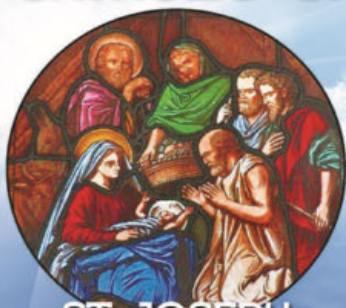


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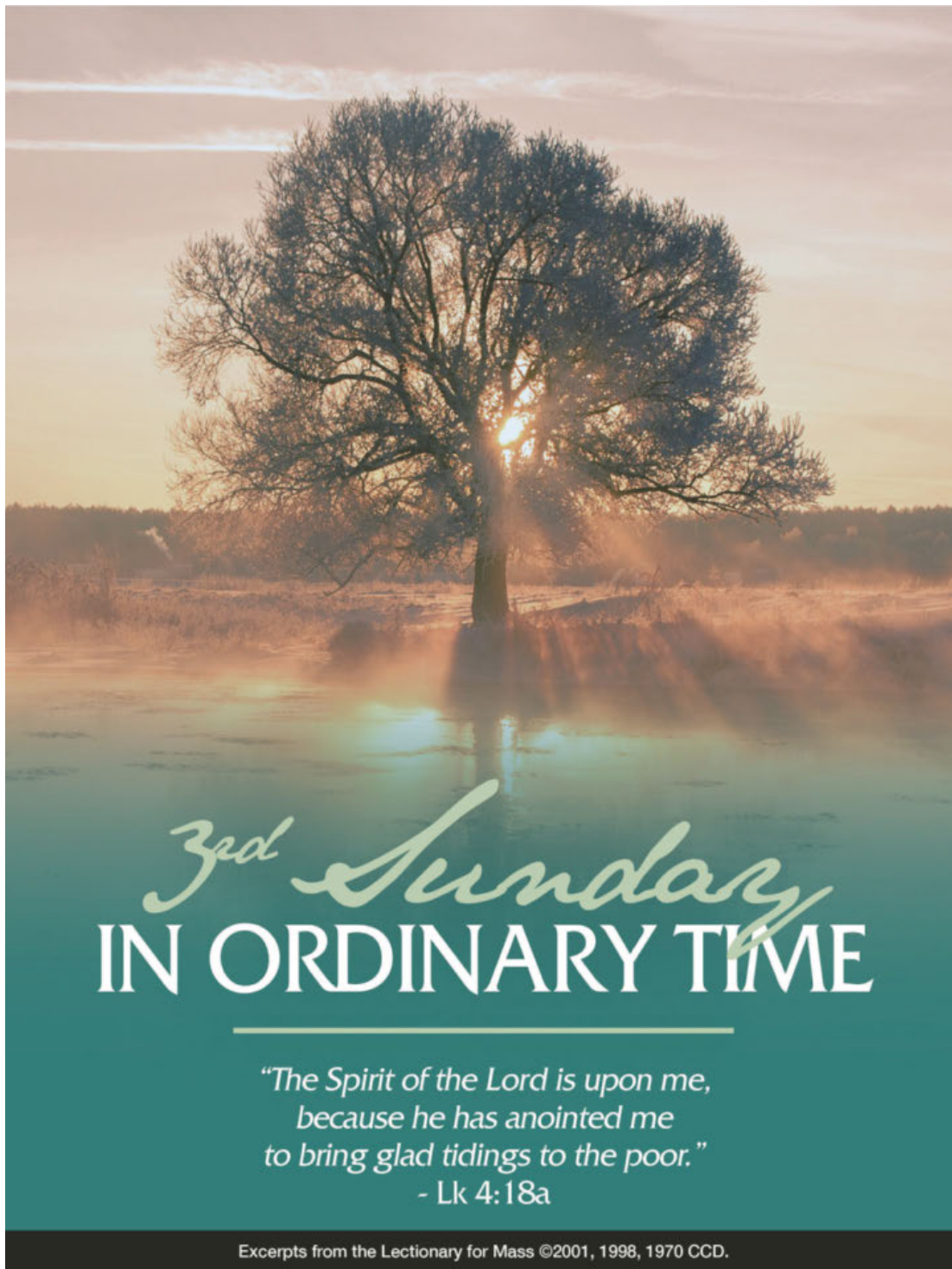


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SACRED HEART

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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*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sunday Readings:

First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

(Neh 8:8)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord,
are Spirit and life.

