

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 27, 2008

Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.



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— Psalm 27:14

January Rosary: For the courage to turn away from sin and make a new beginning in the New Year.

**Music for Sunday,
January 26 & 27 :**

551 – Glory and Praise to our God

595 – Here I Am

814 – O Sacrament Most Holy

719 – Sent Forth by God’s Blessing



TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people. The burdens that were once laid upon them have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel and curing the people of their illnesses (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Thursday: St. John Bosco
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord;
First Saturday; Groundhog Day

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday January 26th

Mass— 8:15 am
Confessions – 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Mass – 4:00 pm

Sunday, January 27th

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am
K of C Breakfast after 8:00 am Mass Cafeteria
PRE 9:15 am
Adult Classes – 9:15 am Krug Hall
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm
Bible Study Class 7:00 – 9:00 pm Krug Hall

Monday, January 28th

Mass – 8:15 am
Pastoral Council Meeting – 7:00 pm Krug Hall
Bible Study Class (Deacon Don) 7-8:30 pm)

Tuesday, January 29th

Mass – 8:15 am
Science Fair Gym All Day

Wednesday, January 30th

Mass— 6:30 pm
Legion of Mary Meeting 5:15 pm Lucius Hall
RCIA Classes 7:00 pm Krug Hall (Gerry Taulman)

Thursday, January 31st

Mass— 8:15 am
Bible Study Class 9:30 – 11:30
Parent Prep Eucharist Meeting – 6:30 pm Library

Friday, Feb 1st First Friday

Mass – 8:15 am
Adoration 9:00 am
Benediction 12:00 pm

Confirmation Classes will be on Sunday mornings during PRE beginning January 27. To be eligible to receive this sacrament, young men and women in the 8th grade or older must have been enrolled in Catholic religious education for at least one full year before enrolling in the classes. *A person who has not been attending weekly Sunday Mass regularly will not be considered as a candidate for the Sacrament even if they are enrolled in a Catholic school full-time.* Parents of those seeking Confirmation must attend a parent preparation meeting at 6:30 P.M. on January 24 in the school library or at 9:00 A.M. on January 27 in the Teacher’s Lounge. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Plessinger at 837-8014.

May Mania is May 3rd! It is time to start organizing our efforts to make this year's maniacal evening even more successful than last 2007. We need people to take charge of advertising, donation solicitation, volunteer enlistment, ticket sales, set-up, clean-up, and anything else that comes up. Please contact Carolyn Roberts at the Parish Office (353-1530).

Preparation Class for Quinceañera – Classes will be held at St. Joseph Church, 3825 Neely Road, on the 3rd of February after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and lasting one hour/ all candidates must have received the Sacrament of confirmation before they can celebrate her Quinceañera. Families may register by telephoning St. Joseph at 396-9996. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

In your prayers please remember: Barbara Allard, Bill & Grace Aspinall, Dewey Aureli, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Julius (Sonny) Black, Robert Butler, Carolyn Fracchia, Trudi Collier, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, Sue Guinn, Linda Gonzales, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Bootsie Hammett, Peggy Hooten, Michael Jackson, Margaret Jones, Earline Johnson, Paul Kennedy, Robert Kuehner, Mildred Lewis, Jerry Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Thomas Miller, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Louisa Reilly, Maureen Spain, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Carolyn Walsh, Lewis Wilkinson, Mary Wilson, and Angie Wright.

Parish Retreat Weekends – The Cathedral parish has invited members of Our Lady of Sorrows to join with them in making a spiritual retreat at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Retreat Center in Dancyville, TN (I-40 East, exit #47). A Men's Retreat is scheduled Feb. 8-10, and a Women's Retreat is scheduled for April 4-6. Henry Littleton is coordinating our participation in these retreats. If you are interested in participating in one or more of the retreat weekends, please contact the Parish Office.

