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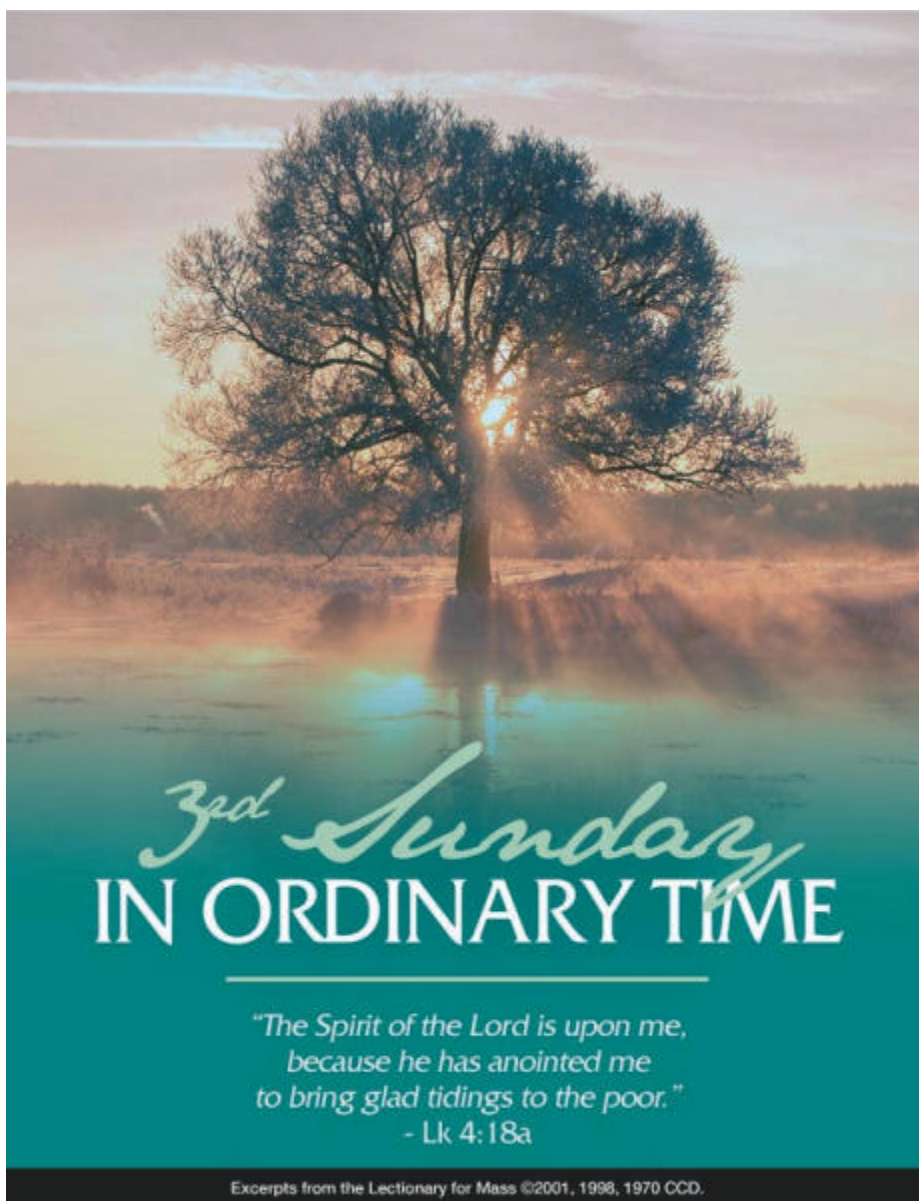
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.
(Neh 8:8)

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.
(Ps 19)

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.
(1 Cor 12:12)

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."
- Lk 4:18a*

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WELCOME TO ALL:

If you have moved to this area and wish to join our Parish Community, we invite you to become actively involved in our life and to support our efforts to be witnesses to Christ by sharing your Time, Talent and Treasure.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Roman Catholic parish of Saint Theresa of Lisieux is a community of believers that places the sacredness of the Eucharist at the center of our lives. Our mission is to inform, inspire, invite and involve people in the ongoing life of the Church. Our field of ministry includes residents of the greater South Hadley area. It is our desire to engage all who wish to join our community in the celebration of the life of Christ.

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00p
Sunday 8:00a | 10:30a

WEEKDAY MASSES - CHAPEL

Monday - Friday 8:00a

HOLY DAY MASSES

(Day of Obligation) 8:00a | 6:30p

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30p – 3:45p or by appointment.

Adoration

Friday 8:30a – 6:00p

Baptism

To schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage

Please arrange one year in advance.

Hospital Visitations

Please let us know if a parishioner is ill or in the hospital.

COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES

Pregnancy Counseling Services

Bethlehem House of Easthampton (413) 527-2861

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Bob Nell (413) 575-5177
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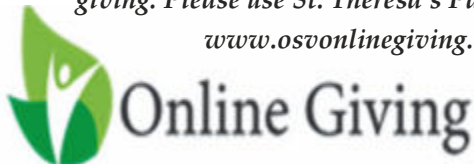
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www.osvonlinegiving.com



Plan ahead and book your masses for 2022 now. Call the parish Office at 413-532-3228 to reserve the dates and times that you want to remember your loved ones.

