

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2005
THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: Jan. 24, 2005

MON, 8:00 AM The Howard Boyer Family
 TUES, 8:00 AM Chris Sampson
 WED, 8:00 AM Mrs. Sam T. Boyer
 THURS,
 FRI, 8:00 AM Bernard & Helen Courtois
 SAT, 5:30 PM R. K. Boyer
 SUN, 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Bob Roderique

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK OF:
 JANUARY 29TH & 30TH**

Parish Minisrtry

SAT, 5:30 C. Phyllis Vance
 L. G. Lalumondiere
 R. Nadine Morgan
 SUN, 8:00 Jeanne DeGonia
 Mahlon McNabb
 Sharon Forrester
 SUN, 10:00 Diane McGirl
 Charlie Schloemer
 Phyllis Partney

LECTORS

SAT, 5:30 Paul Villmer
 SUN, 8:00 Sharon Forrester
 SUN, 10:00 Charlie Schloemer



MUSIC
 SAT 5:30-Chala Short
 SUN 8:00-Rebecca Richards
 SUN 10:00-Anita Govero



! SERVERS!
 SAT 5:30-Brittany Hamby & Rebakah Pashia
 SUN 8:00-MaryBeth DeClue & Ashley Thompson



DRIVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
 SATURDAY: Aaron East
 SUNDAY: Jim Chazelle

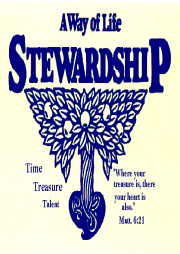


GIFT BEARERS
 5:30 Mr. & Mrs. Aaron East
 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond DeGonia
 10:00 Mr. & Mrs. William Drummond



HEAVENLY DUSTERS
 Susan Mathis & Sharon Forrester

ST. JAMES GIFT SHOP OPEN
 1st Sunday of Every Month
 SUZANNE SHORT 438-4787



ENVELOPES\$2,482.00
LOOSE.....\$107.20
VOTIVE LIGHTS.....\$53.00
Gift Shop \$26.25
Solemnity of Mary..... \$60.00
Tsunami Relief \$20.00
St. Louis Review..... \$230.00
Christmas Gift \$15.00
Seminary \$15.00
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL.\$ 54.22

**FOR THE WEEK OF:
 Jan. 16, 2005**

NEEDED for Expenses \$2300.00
RECEIVED: \$2,664.20

P The St. James Parish School of Religion will meet this Wednesday, January 26th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Please remember to listen to KYRO for cancellations of classes due to bad weather.
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R 1st Reconciliation will be this Wednesday Jan. 26th at 7:00 p.m. All parents are invited to attend with their child.



The Adult convert class will meet this Tuesday, January 25th at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Basement.

CATHOLIC FAMILY COUNSELING
 1-800-625-8055



CHILI & SOUP DINNER
ST. JAMES PARISH HALL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
4:30 PM TO 7:30 PM
 (Prepared by Our Parish Families)

READINGS:

Monday: Heb 9:15,24-28 Ps 98:1-6 Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3,7-8,10 Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-4ab,5-6 Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40 Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41
NEXT SUNDAY: Zep 2:3;3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

MARRIAGE DAY OF RENEWAL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2005

1:30 – 8:00 PM

The National SHRINE
Of Our Lady of the Snows
Afternoon Presentations: 1:30 PM
Mass with Renewal of Vows: 5:00 PM
Candlelight Dinner: 6:30 PM

Reservations are required. For more information, contact Sally Ross, 314-241-3400, Ext, 6294

SCRIPTURE STUDY CLASS

The next Scripture Study class will begin on February 10, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

ALL YOU CAN EAT \$4.00

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH
Knights of Columbus
At the K. C. Hall in Old Mines
Serving From 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BASKETBALL FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP
JANUARY 30, 2005
JOHN A. EVANS MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM
1:30 PM – Ages 10-14 – Boys & Girls

FEBRUARY 5, 2005
ST. JOACHIM HOME & SCHOOL
BENEFIT, AUCTION AND DINNER
For more information call St. Joachim School
438-3973

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Intercessions for Life

For the members of our Supreme Court
 That as we observe the anniversary of the legalization of abortion,
 God might move their hearts with love for the unborn child,
 For parents whose souls have been wounded by abortion,
 And for a culture corrupted by evil and sin;
 We pray to the Lord.

GOOD NEWS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 8:23--9:3; Psalm 27; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17; Matthew 4:12-23
 John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

"It is better to light one little candle than to curse the darkness." Light and darkness symbolize tension in human living: presence/absence, hope/despair, love/hate. Today's readings present the human and divine experience of light/darkness. They reveal a God whose first biblical words are "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3). They challenge us to be producers of light, not architects of darkness.

Isaiah, in the passage from the Hebrew Scriptures, is preaching between 733 and 725 B.C. The prophet predicts that things will get worse before they get better. But there is also a message of hope: Yahweh will provide an ideal Davidic king. Once again there will be joy. The former captives of the neo-Assyrians who walked in darkness will now witness a great light (Isaiah 9:1). Yahweh dispels darkness and gloom.

Psalm 27 is an individual lament. Enemies are afflicting the psalmist. The author's greatest fear is the absence of God. The image of light suffuses the psalm. Yahweh is the psalmist's light who vanquishes fear. The psalmist longs for Yahweh's house where the author will gaze unimpaired on Yahweh's beauty. The psalmist is also confident about seeing God's goodness in the land of the living.

Matthew uses the text of the first reading for his own theological purposes. For example, in the first reading "sea" refers to the Mediterranean, in Matthew 4:13 to the Sea of Galilee. Matthew also uncovers in today's passage the beginning of Jesus' mission to the Gentiles. This is important for Matthew because his own community is made up of both Jews and Gentiles. Matthew uses a prophetic text in which the pagans overcome darkness by experiencing the light emanating from Jesus' message.

Darkness is a constant companion in our world. The poor, ill, hurting, and depressed lose the capacity to hope for light. Our Christian mission is to echo Genesis, entering this darkness with our personal "Let there be light."