Bible Study – Deacon Don Bennis will offer a Bible Study on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans on Monday evenings in Krug Hall. Classes will begin on January 7th and conclude on March 3rd. Catholic Bibles and the Catechism of the Catholic Church are required texts. There will be a \$5.00 fee. This class is sanctioned by the Diocese of Memphis and teachers and catechists can earn up to 12 hours credit for participating. For more information call 353-1530.

School News!



Monday – Jan 28th – Community Day – Student Council will send Appreciation Cards to local Community Businesses.

Tuesday – Jan 29th - Family Day – Family Members are welcomed to join us at lunch.

Open House – Afternoon

Wednesday – Jan 30th – Faculty /Staff Day – Parent volunteers needed to cover classes before and during lunch.

Thursday – Jan 31st – All School Mass

8:15 – 9:15 with Beta Club Induction. Brunch for all Beta Club Members and their Parents

Friday – Feb 1st – Student Day – Out of Uniform – “Blue and White” Hotdog/Chili Dog Day. Lunch will be provided for all students.

1:00 pm – Bolo Competitions (Gym)

2:00 – Grade Group Activities

Registration for the 2008-09 School Year will be in February.

Thank you to all who helped with the ravioli roll this past weekend. The turn-out was fantastic and many new people joined us as we continue this wonder OLS tradition. Did you know that OLS is the only parish in the Memphis area that still makes ravioli? That is why it is so important to pass on the knowledge and skills to younger generations to keep the tradition alive. The fellowship was wonderful as new friends were made, and the love for OLS that went into our effort will be tasted in each and every bite. After all, love is our secret ingredient!

HEART

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

—John Bunyan

Ministers Schedule – for January 26 & 27

*****Please note the dates*****

for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule

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| 4:00 | 8:00 | 10:30 | 5:00 |
| N.Vintruella | M.Carpenter | D.Bennis | |
| L.Macdonald | B.Plessinger | A.Humphreys | |
| G.Hooten | H.Littleton | B.Comans | |
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| Lectors | | | |
| E.Monroe | J.Bish | M.Owen | |
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| Altar Server | | | |
| L.Carter | C.Bailey | S.Hupp | A.Flores |
| | D.Bailey | C.Hupp | A.Zemero |
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Ministers Schedule – for NEXT

Weekend of January 26 & 27 *Please note the dates*****

for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule

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| 4:00 | 8:00 | 10:30 | 5:00 |
| F.Bursi | M.Hensley | D.Bennis | |
| R.Pannell | B.Hall | K.Pope | |
| G.Pannell | P.Stavrum | J.DeStefano | |
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| Lectors | | | |
| B.Pettit | D.Gohman | M.Standridge | |
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| Altar Server | | | |
| A.Younger | H.Williams | K.Hissong | J.Rivera |
| | G.Williams | D.Butler | S.Roque |
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The **Monthly Bus Trip** will be Sunday, January 27th after 10:30 am Mass. If you are interested in going, please call Bonita Comans at 412-6700.

LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you may have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today’s first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus’ future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance (“darkness”) and sin (the “yoke”).

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of “Christ’s party.” The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today’s Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecies. The theme is “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

