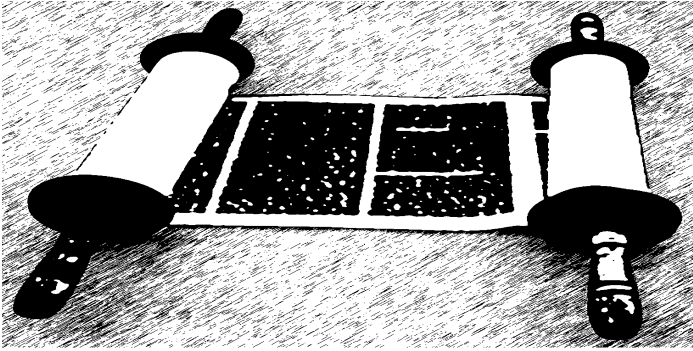


Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2010



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*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*
— Luke 4:18a

TODAY'S READING

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

A HOLY TIME

For those of us who live farther north, it is now the heart of winter. And for all of us, north and south, the holidays are over. We may sense the start of a long, hard stretch of blank time. These opening Sundays of “Ordinary Time” reflect this feeling of beginning.

Today’s reading from the book of Nehemiah tells with great drama how the people gathered to hear, as though for the first time, a solemn reading of God’s word. As they listened, they fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, “Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep” (Nehemiah 8:9).

Today’s Gospel tells a similar dramatic tale. We are presented with the very beginning of Jesus’ public life. The people gathered to listen, and Jesus proclaimed the fulfillment of the prophet’s words. To his listeners—and to us—he announced “a year acceptable to the Lord” (Luke 4:19).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; 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: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31 —
13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

ELUSIVE HAPPINESS

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

—Anonymous

Rosary Dedication: January:

For the courage to turn away from sin and make a new beginning in the new year.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday, Jan 24th

Rosary, 7:35 am

Mass - 8 am

K of C Breakfast after 8 am Mass

PRE Class, 9 am

Mass – 10:30 am, Installation of
Parish Council Members at 10:30

Mass

Spanish Mass- 5 pm

Bible Study Class, 6:30 pm

Mon, Jan 25th

Mass, 8:15 am

Tuesday, Jan 26th

Mass – 8:15 am

Student Mass KN- 4th grade

Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm KH

Wednesday, Jan 27th

Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH

RCIA, 7 pm KH

Youth Group, 7 pm

Mass – 6:30 pm

Thurs., Jan 28th

Mass 8:15 am

Student Mass 5-8 grade

Bible Study Class, 9:30 -11:30 KH

Friday, Jan 29th

Communion Service, 8:15 am

Saturday, Jan 30th

Confirmation Class, 9 am KH

Confessions, 3:00 – 3:30 pm

Mass – 4:00 pm

Sunday, Jan 31st

Rosary, 7:35 am

Mass - 8 am

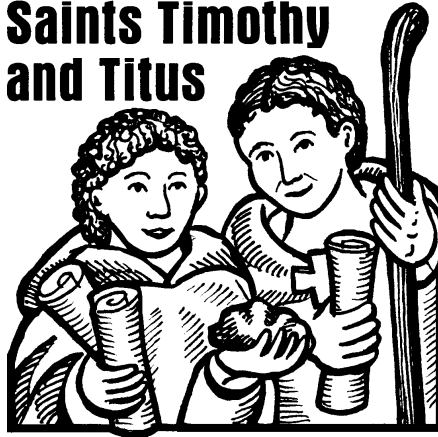
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Mass – 10:30 am

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Saints Timothy and Titus



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Conversion of St. Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
Tuesday:	Ss. Timothy and Titus
Wednesday:	St. Angela Merici
Thursday:	St. Thomas Aquinas
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

PARDON QUICKLY

If you have anything to pardon, pardon quickly. Slow forgiveness is little better than no forgiveness.

—Sir Arthur Pinero

Twenty- and Thirty-Somethings – Vincentian Opportunities for Young Adults (VOYA) will be offering two service trips in 2010 - northern Louisiana in February and Arizona in August. To find out more about these opportunities to serve the needy with other young adults, please visit www.voya.us.

