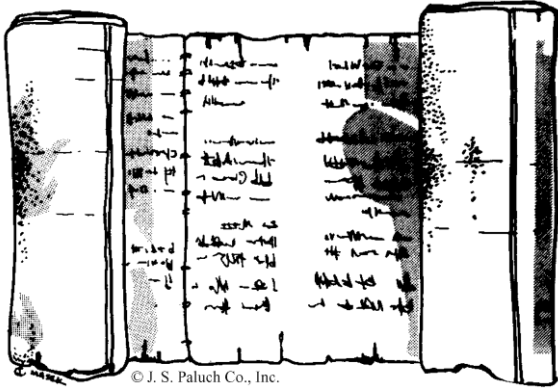


Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2010



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*Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.*
— 1 Corinthians 13:13

STRENGTH AGAINST OPPOSITION

In appointing Jeremiah to stand up to the people and announce the truth, God at the same time promised him the strength to do the job. “They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you” (Jeremiah 1:19).

Jesus also faced opposition, right from the start. In his home town of Nazareth the people couldn’t accept the idea that someone from among their own could be God’s messenger. “[F]illed with fury,” they expelled Jesus from town and would have hurled him over the edge of the hill. “But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away” (Luke 4:28, 30).

Although the true prophet has strength from God, Saint Paul says there’s something even more important than suffering death for the sake of God’s word. “[I]f I hand my body over so that I may boast, but have not love, I gain nothing” (1 Corinthians 13:3).

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TODAY’S READING

First Reading — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

WANTING

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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 31st

Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
PRE Class, 9 am
Mass - 10:30 am
Spanish Mass- 5 pm
Bible Study Class, 6:30 pm

Mon, Feb 1st

Mass, 8:15 am

Tuesday, Feb 2nd

Communion Service- 8:15 am
Student Mass KN- 4th grade

Wednesday, Feb 3rd

Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH
RCIA, 7 pm KH
Youth Group, 7 pm
Communion Service - 6:30 pm, Blessing
of Throats

Thurs., Feb 4th

Communion Service -8:15 am
Student Mass 5-8 grade
Bible Study Class, 9:30 -11:30 KH
STVDP Meeting - 7 pm KH

Friday, Feb 5th

Mass - 8:15 am
Exposition 9 am
Benediction - 12:00

Saturday, Feb 6th

Mass - 8:15 am
Altar Guild Meeting - 9 am KH
Confessions, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Mass - 4:00 pm

Sunday, Feb 7th

Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
Altar Guild Hospitality after 8 &
10:30 Mass in Krug Hall
PRE Class, 9 am
Mass - 10:30 am
Hispanic Community Meeting 4pm
Spanish Mass- 5 pm
Bible Study Class, 6:30 pm



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day
Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of
Throats
Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and His Companions;
First Saturday

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 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

**Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Feb 6 & 7**

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Bennis Gina Pannell	Sharon O'Brien Carmen Vasquez	Deacon Henry Linda O'Donnell	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Rick Pannell	Jack Bish	Mary Standridge	C. & R Roque
Altar Servers:	Alisha Younger	Heather Martini Angelica Martini	Antonio Lopez Christian Sawicki	Sarahi Roque Abigail Roque

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 VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright and Randi Yound.
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.



Welcome
to Our New Parishioners ...

Jose & Jazmin Benitez
 6044 Sparrow Street
 Millington, TN 38053

A FORETASTE

Faith is the foretaste of that knowledge which hereafter will make us happy.

—*St. Thomas Aquinas*

MASS INTENTIONS

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+

Monday Feb. 1st 8:15 am

Ralph Fouche+

Tuesday, Feb 2nd 8:15 am

Communion Service

Wednesday, Feb 3rd 6:30 pm

Communion Service

Thursday, Feb 4th 8:15 am

Communion Service

Friday Feb 5th 8:15 am

Int. of Mamie Rubio

Saturday, Feb. 6th 8:15 am

Bob Kissell+

Saturday, Feb 6th 4:00 pm

Angelo Bursi+

Sunday, Feb 7th 8:00 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Feb 7th 10:30 am

Ed Roberts+

Sunday, Feb 7th 5:00 pm

Maria Dolores 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
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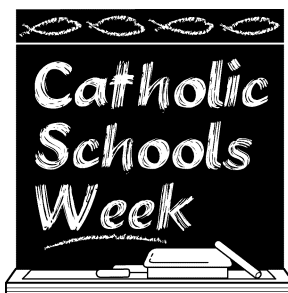
**Ginger Shemwell
Luther Tower
274 S. Highland apt. 106
Memphis, TN 38111**