Mass Intentions

Saturday January 26th 4:00 pm

Ollie Owens+

Sunday January 27th 8:00 am

Thelma Littleton+

Sunday January 27th 10:30 am

People of the Parish

Sunday January 27th 5:00 pm

Ofelia Harbaugh+

Monday January 28th 8:15 am

James Harley+

Tues. January 29th 8:15 am

Charles Fleet+

Wed. January 30th 6:30 pm

Fr. Patrick Heenan+

Thur. January 31st 8:15 am

Jim O’Toole+

Friday Feb 1st 8:15 am

Edna Jackson+

Saturday Feb 2nd 8:15 am

Bob Kissell+

Saturday Feb 2nd 4:00 pm

Angelo Bursi+

Diocesan Choir for Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

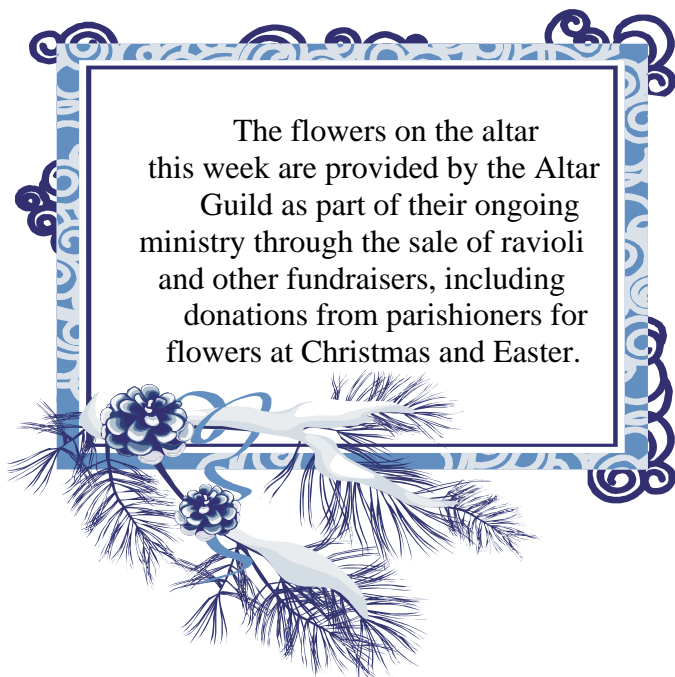
The Diocesan Choir is forming for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, Sunday, Feb. 10, 3:00 and 7:00. **Rehearsals will be Sundays, January 27, 2008, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and February 3, 2008, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** Rehearsals will take place in Marian Hall, lower level of the Cathedral, 1695 Central Avenue, Memphis. It is necessary to be present for both rehearsals.

If you can participate in this choir and sing for the 3:00 p.m. **and/or** the 7:00 p.m. service, please call (901) 725-2703 to register. Dinner will be provided to choir members who can sing for both times. Deadline for registration is January 23, 2008

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Catholic parishes in the United States are completely dependent on those who attend Mass for their financial support. We get no money from the Pope or the Bishop to pay our bills. The only support we get comes from the hands of those who worship at Our Lady of Sorrows.

As our Anglo population ages and dies, our Latino population must bear a greater responsibility for supporting the parish financially. The Bible calls us to return to God the first tenth of what we earn as an act of worship and trust in God. Therefore, what a person earns should provide for the worship of God first (1/10) and provide for the family second (9/10). If a person works 40 hours in one week, what is earned in four of those hours should be returned to God in worship. What is earned in the other 36 hours can be spend on food, shelter, clothing and leisure activity. Too many people spend for themselves first and only give God what is left, and sometimes they do not even do that! How do you use your earnings to show that God is first in your life?



The flowers on the altar this week are provided by the Altar Guild as part of their ongoing ministry through the sale of ravioli and other fundraisers, including donations from parishioners for flowers at Christmas and Easter.

Ms. Madison Tracy, Development Director for OLS is looking for an energetic person that will launch Eaglefest 2008. We are in need of individuals to perform services in the Board Committee and to lead several committees that make this event successful every year. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Tracy at Our Lady of Sorrows School at 358-7431, or Mrs. Carolyn Roberts at the parish office at 353-1530.

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

Paul Kennedy
Ave Maria Nursing Home
2805 Charles Bryan Road
Bartlett, Tn 38134

Jackie Perfetti
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 306
Memphis, Tn 38119

Margaret Jones
Primacy Healthcare
6025 East Primacy Parkway
Memphis, Tn 38119

Visit the sick and/or send them a card to let them know they are not forgotten

Parishioners In the Hospital
Bootsie Hammett – Methodist Central room 732
Louise Macdonald – Methodist Germantown – room 326 South