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Jan 23 & 24***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Gordon Hooten Mary Kissell	Deacon Henry Martha Hensley	Deacon Don Barbara Allard	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Carol Specht	Don Gohman	Tanya Floyd	C. & R Roque
Altar Servers:	Alisha Younger	Bradley Hudson Kacee Hudson	Shelby Gilbreath Warren Durbin	Sarahi Roque Abigail Roque

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Jan 30 & 31***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Frances Bursi Eileen Monroe	Deacon Henry Larry Hall	Deacon Don Kay Pope	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Gerry Taulman	Janie Hall	Lyons Pope	C. & R Roque
Altar Servers:	Lacey Carter	Hayden Williams Kellie Owen	Katie Hissong Will Solomon	Juan Rivera Beatriz Barrera

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Barbara Allard, Grace Aspinall, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Deanna Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Carole Brunner, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Abrahan Delgado, Tony Drewitz, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, John Paul Fields, Rosa Fox, Carolyn Fracchia, Alice Fricks, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Peggy Hooten, Michael & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Robert Kuehner, Butsy Lanigan, Anthony Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Alex Mosby, Tama Numer, Bill Nutt, Rita McKenzie, Tony Oliviera, Frances O'Toole, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Kenneth Rainey, Bea Remmert, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Henry NanNess, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, and Angie Wright.

Names will be taken off after being on for 4 weeks. If you want to keep name on after 4 weeks, please call the office at 353-1530.

Stewardship of the Altar – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone's special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.



Floyd B. Turner, stepfather of Daryl Hissong, passed away last Saturday. His funeral was on Monday, January 18th. May he rest in peace. May his soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Parish Pastoral Council Installation – The installation of the Parish Pastoral Council this Sunday, January 24, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All elected and appointed members and all organizational designated representatives should attend this Mass in preparation for the first meeting of the term on Tuesday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Richard Gonzales was elected to a three –year term in September, but no one has heard from him since he went to visit his daughter in October; Mr. Don Gohman has volunteered to full that vacancy for the time being.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 23rd 4:00 pm

Joe Viglietti+

Sunday, Jan 24th 8:00 am

Joe Capone+

Sunday, Jan 24th 10:30 am

OLS School

Sunday, Jan 24th 5:00 pm

People of Parish

Monday Jan. 25th 8:15 am

C.J. Rinehart+

Tuesday, Jan 26th 8:15 am

Margie Howard+

Wednesday, Jan 27th 6:30 pm

James Towns+

Thursday, Jan 28th 8:15 am

Ofelia Harbach+

Friday Jan 29th 8:15 am

Communion Service

Saturday, Jan 30th 4:00 pm

People of Parish

Sunday, Jan 31st 8:00 am

Louise Guasco+

Sunday, Jan 31st 10:30 am

Floyd Turner+

Sunday, Jan 31st 5:00 pm

Porfirio Barrera+

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

**Carolyn Fracchia
St. Peter Villa, 331-A
141 North McLean
Memphis, TN 38104**

**Jackie Perfetti
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119**

**Helene Weiss
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
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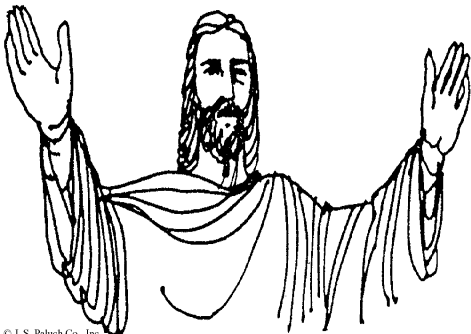
**Ginger Shemwell
Luther Tower
274 S. Highland apt. 106
Memphis, TN 38111**

