

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JANUARY 27, 2019**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Intentions of Jessica Skorubski  
George A. Ostrander – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Ann Buffalino  
Flora Assidio  
Mary Norton Taylor

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Karin Reid  
Betsy Hayes  
10:00 A.M. William Shadwell  
Concetta Santa Lucia  
12:00 P.M. Ida Brown

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Cuyler Skorubski

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019**

8:00 A.M. William Shadwell

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019**

8:00 A.M. Intentions of Elsie Rodriguez  
Ed Garbarino

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

8:00 A.M. PARISH PURGATORIAL  
Special Intentions  
In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Ann Nolan  
Lillian Myerson  
Eleanor Leppin

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Anna Post  
Intentions of Philip & Caroline Brand –  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
10:00 A.M. Angelo Lapaduro, Jr.  
Concetta Santa Lucia  
Lillian Lester  
12:00 P.M. Tony Mangini  
Jim Morano, Jr.

**Pray daily for the safety of our servicemen and women serving their country.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Barry Bach Anton Grim  
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte William Pannone  
Gary Ragusa Alex Haines Evelyn Means  
George Link Jerry Jacobs Michael Soojian  
Susan Nichols-Boggio Kevin Kerrigan Ryder Sasso  
Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno Larry Ferry  
Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray  
Manuel Esguerra Frank Michaelson Norberto Marin  
Cenelia Soto Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry

Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Jessica Skorubski  
Florence Grim Estella Soto George Macagnone  
Alex Coronel Sister Rita Toomey Alice Roslund  
Valentina Manuele Kathleen Kiley Grace Montayne  
**DECEASED:** Sister Rita Toomey

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday, January 20, 2018 - \$3,493.00  
Thank you for your continued support.

**WEEKLY REFLECTION**

**Dear Friends in Christ,**

Jesus says: "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

It is always "today" that God speaks to us. It is always "today" that He fulfills His promise to us by giving us hope in the midst of trials; by raising us up when we feel discouraged; and by renewing us constantly in His love. And, it is always "today" that we need to answer Him, as psalm 95 reminds us:

"If today you hear His voice, Harden not your hearts."  
Do not consider yourself less privileged than those listeners in Jesus' time who heard His message. The people of Nazareth who heard Him expelled Him from the Synagogue, and tried to kill Him. Yet, His teaching survives not only in us, but in the hearts of people of good will all over the world whom He selects as instruments for transmitting and living the good news of the Gospel.

"Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."  
Every time we read God's word or hear it read in church, we need to direct the eyes of our soul on the One who fulfilled these words. Jesus not only declared His mission to the people in the Synagogue of Nazareth, He is the embodiment of that mission to the whole world, now and forever, day by day.

"Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Yes, today, dear friends. Right here, right now, in your hearing. Jesus is still speaking these same words today. He is proclaiming the good news into your ears here in this congregation. Good news for the poor, liberty for the captives and the oppressed, sight for the blind, the permanent and eternal year of the Lord's favor—all of these are yours in Christ. "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

**"God is waiting to hear your prayers", Pope Francis**

Persevere in prayer, remembering that God the Father is waiting to answer his children – even if the result is to change the person, not the circumstance, Pope Francis said at the general audience Wednesday (Jan. 9, 2019)

“How many times have we asked and not obtained – we all experience it – how many times have we knocked and found a closed door? Jesus urges us, in those moments, to insist and not to give up,” the pope said.

“Prayer,” he continued, “always transforms reality, always. If things do not change around us, at least we change, change our heart. Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to every man and to every woman who prays.”

In his continuing catechesis on the ‘Our Father,’ Pope Francis reflected on Jesus’ instructions about prayer in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 11, when he teaches his disciples “to pray and to insist in prayer.”

“He promised us: He is not like a father who gives a snake instead of a fish. There is nothing more certain: the desire for happiness that we all carry in our hearts will one day be fulfilled,” he stated.

Francis noted the very first words Jesus taught his disciples to use when praying: “Our Father.”

