

## NEW THINKING

What did Jesus see as his main mission in life? Was it to free humanity from the power of sin? Was it to bring healing and hope to the suffering? Was it to usher in the kingdom of God? Was it to confront the hypocrisy and injustice of his day? Was it to make God's love visible by his words and actions? Was it to invite people to follow him? Was it to start the Church?

Certainly, those are all good answers.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21), Jesus himself gives us the answer to that question. He tells us his principal mission in life.

Luke wrote that during a service in the synagogue of Nazareth, Jesus took the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and found a certain passage. After reading it he said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus applied what he read to himself. In doing so he told us his primary mission. It was "to bring glad tidings to the poor .... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Three of those four actions had to do with preaching.

This reveals that the primary mission of Jesus was to preach, it was to proclaim a new way of thinking about God, a new way of thinking about ourselves, and a new way of thinking about our relationship with others and with the world.

For Jesus knew that how we think affects how we act. It determines our behavior. That preaching mission of Jesus, which continues each time the scriptures are proclaimed and each time the Church announces the Good News of the Gospel, is more needed in our day than ever.

For we live in a society that promotes a way of thinking very different from that of Jesus.

Society tells us to think of morality as something we determine for ourselves.

Society tells us to think that the more things we possess, the greater our wealth, the happier we become.

Society tells us to think about pornography as just a form of harmless entertainment.

Society tells us to think about marriage as a temporary relationship between any two people.

Society tells us to think of gender as fluid and changeable.

Society tells us to think of abortion as a form of health care.

Society tells us to think of religion as something for the uneducated and ignorant. Society tells us to think of heaven, hell, and eternal life as myths concocted by those afraid of dying.

When we think in those ways, our behavior becomes sinful and selfish. We move into the darkness. We lose our dignity as children of God.

The main mission of Jesus was to proclaim a new way of thinking about God, about ourselves, and about life. If we think as Jesus taught, our behavior changes for the better

and God's kingdom comes into our lives and into our world.

Jesus came to preach a new way of thinking that would lead to a new way of living. That was his main mission in life.

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## ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### THE LUMEN CENTER

**Tuesday, January 29, 2019**

**DREAMS: God Continues to Speak**

5:30 pm

Supper 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm Presentation

**Caldwell Dominican Motherhouse**

Registration appreciated by Jan. 24, 2019

Fee: \$25 - \$35 (Pay within your means)

For those who are familiar with working with their dreams, and for those who have a desire to begin to listen to dreams, come and learn how your life can be informed and enriched by listening to "God's Language in Dreams".

Please bring a dream that you feel comfortable in exploring during the evening.

**Presenter: Jane Selinske**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

**PRAYERS AND LIFE SKILLS**

**FOR LEARNING TO LET GO AND LET GOD!**

5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm Presentation

**Caldwell Dominican Motherhouse**

Registration appreciated by Feb. 27, 2019

Fee: \$25 - \$35 (Pay within your means)

Life confuses and distracts us, making letting past hurts, present and future worries almost impossible. There is an easier and better way. There is a prayerful solution.

**Presenter: Ginger Grancagnolo**

## PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

### SUNDAY MASS

The Sunday liturgy is the heart of the parish community. The weekly celebration is more meaningful to young people because they are familiar with the Gospel proclaimed each week. They have studied it in class and wrestled with its meaning. With this program all students and their families hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They learn the Gospel. They love the Gospel. They live the Gospel in their daily lives. They share the Gospel both in the community of faith and, by their witness and loving service of others, with every person they meet.

### Family Involvement

Your whole family can easily share in the learning because all children are studying lessons based on the same Gospel proclaimed in church on Sunday. You can gather all your children at one time to share what they have learned and to talk about it as a family.

### RESOURCES

The free resources designed for families include The Gospel At Home, which is a weekly summary of the Sunday Gospel and suggestions for you to use at home. You can sign up to get an email reminder with a link to the resource. There are additional seasonal resources as well. All of these can be found at [pflaumweeklies.com](http://pflaumweeklies.com).

**THE THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**January 27, 2019**

This week the Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are in memory of **Our deceased benefactors**

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Sunday - in English 10:30am**  
**Domingo- en Español 1 de la tarde**

**Weekday Masses** are at 8:00am  
**Mass Schedule for the week.**

Sun	Jan. 27	
10:30		For The People
1:00pm		For the People
Mon	Jan. 28	CTK 9:00am
Tues	Jan. 29	Frank Dworschak r/b Sister Luke
Wed	Jan. 30	CTK 9:00am
Thurs	Jan. 31	Charles Solomon r/b Bernice Morse
Fri	Feb. 1	CTK 9:00am



Becky Green, Leslie Lucas, Michael Anyanwu, Tina Witowski, Todd Wyatt, Michael, Erin and Chiara Coddington, Davine Kelly, Lena Sullivan, Jean Marie Brashers, Erich Ringor, Derrick Carswell, Jessie, Liam, Cheryl Booker, Roby Ashman, Joram, Mary Jane McKenna, Christian Cianca, Peter Krenitskiy, Robert Kudlacik, Greyson & Hudson Roller, Mary Scully, Sierra Washburne, Angel Benjamin, Anna Iwanowski, Marcelino Villanueva, Rowan Holland, James & Anne Minervini, Ava & Zachary Illenye, Lillian Thornton, Jason & Ryan McGinnis, Juan Pablo, Kellie Gates, Gertie Ferguson, Kristin McCoy, Christine Wright, Samantha, Joseph Botti, Margarita Macalintal, Roumelia Balbastro and Devin Nasar McKnight-Glover



**Cardinal Tobin has announced the following appointment**

**Rev. Esterminio Chica has been named pastor of Christ the King and Our Lady of Sorrows. Effective immediately.**

**ARCHDIOCESE  
ANNUAL APPEAL**

**SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS**

Next weekend will be the start of the 2019 *Sharing God's Blessings* Annual Appeal. There will be brochures that describe the many programs and ministries the appeal makes possible along with pledge cards and envelopes in the pews. You may make a pledge by completing the pledge envelope and placing it in the collection basket. We appreciate your generosity **This year the appeal will take place on the Sunday, February 3rd.**



**Once again, thank you for your participation.**

Please check our web [olsnj.org](http://olsnj.org) Posted is the Power Point Presentation and your initial Responses to the Power Point presentation.

**Follow Up:**  
**\*Get the dialogue going (fellowship is a good place to begin)**

**\* Make sure you have filled out a registration form. This form is very important for our church records.**

**\* Take a look at where we are and dream of what might be.**

**There will be a meeting of all the groups in February to discuss ideas. Your presence and active participation is essential as we move forward.**



Kindly remember **Bernard George** and his family in your prayers. **Bernard's daughter Victoria George** died last week. **Funeral arrangements to be announced**

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Sister Carol Van Billiard, OP

**Our Lady of Sorrows  
Mission Statement**



We, the family of Our Lady of Sorrows parish, accept as our special call, the words of the Psalm: "The Lord loves his city...and so do we." We have been planted in the midst of the city to grow and bear the fruit of the gospel. We offer to God our gifts of time, talent and treasure that our city may be transformed by the power of God's love.