**Dolores Bair
Ava Maria Home
St. Lukes
2805 Charles Bryan Road, 38134**

**Henry Van Ness
Trezevant Manor Assisted Living
177 North Highland, room 124
Memphis, TN 38111**

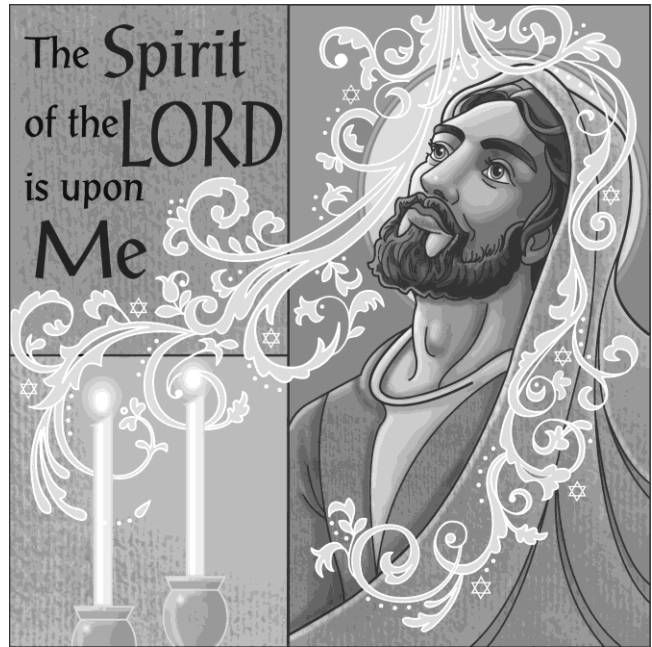
**Amanda Hall
Signature Healthcare
1150 Dovecrest Rd, room 108
Bartlett, TN 38134**

**Moira Kavanagh
Mid South Rehab Center
2380 James Rd, room 102
Memphis, TN 38127**



**Financial Report
Weekend of 01/17/2010**

Envelopes	\$2,320.99
Loose Checks	440.00
Loose Currency/Coin	139.96
Solemnity	40.00
Improvement	11.00
Total Collection	\$2,951.95
Church Budget for the week	<u>- 4,387.00</u>
Collection Diff for the week	(1,435.05)
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$122,643.65
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>122,836.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ 192.35



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Separated/Divorced Catholics – The Journey of Hope Conference 2010 will be held February 27 -28 in Atlanta and will offer resources and advice for divorced and separated Catholics. The conference will address issues of healing, living the Catholic faith and navigating life after divorce. Registration is open to separated and divorced men and woman and those involved in related ministries. For information and to register, visit journeyofhopeconference.com or call 404.493.2190.

Tuition Payments – We can no longer accept bills larger than \$20 when receiving tuition payments in the school or parish offices. Both offices keep a limited supply of cash on hand to make change and accepting large bills, e.g., \$500 and \$100, limits our ability to maintain a petty cash box for the benefit of others. Please come prepared to make payments using denominations of \$20 or less. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

New Pastoral Letter – Bishop Steib has written the second installment of his pastoral letter “Living Our Catholicism ... Who Do You Say That I am?” and is encouraging every parish organization to use the letter for group reflection at their meetings in the weeks leading into Lent. Copies of the letter are in the vestibule for your convenience. All Parish Pastoral Council members should get a copy in preparation for the meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Hispanic Ministry Committee – Fr. Timby has appointed a committee to help him promote Christian activity within the Hispanic population of our parish. The committee will meet on the first Sunday of every month at 4:00 p.m. in the church to plan activities that meets the needs of their cultural community, intercultural events, and parish integration. These events might take the form of specific devotions, dinners, Bible studies, fund-raisers and festivals, etc. Appointed to the committee are: Estaban and Rosa Roque, Wanda Rivera, Perla Leticia Villanueva, José L. Hernández, Marco A. Hernández, Perla Azucena Villanueva, J. Isabel Barrera, and Armando Macario.

Hispanic Youth Ministry – A group of young adults from a number of different parishes in Memphis are assisting Fr. Timby in building a ministry for young Hispanic adults (ages 18-35). They are teaming up with young men and women who attend OLS and discussing things such as Bible studies, liturgical involvement, retreat opportunities, and community service. (In most cultures of the world, the word “youth” refers to young adults because those under the age of 18 are still considered children.)

SAINT ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540)

January 27

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves "companions," pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal "order" but as the "Company (compagnia) of Saint Ursula." Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.

—Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Social Action Committee – Fr. Timby seeks parishioners with a social conscience to form a committee that will offer assistance that is beyond the scope of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to the Frayser area. There are many needs beyond emergency food and assistance with rent and utilities that need to be addressed. The committee will work with Mrs. Mona Hector of the Parish Health Ministry in establishing services other than equipment exchange, i.e., dental care, health screenings, etc. It will work with Catholic Charities in making OLS a satellite location for counseling services. It will work with the school administration in the establishment of outreach programs to neighborhood children through summer camps, parents' days out, etc., and offering adult education opportunities, e.g., ESL, computer training, GED classes, etc. If you would be interested in volunteering or learning more, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and number with Carolyn Roberts.

