

January 25, 2015
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Because of the ice storm last Sunday, many of you could not get to Mass last Sunday. As a result you did not read my comments about the movie "Selma". It was an excellent movie and I urge you to go see it. It brought back many memories. Twenty five years ago I wrote about my experience at Selma and Montgomery in honor of my first pastor, Msgr. Owen Scanlon, who had just died. You can read my article on our church's website: WWW.icmary.com.

There is some controversy about the movie. I agree that besides a Best Picture nomination, it should have also received a Best Actor and Best Director nomination. I also agree that the film was unfair to President Johnson. The director admitted that she changed the original script to portray the President as more opposed to King and the March than he really was. It might seem to be a small detail but most people will learn about history of the March and President Johnson from this movie and then when it is replayed on T.V. many times in future years. President Johnson's role in the civil rights movement was very positive and very effective. He should be remembered and honored for this.

The Selma-Montgomery march was a great triumph for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the many African Americans who spent many dangerous years preparing for this moment. It was a shining moment in American history. Urge your children to see it. Otherwise they might be like the teenager who answered my question, "Did you see the movie Selma?" with "Isn't that about a singer?"



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, January 18, 2015 was \$1,517.00

The collection for last Sunday, January 18, 2015 Spanish Mass was \$490.00

The second collection this Sunday, January 25, 2015 will be for our Property Insurance. The second collection next Sunday, February 1, 2015 will be to help with the cost of heating the Church.

Feeding our Neighbors Campaign:

Catholic Charities will be starting their campaign to restock the food pantries and soup kitchens of the Archdiocese of New York the campaign will take place from Sunday, January 25, 2015 to February 1, 2015. We ask you to be as generous with them as you are with our own needy. There will be a box at the back of the Church and another at the front of the Church where you may leave nutritious no-perishable food items. Nearly 325,000 children have difficulty affording food, that's 22% of children in the 10 counties of the Archdiocese. So thank you for helping in this so worthy a cause.

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time:

*Now that Ordinary Time is under way, we will be hearing from Mark's Gospel for most of the year. So this week, we hear his version of the call of disciples. The disciples are at their daily task, fishing, when **Jesus** approaches them. As we gather to pray today, it might be good to reflect on how **God** approaches us in our daily tasks. Let us pray for the grace to open to **God's** presence in even the smallest thing we do.*

In the first reading,

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10; the **Lord** sends **Jonah**, to preach repentance to a foreign city. They listen and **God** grants forgiveness.*

In the second reading,

*1 Corinthians 7:29-31; **Paul** insists that earthly activities have only relative value. Though they have their importance, we must remember that we are to prepare for a better life.*



In the Gospel,

*Mark 1:14-20; **Jesus** calls four fishermen to leave their boats. They are to follow **Jesus** in his ministry of fishing for people.*

Today' Focus: Don't Hold Back: *A Christian has to view the world with a certain urgency, so that anything holding us back from being full, faithful followers is set aside.*



Praying with the Word

Give us eyes to see, **Lord Jesus**, that the world as we know it is even now passing away, and the new world that your grace creates is coming to birth in our lives.



Question of the Week:

How would I live if I believed that time was running out? What prevents me from responding to **Jesus's** call with immediacy of the disciples in the Gospel?



We who are Christians, members of God's family, are called to go out to the needy and to serve them.

Open enrollment ends February 15

NYS Affordable Health Care Open Enrollment:

If you do not have health insurance you can get information on different plans, costs and subsidies on the **New York State official Affordable Care Act health plan marketplace** website: **www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov**.

The marketplace's open enrollment period ends on February 15th. **You can also get information by calling 1-855-355-5777.**

If you purchased health insurance on the State's marketplace you should have received information in October about renewing and changing plans.

If you have not renewed or changed plans and need information call the above phone number.

