



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019

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

-- Luke 4:18a



Daily Mass

Week of January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Ray Wilson Van Deusen+  
 Tuesday: 8:00 William Murphy+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Allen  
 Thursday: 8:00 Scott MacPherson Stapleton+  
 Friday: 8:00 Lilly Aracic Meyer+  
 Saturday: 8:00 Karl Osterloh+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collection	January 20, 2019
Plate	\$9,021.00
School Support	\$962.00

### Please Take Note!!

Due to the Corpus Christi Crab Feed on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, the Mass will be at **4:30 p.m., not 5:00 p.m.**



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptism of:

**Ugoamaka Liying Hong**, daughter of Kelechi Ihenacho and James Hong. Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

### Middle School Youth Group!

Join us for Valentine's edition, delving into the topic of Love (Christ's love, that is. Don't worry, it won't be too gushy!) See you in the Gibson Center on February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. We are also looking for adult leaders to join our "core team" of leaders and/or to chaperone our monthly events. Time commitment is one Sunday a month from 3:30 to 5:45 p.m. Contact: [ccteen-faith@gmail.com](mailto:ccteen-faith@gmail.com) for more information.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During this liturgical year, most of the weekly gospel readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. While Luke shares a number of common themes with Matthew and, to a lesser extent with Mark, his gospel offers us a unique theological and historical perspective.

Little is known about the author of the third gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Tradition holds that he was a Greek-speaking Syrian from Antioch who was a physician by profession. We also know that he was a disciple and close friend of Paul. Luke enthusiastically supported Paul in his mission to bring the message of Christianity to the Gentile world. Because Luke was a Gentile writing primarily to and for Gentiles, his two-volume work was very important to the non-Jewish followers of Christianity.

There were a number of significant issues that Luke had to address for his audience; I'll mention two of them:

First, because Luke did not know the historical Jesus, he had to show that his recounting of the life and ministry of the Savior was based on accurate eye witness accounts. He states this explicitly in the Prologue of his gospel.

More importantly, Luke wanted his audience to know that it was irrelevant that they had not experienced the historical Jesus and that they were Gentiles. One of the central themes of his gospel is that Jesus' salvific act of redemption transcends time and culture.

This was Good News for his listeners and Good News for you and me.

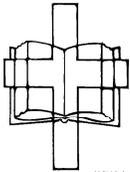
Love, Fr. Leo

### Guest Speaker!

Sister Lilly, from Immaculate Conception Academy in San Francisco, will be the guest speaker next Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. The Immaculate Conception Academy is an all-girls, College Prep. Catholic High School which is located in the Mission District. It has implemented a work-study program and is looking for organizations to sponsor their students. Currently, the girls are working at companies such as the GAP, Bank of the West, UCSF, Jones Day Law Firm, Hefernan Insurance Brokers, etc. Nationwide, this program is already succeeding in 32 other cities coast to coast. A team of four students works at an organization to cover one full-time position, rotating work days. Operating as essentially a small, outsourcing staff agency, ICA enables the organization to fill needed clerical or entry-level positions. Contact Sr. Lilly at (415) 824-2052, ext. 28 or visit online at: [www.icacademy.org](http://www.icacademy.org) for more information.

**Special Collection: Youth Can, Can You?**

Check out our new "youth can" in the entrance to the Church, prepared by the Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Group entitled, "Rooted," for the purpose of collecting donations for our human families in need. Throughout the month of January, we are requesting donations for the Oakland Catholic Worker to create "blessing bags" to distribute to people without homes. A group of high schoolers will deliver and prepare these bags at the OCW in early February. We are collecting travel-sized or small toiletries that can fit into a gallon-sized ziplock bag (such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene supplies, soap, shampoo, conditioner, washcloths). Please also consider giving socks and gallon-sized ziplock bags. For more information or to get involved in our Middle and High School Ministries, contact Catherine and Vince at: [ccteenfaith@gmail.com](mailto:ccteenfaith@gmail.com). Thank You for your contributions!

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** -- Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2--4a, 5-6, 8-10).

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

**Second Reading** -- In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

**Gospel** -- The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

**Treasures From Our Tradition!**

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.



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**Warm Winter Coat Collection!**

The Outreach Committee is once again sponsoring a warm winter coat collection for men, women and children. This is a good time of year to go through your closets and weed out those outgrown or unused items that just take up space in your closet. Someone will be so appreciative of your donation, someone less fortunate than you! What's needed are clean, gently-used coats and sweaters to benefit the women and children served by the St. Vincent de Paul Visitation Center. Please drop off your donations in the marked containers in the Gibson Center now through March. If you have any questions, contact Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Many thanks to everyone!

**Time!**

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

**Through Love's Great Power!**

Through love's great power to be made whole  
In mind and body, heart and soul --  
Through freedom to find joy, or be  
By dint of joy itself set free  
In love and in companionship:  
This is the true and natural good.

To undo justice, and to seek  
To quash the rights that guard the weak --  
To sneer at love, and wrench apart  
The bonds of body, mind and heart  
With specious reason and no rhyme:  
This is the true unnatural crime.

-- Vikram Seth

**Effortless!**

The only thing that comes to a person without effort is old age.

-- Anonymous