one (s), it is requested that a call be made to the rectory **ONLY** by an immediate family member. This will eliminate confusion and insure that we are respecting the wishes of the family. **Also please do not wait until the last minute. A priest may not be available.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TRANSFIGURATION LENTEN REVIVAL



Sr. / Dr. Oralisa Martin, O.R.A.
Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday Nights at 7PM
March 15, 16, & 17, 2020 and
Sunday March 15th at 10AM Mass
Spread the Word!

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

February 20, 2020 (Youth Day)
February 21-23, 2020 (Adult Days)
Youth Day theme: "20/20 Through God's Eyes"
R.E. Congress adult days theme: "Live Mercy – Be Holy"
Held at the Anaheim Convention Center in California
Call the rectory at 323.291.1136 for more details.

Stewardship Thought

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."

MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

Memorial Service for Howlett Smith

The **memorial service** for Howlett Smith also known as "Smitty", former 8AM Cantor for Transfiguration, will take place on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 10AM.

2019 Tax Statement!

Tax letters will be mailed by the end of January. If you do not receive a statement please contact Jo Ann Levi in the rectory. This is also a good time to make sure that you are registered in the parish. Only registered parishioners who are contributors will receive a tax letter.

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Brian Argusta, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Michael Frierson, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Sally Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Sandra Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.