THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 26, 2020

Seeking the Light
In today’s readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John’s arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: “the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen” (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin’s death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Valentine Brunch – Sun., Feb. 9th, Cambria Pine Lodge
- Pancake Breakfast – Sun., Feb. 23rd, parish hall
- Ash Wednesday – Feb. 26th
- Soup & Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent
- St. Patrick’s Day Dinner – Sat., March 14th, parish hall

Combined Second Collections
Last year, we began a special way to take up some second collections to make things easier and to save time. People have responded very favorably, so we are asking everyone to consider participating again this year. For all national and international second collections, a combined pledge form affords donors the opportunity to support the appeals of their choice. If you have not already completed one of the pledge forms, please pick one up at a table by the main entrances. Your consideration is appreciated.

Parish Offerings
Plate Collection (Jan. 18-19): $2,937.00

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Catholic Schools Week
Monday: St. Angela Merici
Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Friday: St. John Bosco

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
(Jan. 25-31)
Sat., 5:00 pm – John Hughes
Sun., 9:00 am – Joe Zenk
Sun., 6:00 pm – People of the Parish
Mon., 9:00 am – Communion Service
Tues., 9:00 am – Communion Service
Wed., 9:00 am – Int. Jeff Lachance
Thur., 9:00 am – Int. Mary Zenk
Fri., 9:00 am – Int. Mike Mulligan

In Need of Prayer:
May our prayers be a source of comfort and healing to... Irene Hammond, Gale Keenan, Matt Van Scyoc, Martinez Family, Silva Family, Christine Eruser, Alice Blankenship, Bob & Evelyn Morales, Barbara Schofield, Kami Tersini, Rosanna Opperman, Louis Mikksesen, Dennis Rightmier, Mike Mulligan, Duane Kasulka, Ross Miller, Jeff Lachance, Terry Whisler, Steven Kensrue.

Contribution Statements
Contribution statements for tax purpose will be mailed out this week for those who gave using envelopes, loose checks, or electronically. If you do not receive a statement and would like one, please contact the parish office.

Parish Council
The Council will meet next Sun., Feb. 2nd, at 10:15 am in the hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Attn: All Needlecrafters...
If you enjoy doing needlework and are interested in making hats, blankets, scarfs for charities, please join us on Sundays from 1:00-3:00 pm in classroom #4 (behind the church). Bring a project to work on or a skein of yarn. For more information, you may contact Suzanne at xxx-xxxx.

Scripture Study
Our Scripture Study group meets each Wednesday at 9:30 am in the hall. We read and discuss the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. You will find that the Sunday Mass readings are more meaningful when you know their context and meaning ahead of time. Please join us. No prior Bible study experience is needed.

Valentine Brunch
Celebrate Valentine’s Day a little early- on Sun., Feb 9th, 10:30 am at the Cambria Pines Lodge. Enjoy a delicious champagne brunch, and a rose for the ladies. Cost is $30 per person, payable at the door. This annual event is sponsored by our Men’s Club, and is open to all parishioners. Please use the sign-up sheet near the church entrance or call the parish office to RSVP.

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