Financial Report for Weekend of January 20th 2008

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| Envelopes | \$1,841.00 |
| Loose Checks | 345.00 |
| Loose Currency/Coin | 198.86 |
| Improvement | 746.00 |
| Latin America | 15.00 |
| Total Collection | \$ 3,145.86 |
| Church Budget for the Week | <u>-5,324.00</u> |
| Collection Diff for the Week | (2,178.40) |
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| Collections Revenues Y-t-D | 146,993.68 |
| Church Budget Y-t-D | <u>159,720.00</u> |
| Collections Deficit Y-t-D | \$(12,726.32) |

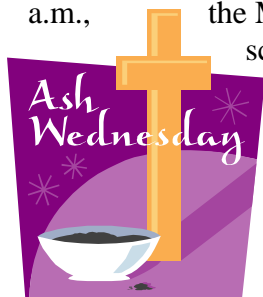
KINDNESS

Better to be kind at home than to burn incense in a distant place.

—Chinese proverb

Mardi Gras Celebration – Our Parish Dinner to celebrate Mardi Gras will be on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 pm. Every family is asked to bring food enough to feed themselves and four additional people. All activities will be in the gymnasium, including the prayer service and the “burying of the Alleluia.” Fr. Timby is offering a pizza lunch for every grade at OLS with 100% participation. Come, join us for the fun.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season and comes very early this year on February 6th. There will be two liturgies that day. At 8:15 a.m., the Mass will be in English with the schoolchildren present. A bi-



lingual Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm. Those who do not appreciate multicultural celebrations may choose to join the earlier celebration that morning. According to liturgical law of the Church, ashes will

only be distributed during the celebration of the liturgies. Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but all Catholics who have reached the age of reason (7 years) are strongly encouraged to participate.

Blessing of Throats – February 3rd is the traditional fast day of St. Blaise, the patron saint of those with afflictions of the throat. Although the celebration of the Sunday liturgy takes precedence over the celebration of a saint’s feast day, Fr. Timby will bless throats at the conclusion of the four Sunday liturgies (4:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.).

The Stations of the Cross with Benediction will be prayed every Friday during Lent and 6:30 pm. A “Poor Man’s Supper” will follow the Stations each week with a different group from the parish preparing the meal each week. The Altar Guild has volunteered to prepare the first meal on Feb. 8th. The meals are simple and meatless to keep with the spirit and discipline of the Lenten Season.

No **baptisms** will be celebrated during Lent to focus our attention on the call to conversion and the significant role the sacrament plays in the celebration of the Easter Vigil. In fact, there will be no holy water available during the season. So, if you need a supply for your home, be sure to get it before Feb. 6th.

Parish Lenten Penance Service – The combined penance service for nine parishes held at the Cathedral during Advent was such a huge success with more than a dozen priests and 200+ people in attendance that we are joining forces again during Lent. Our Lenten Penance Service will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. Several priests will be available to assist those who speak Spanish. Come, be a part of this wonderful celebration of God’s mercy and compassion!

The 7th annual Christian Brothers High School Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, February 2, 7:00 p.m., in Heffernan Hall on the CBHS campus, 5900 Walnut Grove Road. Brother Ignatius Brown, FSC, will emcee the event. All of the proceeds will benefit De La Salle at Blessed Sacrament Jubilee School. The cost is \$15/person or \$100 for 8-member team. Reservations may be made by calling the CBHS Development Office at 261-4930 or downloading the registration form at www.cbhs.org.

Catholic Charities Emergency Services is in urgent need of new Men’s and Boy’s underwear, all sizes tops and bottoms, as well as socks for men and women. We are especially in need of diapers. If you can donate any of these please contact Esther Ewing at 722-4797 or Anne McInnis at 722-4711. We also welcome new and used coats during the winter months. Your help for the homeless and poor of this community is greatly appreciated.

On the same basis of nuptial meaning of the body that commits man to marriage for the whole of life, there is the love that commits man to a life of celibacy for the sake of the kingdom. Marriage reveals the nuptial character of celibacy, and celibacy reveals the ultimate purpose of marriage is to prepare us for heaven.

