

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 24, 2010



“Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and his reputation spread throughout the region. He was teaching in their synagogues, and all were loud in their praise. ‘The spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore he has anointed me, He has sent me...’ ‘Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.’”

It is not difficult to picture the scene as written. People who had met Jesus in various towns, who listened to His words and witnessed the power He exercised, were certainly attracted to Him. He became well known and others sought Him out. Here we find Him in His hometown, and as the guest teacher He read the scripture and then applied it to Himself. Surely all were amazed and satisfied.

We gather today, not because of the reputation of Jesus, but because we know Him as Savior and Friend. We seek Him out because we have need of Him. He repeats the words written by Isaiah to remind us of His mission. He brings the gospel, the good news to others, calls for a freedom from what holds us back, to liberate those caught in the trap of sin, addiction, and hurts of any kind. We too are sent to announce to others the message of Jesus today.

Because we belong to the body of Christ, His mission is now entrusted to our church, and we as members continue that same mission. How often when we hear people say ‘the church should do this or that’ we fail to realize that we are the ones to live the gospel where we are, as did the people of Nazareth.

From: HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

2010 ARCHBISHOP’S APPEAL

“I will give you thanks, O Lord” (Psalm 138:1)

The Archdiocese of Washington conducts an appeal, once a year, to support the mission and ministry of the archdiocese. This appeal provides an opportunity to share our financial gifts in order to help provide education, ministry and services throughout the Archdiocese. Every time that we say the Creed we reaffirm the fact that we are members of the “one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.” We are saying that every parishioner is a part not only for his or her parish, but also of the Universal Church. Each of us is responsible for the well being of the Church in our parish, throughout the archdiocese and throughout the world. Since we are one community of believers, we are asked to give to the Archbishop’s Appeal.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon., Jan. 25	Conversion of St. Paul
Tues., Jan. 26	St. Timothy & St. Titus
Wed., Jan. 27	St. Angela Merici
Thur., Jan. 28	St. Thomas Aquinas

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 25	9:00 AM	Zee Kerwin
Tues., Jan. 26	9:00 AM	Rev. Christopher Twohig
Thur., Jan. 28	9:00 AM	Rev. Thomas S. Schaefer
Fri., Jan. 29	9:00 AM	Carl C. Thompson
Sat., Jan. 30	5:00 PM	Robert G. Dean
Sun., Jan. 31	8:30 AM	Julius & Kay Owens (L)
Sun., Jan. 31	11:00 AM	Mary Gale Adams

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory January 17, 2010

General Collection	\$3,492.25
Vestibule Fund	1,131.00
Christmas	50.00
Solemnity of Mary	40.00
Black & Indian Missions	35.00
Relief for Haiti	3,046.00
Poor Box	81.25
Identifiable Gifts	116
3 rd Sunday of January, 2009	\$3,273.50

Tithing--Sacrificial Giving-- Joyfully giving thanks to God. Gratitude for your faithful parish support.

Statement of 2009 Offertory Contributions may be requested by signing the yellow tablet at the doors of the church, or by calling the church office, 301-994-0607.

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick of our parish: especially Franklin Adams, Louise Adams, Ellen Andrews, Thomas Barnes, Agnes Geneva Blackwell, Catherine Briscoe, Ann Clayton, Alice Countess, Paul Dickens, Joan Dorsey, Mary Dyson, Kristin Hibbs, Gail Holden, Dorothy Lampkin, Alverta Lawrence, Mary Nellie Lawrence, Frances Morgan, John Mundie, Gloria Robinson, Marian Slade, infant Christian Joshua Taylor, Arianna Tiger.

Others in need of our prayers (requested by parishioners): All members of our military and their families, Charles Andrews, Kyle Bennett (in Iraq), Richard Bowen, Sarah Burch, Betty Coffman, Shannon Copp, Benjamin Countess, Caroline Countess, Arielle Davis, Phyllis Davis, Ronald Dews, Fran Dicus, Ray Dicus, Julie Marable Donaldson, Diane Dorsey, Sister Louise Dowgiallo, OSB, George Fairfax, Ruth Farr, John Gateau, Mary Gavarinski, Paul Greenwell, James Gross, Judy Guffie, Jack Gumtow, Margaret Hankla, Sue Hoag, Mary Ann Hulth, Barbara Hunter, Wendy Jackson, Cathleen Johnson, Bill Keeton, Vivian Keeton, William Kelmickis, Lois Krzeski, Cathy LaBelle, Lee Lancaster, Ann Lanctot, Dr. Claude Lanctot, Lovetta Lawrence, Danny Mahoney, Joseph Martin, Doris Mattingly, Dee Mauer, J. P. McCord, Barbara McDonnell, Maria McGuigan, Beverly McKay, Beth Meister, Vicki Moak, Margaret Murray, David Peixeira, John Pierce, Donna Poudrier, Tom Puckett, Eleanor Raley, Sharon Redman, Tony Reeves, Carol Rice, Mary Sue Robinson, James Ronan, Loretta Rule, Nancy Schmidt, Raymond Schmidt, Hunter Scott, Ami Shah, Evaon Shroeder, Palma Sileo, Sister Mary Rebecca, RSM, Sister Rose Bernard Tarleton, Dewayne Thompson, Jennie Umas, Rose Varela, Tom & Liz Warren, Elizabeth Weatherly, Gracie Webb, Bette Werner, Eugene Wright, Bob Ziebol.

Note: Please let us know when a name should be removed from our Prayer List. We are happy to know when prayers have been answered.