Parish Office Hours

Parish office hours have changed to be every Monday through Thursday from 9:00-12:30 a.m. If you would like to meet with Fr. Michael or Patricia it is by appointment only. Please call Carol to schedule an appointment at (413) 532-3228

MASST INTENTIONS

Saturday January 22nd

4:00 pm † Elaine Oldread by Her Family

Sunday January 23rd

8:00 am Prayers for the Parishioners of St. Theresa's

10:30 am † Adelard Jodoin, Jr. by Ann Jubinville

Monday January 24th

8:00 am † Norma J. Ryan by Family

Tuesday January 25th

8:00 am Prayers for all First Responders

Wednesday January 26th

8:00 am Prayers for the Youth of the Parish

Thursday January 27th

8:00 am † Souls in Purgatory by Friends

Friday January 28th

4:00 pm Prayers for the Poor and Hungry

Saturday January 29th

4:00 pm † Edgar and Bertha Bail by Colette Moriarty

Sunday January 30th

8:00 am † Ronald Chateaufneuf by Family

10:30 am † Carol and Francis Dulaski by Family

BULLETIN POSTINGS

Please submit any requests/inquiries you have for the weekly bulletin directly to **Rebecca Smith** at sttheresamedia@gmail.com. Requests to be included in the bulletin must be submitted by Saturday the week prior to your desired bulletin date.

ILL PARISHIONERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS

The parish pastoral staff asks: Do you know of any parishioners or family members that are ill, in nursing homes, hospitals, the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, Leeds VA Hospital or homebound? If so, please contact **Patricia Smith** at (413) 532-3228 ext. 116 so that pastoral visits may be scheduled with them.



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30
or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps
89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts
9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-
28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11,
12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

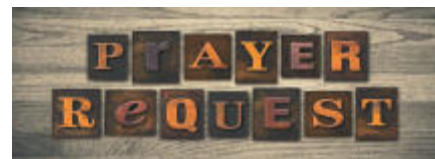
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a,
6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,
16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15
-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk
4:21-30



If you or someone you know from our parish is unable to attend Mass on Sunday due to illness or disability and would like to receive communion please call **George Wilson** at (413) 533-8710 prior to 8:00 a.m. on that Sunday morning.

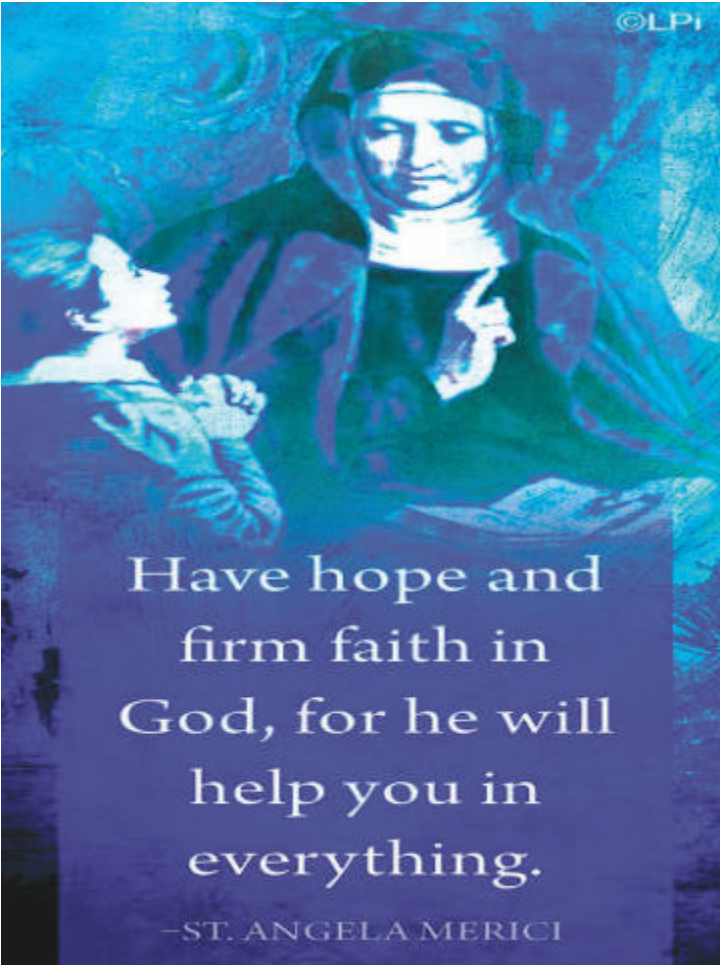


"At the birth of a new year, let us pray for a world renewed in the peace of God" and for each other through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God and our Mother.

If you would like to pray for the intentions of others, please leave your name with the parish office. Likewise, please contact the parish office with brief prayer requests, first name only or *"special intention"*. Those who would like to participate in this work of mercy may offer prayer support in many ways.

"Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love embracing both trial and joy."

St. Theresa of Lisieux



Have hope and
firm faith in
God, for he will
help you in
everything.

—ST. ANGELA MERICI

LIVE THE LITURGY

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power.

It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then. But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

“
**CREEP DOWN INTO
THE HEART OF JESUS.
HE ALONE CAN
COMFORT YOU IN
YOUR SUPREME
HOUR OF SORROW.**
”

St. Marianne Cope

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 23, 2022

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Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



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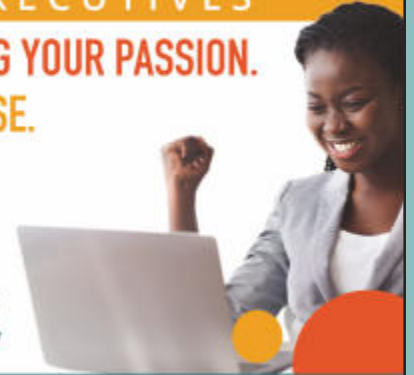
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