OLS School Open House – Our Lady of Sorrows Parish School will have an Open House for interested students and parents on Sunday, February 21, 2:00-4:00 PM. If you know someone who may be looking for a better and safer learning environment for their children please encourage them to visit the school and meet the faculty and hear about our vision for Catholic education.

Contribution Records – As a courtesy to our benefactors, the parish will soon be mailing contribution statements for tax year 2009. Statements will be mailed only to those who have contributed \$250.00 or more to the support of the parish during the last calendar year. If you did not contribute \$250.00 and still need a record for tax purposes, you must call the parish office and request your statement. Likewise, if you feel there is an error in the amounts listed on your statement you must call the parish office to address the error. Remember, only contribution made without receiving a benefit are tax-deductible.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Meeting – All those making the pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March with Fr. Timby are reminded of the meeting next Sunday in the cafeteria at 1:30 p.m. Details regarding hotels as well as tips for international travel will be discussed. Travel bags, luggage tags and name tags will be distributed. The meeting should last no longer than 90 minutes.



Our Lady of Lourdes

Starting February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin made a series of appearances to young Bernadette Soubirous in a grotto in Lourdes, France, eventually telling her, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

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Disciples On The Journey – Our Lenten Bible Study will begin in just a few weeks and is based on the lectionary readings (Cycle C) for the season. The study is meant to be done in small groups of 8-12 in the home and each week the group should have completed their gathering before coming to Mass.

- Why share your faith in small groups? Because it fosters community, enlivens and deepens our faith, enhances personal prayer and spirituality, and contributes to the life of the entire parish.
- Why use the Sunday reading? Because it helps the Word of God come alive, deepens and enriches the Sunday liturgy experience, increases awareness of God’s presence in daily life, and fosters a desire to live the Catholic faith more fully in family, parish and community.
- Why meet during Lent? Because Lent is the liturgical season for conversion and renewal, Lenten Sunday readings give us direction for ongoing conversion, Lent is a special time to focus on our relationship with Jesus, and the reflections, discussions and meditations give guidance for the Lenten journey.

We will have sign-up sheets in the vestibule beginning next Sunday (Jan 24) for all those who would like to participate. The cost is a mere \$5.00/person. We have a limited number of booklets available (40 English/30 Spanish) but can order more if necessary. If you would be willing to host a group please indicate that when you sign-up.

Pro-Life: It is 37 years since the legalization of abortion by the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*. This decision damaged our constitutional and social order, because, as Wanda Franz, president of National Right to Life states, “the ‘unalienable Right’ to life is no longer ‘endowed by the Creator’ but dependent on someone else’s moods and feelings. Under this peculiar principle, one and the same unborn child could be a ‘baby’ in the eyes of one parent and a ‘fetus’ to be aborted in the eyes of the other.”

KNOWING YOUR GIFTS

A few years ago, a parish held a Women’s Day of Reflection. Each participant was asked to compile a list of what they perceived as their God-given talents. Many seemed to get stuck at this point. Some gazed out of the window, others chewed on their pencils, and a few wrote things down and then vigorously crossed them out. One woman whispered, “This is so difficult. I could have written much more if I’d been asked about my faults and failings.” Finally time was up, and the facilitator asked everyone to share what they had written. She looked around the room and asked someone to start things off. Rather reluctantly, Kerrin stood up. Many people there knew her well. She was deeply involved in service to others throughout the community. She studied scripture with other parishioners, she belonged to a prayer group, she helped organize annual parish retreats, and she ran a local food pantry. She said, “I really had to think hard about this. I couldn’t come up with a list, because I don’t believe I’m all that special. But I do know that my family says I’m a gentle person.” There was an audible gasp of astonishment that this wonderful woman could not see her own gifts. Many of us have never stopped to think what our real talents are. Alternatively, we may think that we know what they are but we believe that to acknowledge them is to show undue pride. Either of these approaches may hold us back from the fullness of life to which we are called. It is part of the adult life of faith, however, to recognize what skills and capabilities God has blessed us with and then decide, in gratitude, to use those gifts to help build God’s kingdom here on earth.



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Word of Life: “I thank God for my handicaps for, through them, I have found myself, my work, and my God.”
~Helen Keller