(Ps 19)

Second Reading:

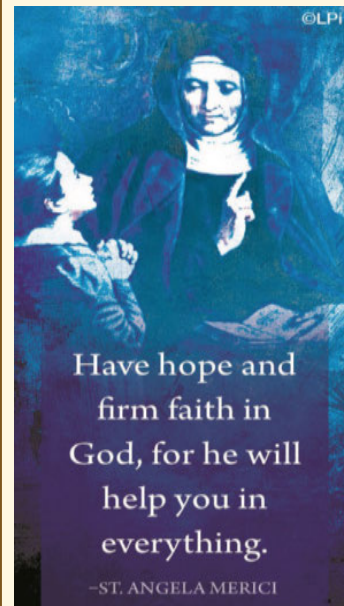
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

(1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

(Lk 1:21)



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

-ST. ANGELA MERICI

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Mass & Reconciliation Times

Sunday, January 23rd: 8:00 A.M. (C); 10:00 A.M. (P); 5:00 P.M. (G)

Reconciliation 7:00-7:50 A.M. (C) & 4:00-4:50 P.M. (G)

Monday, January 24th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Tuesday, January 25th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Wednesday, January 26th: 5:30 P.M. (L)

Thursday, January 27th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Friday, January 28th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Reconciliation before 7:00 A.M. Mass Monday; Tuesday; Thursday & Friday

Saturday, January 29th: 4:00 P.M. (P); 6:00 P.M. (G)

Reconciliation 3:00-3:50 P.M. (P)

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

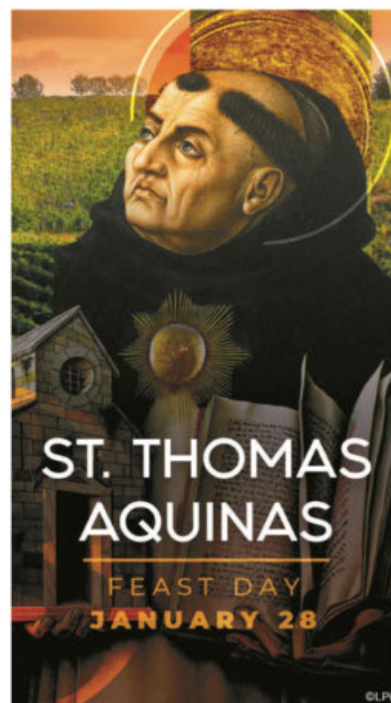
Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

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.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

FEAST DAY
JANUARY 28

SAINT OF THE WEEK

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

Apostleship of Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis



Pope's Worldwide
Prayer Network



Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention monthly. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

For: True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Sunday: For Francis, our Pope, Michael, our Bishop, Vincent, our Pastor, Alfred & Sam, our deacons, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Monday: Spirit of meekness and humility.

Tuesday: Spirit of Faith.

Wednesday: Spirit of Charity.

Thursday: Love of the Holy Eucharist.

Friday: For peace within our country.

Saturday: Love of chastity & the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Expectant Mothers Prayer Corner

Please pray for all expectant mothers especially those listed:

- Michaela M. Sisson
- Kristin Sweeney
- Ashley Montz
- Emily Duebler
- Elisabeth Laurent
- Hailey P. Waguespack
- Victoria N. Roussel
- Joyce Gravois
- Raven Brack

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your protection of these mothers-to-be and their babies. Thank you for keeping their babies safe and secure in their mother's womb and in your love. Thank you for strengthening these precious babies, keeping them healthy, and preparing them for the plans you have set before them. For as long as their pregnancy lasts, we pray that you will be doing the mighty and marvelous work that only you can do, creating life and bringing beauty into the world through your creations. Amen.