**Dolores Bair
Ava Maria Home
St. Lukes
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**Henry Van Ness
Trezevant Manor Assisted Living
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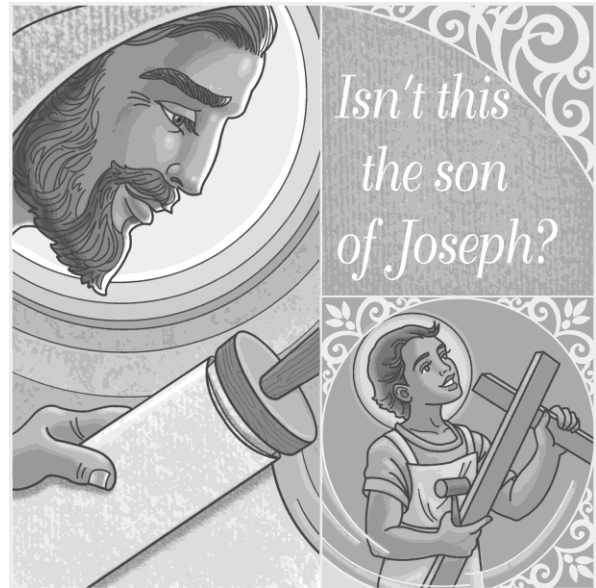
**Amanda Hall
Highlands of Memphis
3549 Norris wood Avenue, room 236-1
Memphis, TN 38111**

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



Financial Report
Weekend of 01/24/2010

Envelopes	\$2,533.00
Loose Checks	870.00
Loose Currency/Coin	241.50
Improvement	701.00
Debt	20.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Latin America	93.00
Total Collection	\$4,468.50
Church Budget for the week	- 4,387.00
Collection Diff for the week	81.50
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$127,112.15
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>127,223.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ 110.85



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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.

Fr. Gantert 5K Run – It is that time of the year again, dust off your tennis shoes and sign up for the Gantert 4 mile walk/run to be held on April 18th. A new level of sponsorship has been added consider being an alumni or individual sponsor for \$25.00. All alumni / individual sponsor names will appear on the t-shirts. You can walk, run or be a virtual runner. Sign up or become a sponsor at www.racesonline.com today! More details coming soon.

Hispanic Ministry Committee – The OLS Committee for Hispanic Ministry will meet next Sunday, February 7, in the church at 4:00 p.m. Please be on time so the meeting can start promptly. Among the items that need to be discussed are the need for Stations of the Cross in Spanish during Lent, scheduling a tamale fundraiser, plans for a celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December (Mass, fiesta, etc.), integration of cultures in the parish, OLS school fund-raising, stewardship, Spanish language devotions, and many more.

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.

St. Joseph Altar Committee – Anyone interested in serving on the St. Joseph Altar Committee should attend the Spiritual Life Committee meeting on February 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The St. Joseph Altar is an Italian tradition, specifically Sicilian, that honors St. Joseph as the patron saint of families. The altar is set up in a common eating area and adorned with fancy breads, cookies, pastas, and dried fava beans. A dinner is served on the feast day (March 19) and donations from the dinner are distributed to poor families. We are planning a spaghetti and Italian Sausage dinner for that evening in place of the Stations of the Cross, which are not prayed publicly on solemnities of the Church. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us!

SAINT AGATHA (died 251)

February 5

“Of noble birth and great beauty,” so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman’s offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means “good,” goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.

—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-deductable.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Meeting – All those making the pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March with Fr. Timby are reminded of the meeting this 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 Paris

A fourteenth-century statue of the Virgin and Child is situated at the southeast pillar of the transept of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. Known by the title Our Lady of Paris, it is always surrounded with flowers.

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Attention All First Confession/First Communion Candidates – all those wanting to make their First Confession and receive their First Holy Communion must be attending Mass on Sundays. This is a requirement of the Universal Church and is reinforced by the teaching of Bishop Steib. Therefore, all those who are candidates for First Confession and/or First Holy Communion must sign in on the sheet in the vestibule each week. If they attend another church on occasion they must bring a bulletin from that church with the pastor's signature and give it to their religion teacher/catechist. This requirement begins today. No letters will be written by Fr. Timby approving the celebration of the sacraments until the pastoral team reviews the weekly attendance sheets for Mass and participation in religion classes.

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.

THE "M" WORD

Let's begin with the obvious: The Church has to have money, and our parish has to have money. No money, no ministry. Our parish needs money to help those who are hurting in body, mind, and spirit; it needs money to pay clergy and staff; it needs money to educate the young and to pay the bills for everyday services, such as electricity, water, gas, and maintenance. Just like our own homes, it cannot operate without it. Where does the money come from? There are no presses printing money in the bishop's office; there are no weekly armored-truck deliveries from the Vatican. The money to do Christ's work through the Church comes solely from all of us—disciples of the same Lord Jesus Christ. Money in itself is neither good nor bad, neither clean nor dirty. Yet how we use money, or how we let money use us, determines its morality. Selfless sharing of our financial and other resources is a powerful, liberating activity that makes us and the world a better place. Turn on the TV

any day of the week and you can find a televangelist with the message, "Give a financial contribution, and God will then shower blessings on you." The message of stewardship, based on the scriptures, is the absolute opposite. God gives first—life, health, a roof over our heads, food to eat, and much more. We do not achieve these by our efforts alone, so returning a portion of our financial resources in the parish offertory is a way to express our real gratitude for what we have already received. If you have never made a regular contribution to the parish offertory, begin now. If you have made a small commitment before, see if you can increase it a little. If God has blessed you greatly, give greatly in return.