DECEASED Please pray for the soul of parishioner **Hilda Mowery**. *May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 24 C.C.D. and R.C.I.A./Adult Update, 9:30AM
 Mon., Jan. 25 Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, C. Ctr.
 Wed., Jan. 27 Cantor & Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 & 7 PM
 Sat., Jan.30 Rosary Devotion, 4:30 PM, in Church

C.C.D. NEWS

Sun., Jan. 24  "Teen Timeline" for high school teens, 6-7:30 PM, Community Center. Bring a friend and come to smile, laugh and learn!!
 Mon., Feb. 1 Teacher Meeting for Religious Education, 6:30 PM, Community Center
 Sun., Feb. 7 Meeting for parents of 2nd grade students preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:45 AM, Comm. Center
 Sun., Feb. 7 Children's Liturgy, 11 AM Mass
 Sat., Feb. 13 Reconciliation Retreat, 9AM-12 Noon.
 Sun., Feb. 28 Confirmation Assessment, 9:45 AM
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Offer a "Testimony of Charity" at Catholic Lobby Night February 15, 2010

Join Maryland's bishops and hundreds of fellow Catholics on Presidents' Day – **Monday, February 15** – for the 26th annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis, where this year's theme of "Testimony of Charity" is drawn from Pope Benedict's recent encyclical, Lobby Night is an advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including: support for pregnant women, poverty, Catholic schools, and marriage. Registration is required. Visit www.mdccathcon.org or call the Maryland Catholic Conference at 410-269-1155/301-261-1979.

Spiritual Opportunities

St. Mary's County Women's Retreat, March 19, 20, 21 at Loyola Retreat House. If you have thought about taking time off to pray and meditate, come to Loyola on the Potomac and find peace and serenity for the weekend. Cost is \$225, but if you cannot pay that, they are happy to discuss alternatives with you. No one is turned away because of insufficient funds. Info: call the Loyola Retreat House at 301-392-0801.
Restorers of Mount Carmel are sponsoring a **Mini-Retreat, Saturday March 20** at Mt. Carmel, 5678 Mt. Carmel Road, La Plata, MD. Day begins with mass at **8 AM, and will end at 3 PM.** Includes several talks, quiet time, confessions, rosary, benediction/exposition, breakfast snacks, lunch, beverages. Cost \$30 per person. Retreat Master: Fr. Matt Buening. Info: Suzanne Carr, 301-645-5203.

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Fundraising for Little Flower School:
EZ Money Raffle: \$2,500 Grand Prize. \$1,250 in other prizes. \$25.00 per ticket. Drawing at **LFS Italian Night, February 12, 2010.** Info: N. Szewczyk, 301-863-2840
"500 Club" memberships are currently being sold. This is a monthly raffle with prizes each month totaling \$950. Your chances of winning each month are 1 in 8. Cost: \$100/year, payable quarterly or annually. Info: C. Damon, 240-398-0157
Mulch Sale Annual Spring Mulch Sale, March 20, 2010. 3 cubic foot bag of hardwood mulch, \$3.85. Delivery for orders of 20 bags or more to St. Mary's County, North of St. Mary's City and South of Route 234. Pick up of orders outside this area, 7 AM-2 PM. All orders must be received by **March 5.** For more info or to order, call Susan Hammel, 301-862-4861 or kachmannj@veruzon.net.

AREA NEWS

Wed., Jan. 27 Meeting at St. George Episcopal Church, 7 PM to plan for their second hosting of **WARM**, which begins February 28. **WARM** is a county-wide program to house the homeless during the cold weather. Each church in the program agrees to provide an evening meal, sleeping facilities and a good breakfast before clients are taken back to Three Oaks Center in Lexington Park. Volunteers from our area are needed to cook, clean up and chaperone at two shifts during the night. If you think you would like to help, please contact Phil Horne, 301-994-2783.
Fri., Jan. 29 Casino Night, hosted by St. John's School HSA. Doors open 6 PM, Tables 7 PM. For adults 21 and over. Dinner and drinks available for purchase. Info: Patrick Dugan, 301-672-1925.
Sat., Jan. 30 Southern Maryland Regional Ministry Day, St. Francis Xavier, Newtowne, 9:15am-12PM. A gathering of the pastors and parishioners of Southern Maryland to strengthen the vitality of our local parishes. If interested in attending, please notify Msgr. Karl or St. George parish office (301-994-0607).
Sun., Jan. 31 Mass of Thanksgiving in Celebration of the Canonization of St. Damien of Molokai, SS.CC, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., 2:00 PM.
Sat., Feb. 6 Casino Night to benefit Mother Catherine Spalding School. Held at Bowles Farm, Clements, MD, 6 PM-Midnight. Info: Tammy Pilkerton, 301-904-4020

SCHEDULES:	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat., Jan. 30 5:00 PM	C. Rodgers B. Wathen	B. Carpenter	J. Heather K. Owens	Deacon L'Heureux	J. Rodgers Volunteer	First: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
Sun., Jan.31 8:30 AM	E. Carpenter J. Heisey K. Waldron	B. Carpenter CHOIR	P. Baliko L. Rose	R. Baliko B. Adams-Choir	T. Goddard H. Young	Second: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Sun., Jan. 31 11:00 AM	A. Knott J. Newman M. Ojo	B. Carpenter B. Goldsmith	M. Goldsmith N. Knott	T. Buckler	M. Kibler J. Robison	Gospel: Lk 4:21-30

Daily Mass Lectors, Jan. 25, 26, 28, 29: C. Galli, T. Buckler, A. Fenwick, D. Orwig
Meals on Wheels, Jan. 26, 27, 28: M. A. Hammett & M. J. O'Connor, V. Worch & P. Walker, C. Fugate
Altar Preparation, Jan. 30: K. Owens
The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the Living and Deceased members of the Simpson Family.