Travelling Chalices & Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
Host family: - John & Robin Bentivegna Jan. 26th-Feb. 2nd Interested in becoming a host family? Call: Cheryl Louque, 225-206-2929

Our Lady of Fatima Statue with Rosary
Host family Jan. 23rd-29th Libby Hotard (St. Michael); Catherine Boudreaux (St. Mary) Call: Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129

Prayer Link: Praying for parishioners needs:
To join this ministry or add someone to the prayer list contact: Nancy Cashio, 225-869-8124; Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129; Etta Ruiz, 225-869-8425 or Marcy St. Pierre, 225-869-9820.

Those In Need of Our Prayers:

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| Braylee Lambert | Elsie Batiste |
| Damien Powers | Margaret Pearce |
| Betty Brignac | |
| Cathy Nosacka | |
| Diane Rome | |

Sanctuary Candle In Memory of:



- Raymond Rome (SM)
- Kenny Pham (SJ)
- Donald Blank (SH)
- Allie M. Bourgeois (AC)



In Loving Remembrance

Audrey Z. Zeringue
July 20, 1937-January 07, 2022

A Mass of Christian burial was held in her honor on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church followed by burial in St. Joseph Catholic Church Mausoleum.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Sacraments & Services

BAPTISM:

You must be registered parishioners to request baptism in one of the cluster churches. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Sun.-St. Michael, 2nd Sun.-St. Joseph & 3rd Sun.-Sacred Heart. Parents & Godparents are required to attend baptismal prep seminar, or complete on-line course now offered. REGISTER at least two weeks before the seminar by calling Missy Laurent (869-5751).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children):

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, contact Ernie or Lisa Sieber @ 266-0569, or Fr. Vincent Dufresne for more information about the RCIA process.

MATRIMONY:

Couples planning a wedding are asked to contact Deacon Alfred Adams at

562-3255 at least six months prior to their planned wedding date. **No tentative wedding date can be confirmed before initial meeting with the priest.**

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

For emergency sick calls, please contact the Pastoral Center for a priest. If it is after hours follow the phone prompts to contact a priest.

RECONCILIATION:

Reconciliation available in churches before 7:00 A.M. daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and weekend Masses as scheduled.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

Please contact the Pastoral Center as soon as possible prior to making funeral arrangements.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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.



Cluster News!

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Altar Society News



The St. Anne Altar Society will not be scheduling any in person meetings at this time due to the Pandemic. We will not be holding our annual installation of officers this year as well. All officers will remain for the 2022 year. We are now collecting 2022 dues.

Members can submit \$5.00 in envelope with your name and Altar Society dues written on envelope. You may drop it off at the Pastoral Center or mail to Peggy Richard at P.O. Box 22 Lutcher, La 70071. Thanks to all members and parishioners for your continued service and support of the Ladies Altar Society.

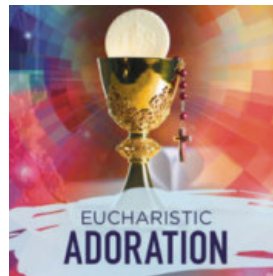
Cluster Blood Drive



BLOOD DONATION
BE A HERO GIVE BLOOD
JAN. 30TH SPC CAFETERIA

On Sunday, January 30th there will be a Blood Drive in the Chancel Cafeteria. Doors will open at 9:00 A.M. and donations will continue until 1:30 P.M. Please consider donating as this will benefit parishioners of our Cluster.

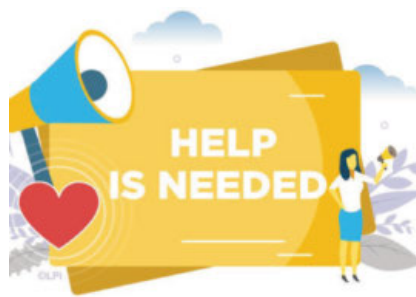
Adorers Needed



The Adoration Chapel is in need of several Committed Adorers. If you are interested in finding out more about this wonderful ministry please contact Jason Amato.