“We can stay all the time in prayer with that word alone: ‘Father.’ And to feel that we have a father: not a master or a stepfather. No: a father,” he added. “The Christian addresses God by calling him above all ‘Father.’

Recalling the verse in Luke which says, “What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?” he invoked the experience of fathers and grandfathers, when their hungry children and grandchildren ask and cry for food: “You feed him what he asks for, for the good of him,” he said.

“With these words Jesus makes us understand that God always answers, that no prayer will remain unheard,” he said, adding: “Why? Because he is a Father, and he does not forget his children who suffer.”

Francis noted how such statements about prayer can cause people distress, because so many prayers seem to get no result and no answer from God.

“We can be sure that God will answer,” he said. “The only uncertainty is due to the time, but we do not doubt that He will answer. Maybe we will have to insist for a lifetime, but He will answer.”

“Jesus says: ‘Will God not do justice to his elect, who cry day and night to him?’ Yes, he will do justice, he will listen to us,” the pope stated. “What a day of glory and resurrection will it be! Praying is now the victory over loneliness and despair.”

At the moment, creation is “heaving in the torpor of a story that we sometimes do not grasp,” he continued. “But it’s moving, it’s on its way, and at the end of every street, what’s at the end of our road?”

“At the end of prayer, at the end of a time when we are praying, at the end of life: what is there? There is a Father waiting for everything and waiting for everyone with his arms wide open. We look at this Father,” he concluded.

Vatican City, Jan 9, 2019, (CNA/EWTN News).

## **Jesus says that He has fulfilled a prophecy. Can you say the same?**

What exactly did Jesus mean by fulfilling the law and the prophets? The ministry of Christ—the anointed one—was to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, grant liberty to captives, give sight to the blind, and free the oppressed. Everyone is invited by the Messiah to leave the land of sin and enter the promised rest. “He set the captives free,” wrote Cyril of Jerusalem, “having overthrown the tyrant Satan, he shed the divine and spiritual light on those whose heart was darkened.”

What brings you to life? You get to choose. Do you want to be pulled by the external strings of the world: social pressure, irrational fear, and anxiety? Or would you rather be filled with Jesus and with life? Without Jesus, the Bible is just a book, an ancient historical book; but with Jesus, the Bible comes to life! As Catholics, we are baptized, “Priest, Prophet and King”. You probably don’t remember hearing those words, and you were too young to understand, but they were said at your Baptism. So, when we live according to the Gospel, when we try to reach out to others and share our faith, we can say we are fulfilling that prophecy.

The Saints have shared some words of encouragement on how we might do this:

***“If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!”***

St. Catherine of Siena

***“To convert somebody, go and take them by the hand and guide them.”***

St. Thomas Aquinas

***“If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are.”***

St. Mother Teresa

### **PARISH HAPPENINGS FEBRUARY & MARCH**

February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Overnight Adoration 7:30 PM until 10:30 AM followed by First Saturday Mass and Patriotic Rosary  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Blessing of Throats at all Masses  
February 4 Ladies’ Guild Meeting – 7:30 PM Church Hall  
March 23 - St. Joseph’s Table - Church Hall after 5:30 PM Mass

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

As we prepare to celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple on Feb 2nd, we recall the words of Simeon, a holy man, to whom the Holy Spirit had revealed " that he would not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord." When Jesus was placed in his arms in the Temple, he said "My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people!"

How fortunate are we who can see and be with Jesus, in the Holy Eucharist, daily or weekly at Mass or while spending time with Him during adoration!

This month's **Eucharistic Adoration** will begin at 7 PM on Friday, February 1st through 10:30 AM, Saturday, February 2nd. It will be followed by the First Saturday Mass and Rosary at 11AM. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Won't you join us!!

One or many adorers can sign up for any given time. Please include your name & phone number (noting home or cell) so that we can contact you to confirm your time and give you the entry code.

For the safety of the adorers, **NO ONE** will be permitted entry who has not signed up and been given the code. Please do not attempt entry before 9 AM if you have not signed up for Adoration. The Church will be open at 9 AM for those who wish to make an unplanned visit.

