

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra gathered the people and read to them from the book of the Law of God. He interpreted the law clearly, so that everyone understood what he had read. He then told them to go and rejoice in the Lord.



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Paul explains that a body is composed of many different parts, and that each part has its own purpose and is important. He compares this to the Church, describing how we are one body composed of many members. All members should show concern for each other and understand that we are all vital to the body as a whole.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples had witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in their hearing.



For the Week of January 20th through
January 27th

Sunday

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Monday

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

First Friday

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

First Saturday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Sunday

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website,

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 26th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, January 27th

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Eddie and Binnie Houghton

Monday, January 28th

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 29th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday January 30th

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 31st

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, February 1st

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 2nd

4:00 p.m. Russell Morgan

Sunday, February 3rd

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Richard Hunter



REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Elizabeth Montague, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Rosemary Keating, Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne,* and all those whose names appear in the **PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.**

NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.

NEW PARISHONERS: The following family has registered in our parish recently: Lucjan, Melissa, Hayden and Avery Haber of Chestertown. We pray that you will become closer to God through your participation in our Faith Community. We look forward to getting to know you. Welcome!

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Bringing the Gospel Home

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 1:1-4;
4:14-21



Reflection for Parents

Children are really all the things listed in what Jesus read from Isaiah. They are poor because they really depend on parents for their every material need. They are not free because they are too young and inexperienced to live on their own. While they're not completely blind, much of what they do see has been shaped by their parent's vision. When we think of all parents do for their children, it becomes clearer all that Jesus is for us.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

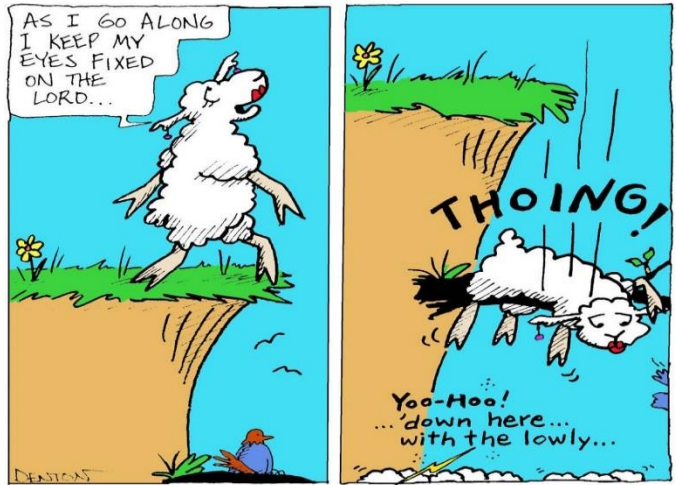
Who are the oppressed people in your community, neighborhood, or parish? Is there another family carrying a heavy burden right now? Reach out to that family in hospitality. Perhaps you could invite them over for an evening of cards or board games, or send them a "thinking-of-you" card. Be sure to keep them in our family's daily prayers.

Discussion Starters

1. One thing I was really blind to once was . . . The person who helped me see was ...
2. One way I set captives free is by ...
3. One way I could try harder to bring Good News to others is by ...

PARENTING POINTERS: It's cold outside. Have a memory party inside. Pull out old photographs and enjoy. Maybe even organize those photos.

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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”

Sheepish Question:

With my eyes fixed on Jesus, where does his Spirit lead me this week?

SAINTS OF JANUARY

January 31 – John Bosco

People need work so that they can buy food and clothes and pay for a place to live. They need God so that they will be happy. John (Giovanni) Bosco was a priest who tried to teach poor children how to work and how to love God.

John was born in 1815 in Becchi, Italy. His father died when John was only 2. But his mother gave him lots of love. She also taught him to love God and others. He worked as a shepherd in his early years, but had such a love of learning that he was sent to study at the seminary. In 1841 he was ordained a priest.

John was a priest, but he became a "father" to thousands of children. How did he do that? He started a school for poor boys, many of whom he met when he visited their parents in prison as part of his priestly work. These boys lived in the prisons, too, or on the streets. Father Bosco wanted something more for them. So he started a school where they could eat and sleep safely. He taught them about music. They also learned how to make shoes and clothes and books. When these boys grew up, they could get jobs.

John also taught the boys about God's love for them, so when they grew up the boys lived good lives. Later, John began a similar school for poor girls.

Because so many boys and girls needed love and care, John needed other adults to help him. So John started the Salesians—a group of priests that helped boys—and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians—a group of nuns that helped girls. Even his mother, Margaret, came to help him with his work. (The Salesian name came from his devotion to St. Francis de Sales.) In 1875, he sent his first group of missionaries to the Americas.

By the time John died in 1888, at the age of 73, many women and men were caring for "his" children, and there were 250 Salesian houses. People soon called for him to be made a saint. He was canonized in 1934.



PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending January 20th - Week 30

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John’s are made possible. “Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold.”

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 1/20 Wk. 30	\$5,059	\$500	\$6,346	-\$787
YTD Wk. 30	\$146,041	\$36,423	\$190,380	-\$7,916



January is Poverty Awareness Month

The first step in effecting change is educating yourself about the problem. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development publishes a fact sheet called Poverty USA detailing the statistics of those living in poverty in the United States of America. For example:

- In 2016, 40.6 million people lived in poverty in the United States of America. That means the poverty rate for 2016 was 12.7%.
- The poverty income threshold for a family of four is \$24,000 – people working at minimum wage, even holding down several jobs; seniors living on fixed incomes; wage earners suddenly out of work.
- In 2016, 13.8% of men, and 16.3% of women lived in poverty. The poverty rate for single-parent families with no wife present was 13.1%, and for single-parent families with no husband present was 26.6%.
- In 2016, the poverty rate for people living with a disability was 21.0%. That’s more than 4 million people living with a disability – in poverty.
- In 2016, 21.2% of all children (15.3 million kids) lived in poverty —that’s almost 1 in every 5 children.

For more information about *Poverty USA* check out the website at <https://www.povertyusa.org/facts>.



MANY GIFTS – ONE NATION

A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools

Twenty years ago, Saint Pope John Paul, II said to an audience of Catholic educators in New Orleans, “Yours is a great gift to the Church, a great gift to your nation.” Countless people in our country have been blessed by the many gifts of Catholic schools. They have carried what they have learned and witnessed with them; however, many have lost touch with our local Catholic school communities. It is time for these people to reconnect with Catholic schools and give back.

It is with this recognition in mind that Immaculate Conception School is pleased to participate in *Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools*. Scheduled for **January 29th, 12 noon to January 30th 12 noon**, this is a time for individuals to give to their local Catholic school. Visit www.NCEA.org/csw/manygifts to find the giving page link and search for Immaculate Conception School.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Archives to hold exhibit in conjunction with Diocesan 150th anniversary celebration.

The Archives of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington will present a special exhibit in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese. The exhibit will take place on **Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the Family Center of Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Church, 10 Old Church Road in Greenville, Delaware. The exhibit will feature dozens of items and documents going back to the 1600s when the first Catholic Europeans arrived in present-day Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. It is free and open to the public.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER– Time is running out to register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Let a cozy weekend focused on your marriage keep you warm on these long winter nights! The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be **March 1-3, 2019 in Rehoboth Beach, DE**. For information, visit our website at www.me.delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 3202-220-9833. Don’t delay! Your marriage deserves this gift!

