



January 27, 2019 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture has always held God's law to be the path to human happiness. In today's first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel's relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God's law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice.

In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as "Christ's body" requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke's Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God's "law" of mercy to those in need.

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THIRD SUNDAY IN
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JANUARY 27, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:45 pm	January 26, 2019 †Roy Latham req. by Pat Latham
Sunday, 9:00 am	January 27, 2019 †Loretta Long req. by John & Gladys Meyer / Parish Family of St. Patrick
Monday, 9:00 am	January 28, 2019 Deacon Milt & Juliet Leppert req. by Paul Pruchnicki
Tuesday, 6:00 pm	January 29, 2019—NO MASS NO Adoration
Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 am	January 30, 2019—NO MASS January 31, 2019 Intention of Celebrant
Friday, 9:00 am	February 1, 2019—FIRST FRIDAY Special Intention req. by Giver
Saturday, 9:00 am	February 2, 2019—FIRST SATURDAY End to Abortion
5:45 pm	†Edward Cieply req. by Craig & Marilyn Cieply
Sunday, 9:00 am	February 3, 2019 †Loretta Long req. by Theresa & John Kaestner / Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, February 2 - 5:45 pm
Nick, Ella & Madi Phelps
Sunday, February 3 - 9:00 am
Jimmy & Nikki Quigley

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, February 2 - 5:45 pm
Sue Nugent
Sunday, February 3 - 9:00 am
Tracy Quigley

Music: Cathy Engler

Cantor / Lector (Reader):

Saturday, February 2 - 5:45 pm
Linda Cakora / Jim Kreske
Sunday, February 3 - 9:00 am
Sarah Hoehn / Steve Hoehn

Usher:

Saturday, February 2 - 5:45 pm
Eddie Horath, Brad Phelps
Sunday, February 3 - 9:00 am
Bruce Boyle, volunteer

Collection Counters : Bell, Mooi, Musson

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,584.62
Sunday, January 20\$1,671.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :
1(815) 476-2037.



**Our Two Week
Candle is burning for
Lisa Bernhard
Req. by
Hoehn Family**

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2018.

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THE 5:00 PM SATURDAY EVENING MASS

IS CHANGED TO

5:45 PM

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BEGINS
7:00 PM

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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.

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St. Rose School St. Rose Catholic School hosts open house



St. Rose Catholic School will host an Open House Thursday, January 31st from 8:30-10:00 am.

All students and parents from Preschool – 8th grade are invited to attend. St. Rose Catholic School prides itself in an excellent Catholic education.

St. Rose School is located at 626 S. Kankakee Street in Wilmington. St. Rose serves students from 3 year old preschool thru 8th grade. Learn more about the school at www.stroseschoolwilmington.org or call the school at 815-476-6220 to make an appointment for a tour of the school.

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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*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*



Eucharistic Adoration

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BEGIN
AT 9AM UNTIL 4 PM.**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 IS THE
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT
9:00 AM IN CHURCH**

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO SPEND 1 HOUR WITH OUR LORD SIGN
UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE PLEASE
MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IS
CORRECT IF WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU.**



There will be a second collection next weekend for our Maintenance Fund. To help with the general upkeep of our parish. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire an Administrative Assistant for the Development Office. The Administrative Assistant provides administrative services and performs work necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the department. This position also plays an important role by providing support and participation in special event activities. A Minimum of high school degree; an associate degree preferred. Ability to maintain strict confidentiality and a minimum of three to five years' experience in an administrative position. Knowledge of basic office management and organization with ability to organize, prioritize work and meet deadlines. Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and other databases and office equipment. Excellent verbal and written communications skills, bilingual in Spanish and English a plus. Must support the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet. To view a full job description, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>.

Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please email a cover letter, resume and salary requirement to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, ; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Judith Wright; Frank Wahlen; Cecelia Mundt; Lorenzo Rossi; Holly Flint-Jones; Cathy Engler; Jim McGrath; Brett Burkhalter; Norma Boyle; Michelle Schneider

Beginning the New Year will start a new prayer list. Please call the office to be included on the new list.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF JANUARY

- That young people, especially Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.



World Day for Consecrated Life



READINGS FOR THE WEEK January 27, 2019



- Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 -- 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- 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; Blessing of Candles; First Saturday; World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day



A PARTY? TO CELEBRATE RULES? REALLY?

Twenty-first-century American culture relies so much on brief social media texts—Facebook, Twitter—that we might wonder how the “men, women, and those children old enough to understand” (Nehemiah 8:2) could spend the entire morning listening to Ezra the priest read from the book of Jewish law. Returning home after seventy years of exile, the people had to rebuild their homeland—the city of Jerusalem, the temple, social and economic structures—all of it. Listening to Ezra reading the ancient law seems to have reconnected the people to traditions that gave meaning to all their struggles. They were weeping tears of joy!

The psalmist is likewise moved by the beauty of God’s law. It is not a bothersome restriction on human behavior, but a wise guide for people seeking wisdom and enduring happiness. At the conclusion of his reading, Ezra instructs them to be joyful, to “eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks . . . for today is holy to our LORD” (Nehemiah 8:10). Rejoicing is the proper response to the rediscovery of God’s law.

AND EVERYONE GETS TO ATTEND!

Ezra also tells the people to “allot portions to those who had nothing prepared,” to make sure that everyone is included, whether or not they had anything to share. When Jesus reads a much shorter passage to a much smaller assembly in the synagogue, he announces his intention to ensure that no one is excluded. The Spirit of the Lord is leading him to heal the afflictions of those who are almost routinely “exiled” from mainstream society, people who are poor, people who have been in prison, people with physical or mental disabilities. Unlike Jesus, we cannot work miracles to heal them or mitigate their conditions; but like Jesus, we can work to bring these “exiles” to a “homeland” where God’s law ensures that everyone can rejoice, because everyone is included.

Today’s Readings: Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12–30 [12–14, 27]; Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21

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