... *So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?*
Matthew 26:40

Opportunities to Help!



Help is needed cleaning Most Sacred Heart of Jesus church on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We are usually there for about an hour or so. Not a big time

commitment. If you are interested in helping, please call Sandy Roussel at 869-4175 for more information. God Bless!

Al-Anon Weekly Meeting-Tuesday @ 4:00 P.M. - Sacred Heart Rectory - use side entrance.



Al-Anon members are people, just like you, who are worried about someone with a drinking problem. It's meeting are an opportunity for family members to learn from the experiences of others

who have faced similar problems.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 23, 2022:

8:00 a.m. (C) For the Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

10:00 a.m. (P) For the Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

5:00 p.m. (G) For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

Monday, January 24, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)

Marcel & Adele Roussel, Marie Abreo & John Jr., L.J. Hymel Sr., Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 25, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)

John, Ruth & Joseph (JT) Minvielle

Wednesday, January 26, 2022:

5:30 p.m. (L)

James & Elsie Melancon, Doris L. Martin & Family, Bradley & Jason Bourgeois, C.M. & Lois George & Karen G. Milazzo, Rory Growl, Melvin Duhe, Dennis Paul Matherne, Allie M. Bourgeois, Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 27, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)

Nelson, Beatrice, Brent & Mary Ann Roques

Friday, January 28, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)

Gary Lousteau, Lawrence & Delia Lambert, Richard & Charmaine Zeringue, L.J. Hymel Sr., Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 29, 2022:

4:00 p.m. (P)

Nathan Louque, Doris Hymel, Rita & John Ory Sr. & William Ledet, Dennis Paul Matherne, Roland "Shawee" Roussel & Rosemary L. Roussel & Family, M/M Ernest Veron, M/M Joseph Lambert & Sylvia, Souls in Purgatory

A Call To Reflect & Respond

First Reading:

Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law.") **What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?**

Second Reading:

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ. **In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?**

Gospel:

Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. **What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?**

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

KIDS CORNER

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT	FREEDOM	LORD
CHOSEN	SIGHT	JESUS
POOR	SUFFERS	TRUE

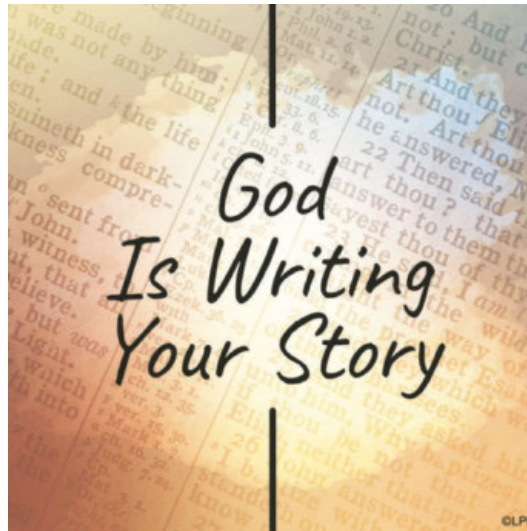
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IS IT RIGHT TO SUE SOMEONE? ISN'T IT A WAY OF GETTING REVENGE?

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities



would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

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.

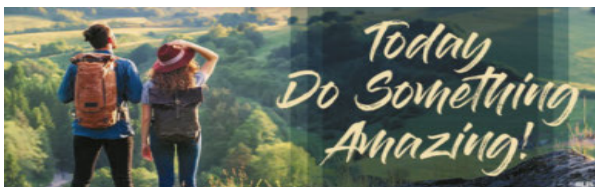
But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds 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.



Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

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The U.S. Bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members—the personal responsibility of each one of us.

We all are stewards of the Church."

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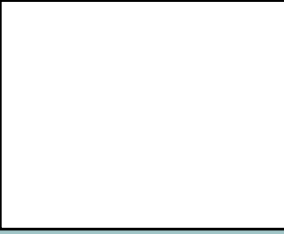




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