

## Adult Education Notes

- ✚ In the first reading, we hear Ezra reading from the scroll. Ezra was called a scribe because he could read and write. It was a special and rare vocation. —Few people could read or write anywhere in the world at this time, so their auditory memories were far better than ours. Books, in the form of scrolls, were extremely rare and extremely expensive. There were no private libraries and no one read privately and silently. The synagogue was the meeting place to hear and learn of God and his law.
- ✚ The Law was everything to them. They just returned to the holy land from 70 years in exile in Babylon. They hadn't heard or read the "book of the law" in that time at all and loved it so much they wept. Man today should appreciate God's law as they did. ~Food for the Soul—Peter Kreeft
- ✚ The second reading about one body many parts is a classic one used to describe the Church. Christ as the head; we the body. We need each other to work together to be complete. Our talents and callings are different and we need each other's to do what we cannot alone. Be grateful you can give and receive.
- ✚ In the Gospel, imagine being a pious, believing Jew at that time knowing God had chosen your people to be a guide to the world. No one had ever seen God and lived except Moses. Then this fellow Nazarean says "...this Scripture passage is fulfilled." What? Did he say that? That can't be true can it? The Messiah to come was believed to be a political or military conqueror to free them from Roman persecution.
- ✚ Here this man was claiming to bring God's kingdom to earth by relieving the poor and blind, oppressed and captives and you know him! He's been preaching around and seemed a lot like John the Baptist, a great prophet. He tells you that in your hearing "I am sent by God to do his will". It's like reality is here and now not in the future—now.
- ✚ That's the reality he wants for us now. He is here alive in the Eucharist ready to help us with our oppression, our blindness and poverty, our captivity to this world and bring us into the joy of his heavenly kingdoms in for which we were made. He's speaking to us every moment of our lives. Open the ears of your heart and hear him.
- ✚ CANDLES: Besides Candlemas next weekend, there will also be a box of unblessed candles that were used on the altars that can no longer be used in church. Take whatever you think you can use and we will get rid of the rest. All sizes.

### St. Anthony PCCW Meeting

Saturday, February 5, 2022

6:00 PM @ Parish Hall

*All ladies from St. Anthony parish are strongly encouraged to attend.*



**Please Join Us for  
Dinner, Live Music,  
Mardi Gras  
Festivities and  
support a great  
cause!**

You **aspire** to  
**GREAT  
THINGS?**

**begin with**

little ones

St. Augustine

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri (CCSOMO) is hosting an evening of dinner and dancing to the sounds of Spectrum, a nine-piece band from St. Louis.

**Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**

**at the Drury Conference Center in Cape Girardeau.**

All proceeds will benefit the new LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home coming to downtown Cape.

For more information about LifeHouse and the Mardi Gras Ball or to purchase tickets, please visit the Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri website [www.ccsomo.org](http://www.ccsomo.org). You can also scan the QR code to the right to purchase tickets.



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