

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Liturgical Life

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 23 – 24
January: Presiders

5:00pm Fr. Mathew Punchayil
9:00am Fr. Raymond Fecteau
11:00am Fr. Mathew Punchayil

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or
12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

ORDINARY TIME: Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time (General Norms, 43). Ordinary Time begins on Monday, 11 January, and continues through Tuesday, 16 February, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, 24 May, the day following Pentecost.

WINDOWS: The stained glass windows in the nave of our church were commissioned exclusively for Our Lady of the Visitation Parish. Their general design and their placement were authorized by James Cardinal Hickey and the Sacred Arts Committee of the Archdiocese of Washington. Because we are a parish named in honor of Mary, the fifteen windows in the apse celebrate the mysteries of the Rosary in use at the time our church was built. Those immediately behind the tabernacle are the Joyful Mysteries (white); those on the left of the tabernacle (chair side) are the Sorrowful Mysteries (red); and those on the right of the tabernacle (ambo side) are the Glorious Mysteries (yellow). Four of the sixteen windows in the nave of our church celebrate Feasts of Mary not contained in the mysteries of the Rosary. Because our church was built in the Jubilee Year of 2000, twelve windows honor saints listed in the "Millennium Booklet" of the Archdiocese of Washington. Two other windows, those of Isidore and Peter Claver, mark feasts that are unique to the liturgical calendar in the United States. The grape-leaf border on the windows represents the communion of saints. The color of each border co-relates to

the liturgical season in which the feast usually occurs. The color of the cross in each window also varies: white for saints, red for martyrs, and gold for Mary. The name of the feast appears in the upper panel. The date of the feast appears in the lower panel. Symbols or stories related to the feast and person appear in both upper and lower panels. The center medallion is a hand painted representation of the saint named in the window.

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN: The Marian antiphon, *Ave Regina Coelorum*, is sung from the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord until Holy Thursday. At Visitation Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

IN/OUT OF FLU SEASON – No one is ever under an obligation to shake hands during the Sign of Peace (a statement of peace, bow or other gesture is appropriate) or to receive from the chalice. Christ is fully present in each species when the bread and wine have been consecrated into His Body and Blood. Anyone who is ill, or suspects he or she is ill, should refrain from receiving from the chalice out of good will. Also, he or she may wish to receive the host in the hand rather than by the mouth. Common sense dictates one remain at home if feeling unwell.

Parish Life

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: It is with sadness we announce the death of *Marianne Kummell*, sister of **John LaRue** and the death of *Margaret O'Brien*, mother of **Maryanne Stahl**. We commend them and their families to God in our prayers.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please remember in your prayers the following parishioners: **Sheila Di Duca** (18 January 2002), **David B. Anderson** (21 January 1995) and **Josephine Marini** (21 January 2000).

NATIONAL EMBER DAY: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ask all to keep Friday, 22 January as a special day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held Saturday, 23 January 2010 from 9:00am – 11:00am. Gather in the church.

FIRST PENANCE: First Penance and Reconciliation Service for parish children will be held on Saturday, 30

January at 9:00am. A reception for the children and their family will follow in Founders Hall.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT will be held on Friday, 26 February, from 6:00pm through Saturday, 27 February 6:00pm.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS: Morning Prayer is prayed every morning before the 9:15am daily liturgy. Morning Prayer begins at 8:45am in the Thomas More Chapel.

INFANT BAPTISMS: Parents presenting their children for Baptism must be registered in our parish and are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class **prior to scheduling the Baptism**. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. To register, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536, ext. 105.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are planning to undergo major surgery, please notify our parish office. If illness or age prevents you from attending Sunday Liturgy, call the parish office to arrange for visitation and Communion in your home.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: Engaged Encounter is a program of the Catholic Church dedicated to preparing couples for the Sacrament of marriage. For information or to register for a weekend, go to www.dcengagedencounter.org.

MARRIAGE PLANNING: It is Archdiocesan and parish policy that couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with a priest or deacon a minimum of six months prior to setting a wedding date.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers, please call the parish office (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email joconnor@olvp.org.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for next Sunday, the *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*, will be on Tuesday, 19 January, 10:00am, in the Barn.

MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Please come to visit Mary of Nazareth School at the Open House on Sunday, 31 January 2010 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Tour our facility and meet our teachers. We are located at 14131 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD. This Open House is for preschool through eighth grades.

MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL REGISTRATION, 2010 – 2011 School Year will be held on Tuesday, 9 February and Thursday, 11 February from 9:00am –

11:00am, both days. Parents wishing to register their children must come to the school on one of those two days with the completed application materials. A completed application requires the application and tuition agreement, a copy of the child's birth and Baptismal certificates, a check for the registration fee and the following, if applicable: pastoral recommendation form, copies of report card(s) and standardized testing results. Children entering preschool must be 3 or 4 years old as of 1 September and children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by 1 September. Tuition assistance information may be obtained by calling the school office at (301) 869-0940, ext. 3 or by visiting the Archdiocese of Washington website at www.catholicschoolswork.org.