Many thanks to those who have joined us in this ministry and a warm welcome to all who would like to join us!

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*So faith, hope, love remain,  
 these three; but the greatest  
 of these is love.*  
 1 Corinthians 13:13

**Thank you to all who participated in our  
 Calendar Raffle!  
 Congratulations to the following winners:**

| Date    | Prize    | Ticket Number | Winner           |
|---------|----------|---------------|------------------|
| 1/20/19 | \$50.00  | 222           | Cynthia Grimes   |
| 1/21/19 | \$125.00 | 369           | Denise Wilson    |
| 1/22/19 | \$25.00  | 372           | Dolores Hagstrom |
| 1/23/19 | \$25.00  | 503           | Terri Allen      |
| 1/24/19 | \$25.00  | 503           | Terri Allen      |
| 1/25/19 | \$25.00  | 179           | Dee Peralta      |
| 1/26/19 | \$25.00  | 394           | Joseph Rivera    |



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING  
 YOUNG ADULTS WHO RECEIVED THE  
 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION  
 ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019**

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| Samantha Barczynski | William Barna       |
| Alana Beshaw        | Scott Bracken       |
| Joseph Bruno        | Reilly Federici     |
| Brenda Gulliksen    | Eric Johannemann    |
| Dylan La Croix      | Mary Susana Perrone |
| Shayla Stezar       | Ryan Ulhorn         |

**KIDNEY NEEDED**

Fran Ferraro is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE  
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

**LECTORS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Annick Vasquez & Lynn Magnini

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Erika Reid

10:00 A.M. Mary Letterese & Judy Moran

12 NOON Henry Mendoza & Fred Ackerly

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest & Martha Bisaccio

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul & Sandy Weigand

10:00 A.M. Diane Drew & Annie Rivera

12 NOON Linda O'Connell & Debbie Ackerly

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019**

5:30 P.M. Peter Sutula & Kevin Bruenjes

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid & Collin O'Keefe

10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Jonathan Hogue

12 NOON Aaron Manalili & David Ackerly

After being **anointed** by the power of The Holy **Spirit** at His Baptism, Jesus went to His hometown of Nazareth and read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Then Jesus told the people in the synagogue that by His reading, the scripture is fulfilled—made real.

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**“Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”**

LUKE 4:21

Jesus had many followers and believers. Among them were the **poor**, **captives**, **blind** and **oppressed**.

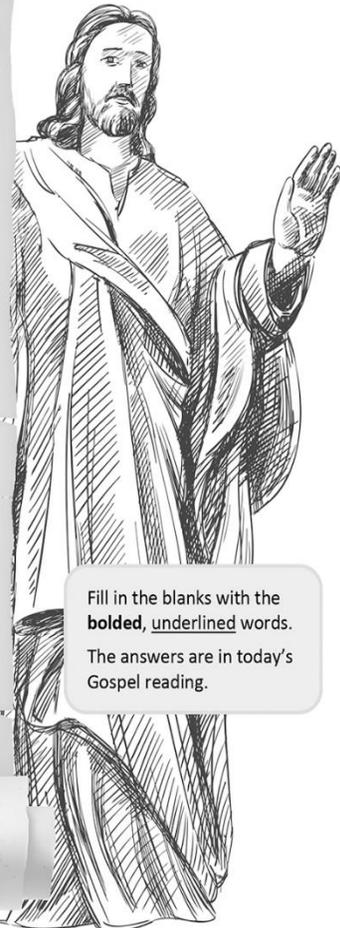
## *Prophet Isaiah*

“The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is upon me,  
because He has \_\_\_\_\_ me to  
bring glad tidings to the \_\_\_\_\_. He has sent me  
to proclaim liberty to \_\_\_\_\_  
and recovery of sight to the \_\_\_\_\_, and  
let the \_\_\_\_\_ go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Luke 4:18-19

The words of the prophet  
Isaiah were talking about  
the works of...

a] Luke b] Jesus c] Isaiah



Fill in the blanks with the  
**bolded**, underlined words.

The answers are in today's  
Gospel reading.