SUPPORT MARY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL: Representatives from Mary of Nazareth School will be selling raffle tickets after Mass on Sunday, 24 January. The winner may choose between tuition for the 2010 – 2011 school year (valued at \$5,500 and is available only to a student enrolled in the school for that school year) or \$4,000 in cash. Tickets are \$25.00 each and proceeds from the sale will benefit the operating budget of the school.

EPS COURSES: Education+Parish+Service is offering two courses on Tuesdays, beginning 2 February 2010. **Jesus, Our Lord and Redeemer** explores the mission of Jesus on earth and will be held at 10:00am. On Tuesday evenings a Church history course, **The Growth of Catholic Tradition: Middle Ages and Reformation** will be held from 7:00pm – 9:15pm. Both courses are on the campus of Trinity University in Washington, DC. To register for either course contact Ann Kitterman at kittermana@trinitydc.edu or call (202) 884-9030. For additional details, visit <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>. EPS relies solely on donations.

Social Concerns

2010 ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL BEGINS: Many parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop Wuerl asking that you make a pledge to the 2010 Archbishop's Appeal. The Appeal not only funds the operations of the archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries in our parish. This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "*I Will Give You Thanks, O Lord*" (Ps. 138:1). Clearly, we have so many reasons to give thanks to God for all He has given us. Our contributions to our parish and our archdiocese multiply the thanks that we give to our God by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2010 Archbishop's Appeal.

YOUTH RALLY AND MARCH FOR LIFE: Friday, 22 January 2010. Whether you are a youth or just young at heart, the Archdiocese of Washington Pro-Life Youth rally mass is for everyone who cares about the horrors of abortion in our country today. Come join people from our parish, Archdiocese and from Dioceses around the country and be over powered by the Holy Spirit in support for life. Then join us on a short and memorable walk from the Mall to the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade. The Holy Name Society is sponsoring this event. If you are able to attend, please contact Deacon Bob at deaconbobfischer@msn.com (or call 301-514-8966) for details this weekend. We would like to be there in force this year.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION: Our parish donated \$2,741.00 to this national collection.

Human Resources

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm. The office will be closed on Monday, 18 January.

BULLETIN/FLYERS DEADLINE: If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a separate insert/flyer for in the bulletin please submit the information by calling (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email jocannon@olvp.org by noon on Friday.

Facilities

SNOW EMERGENCY: Liturgy on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, including their vigils, is not cancelled because of weather. Faith Formation sessions are cancelled if a snow emergency plan is in effect, or if Montgomery Country public schools are closed for school/community use. The parish office is open if there is a delay in the opening of schools; the office is closed if schools are closed. Weekday liturgy is held if there is a delay in the opening of schools. If schools are closed, there is no daily liturgy.

Finance

THANK YOU to everyone who generously donated to our Christmas collection. The collection amounted to \$42,684.00. Your generosity is appreciated and helps to balance our budget.

FAITH DIRECT: Thank you to all those parishioners who have enrolled in Faith Direct. You will continue to receive envelopes; however, you will notice that the Offertory and

Debt Reduction envelopes will include a box to check to indicate that you have chosen to contribute through Faith Direct. You will no longer need to use the offering cards provided by Faith Direct. Please contact the Faith Direct office at (866) 507-8757 or info@faithdirect.net to discontinue receiving the cards. Our church account number is MD114.

MORTGAGE: As of 1 January 2010, our monthly mortgage debt is \$613,882.09. The December revenue amounted to \$9,982.33. Our monthly interest/principal payment is \$18,500.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January

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| 18 Mon | Parish Office Closed |
| 19 Tue | Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions |
| 20 Wed | Faith Formation Sessions |
| 22 Fri | National Ember Day
March for Life, 1:00pm, Washington DC |
| 23 Sat | 8th Grade Confirmation Breakfast
9:00 am – 11:00am |
| 24 Sun | Catholic Schools Week Celebration
After 9am & 11am Liturgy |
| 25 Mon | RCIA, 7:00pm, Barn |
| 26 Tue | Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions |
| 27 Wed | Faith Formation Sessions |
| 30 Sat | First Penance and Reconciliation
9:00am, Church |

February

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| 01 Mon | RCIA, 7:00pm, Barn |
| 02 Tue | Scripture Study, 10:00am, Barn
Faith Formation Sessions |
| 03 Wed | Faith Formation Sessions |
| 04 Thu | Holy Hour, 7:00pm, Thomas More Chapel |
| 05 Fri | Volunteer Mardi Gras Party
7:30pm – 10:30pm, Founders Hall |
| 07 Sun | Family Bingo, 2 – 4pm Founders Hall |

SAVE THE DATE

February

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| 26 Fri | Confirmation Retreat Begins, 6:00pm |
| 27 Sat | Confirmation Retreat Ends, 6:00pm |

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| 09 Sun | Confirmation, 2:00pm Bishop Gonzalez |
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