

Focusing the gospel

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time begins to take us through Luke's Gospel. We will follow it for the next several Sundays until Lent begins; it picks up again after the Easter season when Ordinary Time returns. It introduces Jesus as returning to Galilee "in the power of the Spirit" where he goes to the synagogue and teaches from Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." He ends with the stunning words "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Monday is the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle, with its own special readings. Tuesday is the Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops. Thursday we have the Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church.

This is the third week of readings from Samuel, this week from the Second Book of Samuel. A young David is anointed King of Israel and with his army, captures the city of Zion. In the festivities that followed, Samuel offers the delightful image of a joyful David at the Ark of the Covenant, "dancing before the LORD with abandon ... with shouts of joy and to the sound of the horn." The Lord tells David, "I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his Kingdom firm." David sees Bathsheba, the beautiful wife of Uriah the Hittite and after having relations with her, he orders Uriah to the front of a battle where he is killed. Nathan the prophet confronts David, who repents.

In Mark's Gospel during this week, we have many familiar stories. The scribes, hearing of his many healings, accuse Jesus of being possessed by Satan. He replies that a house is divided against itself cannot stand. Mary and other relatives arrive at a home where Jesus is teaching, but Jesus does not go to them, saying, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." He tells the parable of the sower and the seeds which fall on fertile ground and rocky soil. "Those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." He encourages his disciples not to hide their light "under a bushel basket" and tells the story of the mustard seed, the tiniest seed which grows into one of the largest bushes. In Saturday's gospel the apostles are frightened on a boat in a storm until Jesus awakens to calm the wind and seas.

Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on Creighton University's Online Ministries Website: <http://www.creighton.edu/collaborativeministry/prayer>. Used with permission.



He Is Waiting. Will You Come?

"Come to me all you who labor and are overburdened and I will give you rest (Mt 11:28)" There are 18 open hours in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Please consider spending one hour with our Lord in His gentle oasis. For more information, call Jana Schoen at 945-5379.

Sunday - 2 a.m. & 5 a.m.

Monday - 1 a.m., 2 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Tuesday - 2 a.m. & Noon

Wednesday - 5 a.m.

Thursday - 1 a.m. & 2 a.m.

Friday - 2 a.m., 8 a.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. & 9 p.m..

Saturday - 1 a.m., 2 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Please Remember In Prayer:

Sr. Lucille Kerschen
Matilda Puetz
Katy Carney
Juanita Mans
Jim Ridder
Sue Warren
Regina Gaytan
Jeanne Sullivan
Nancee Scheffer
Kadie McDonough
Deannie Little
Andy Little
Ray Rancuret
Cheryl Burke Julian



Jim Monroe
Leroy Nedeau
Charles T. Morton
Gail Alcarez
Robie Campbell
Evelyn Monty
Sarah Skidd
Clair Vanzelfden

Eldon Freund
Ruth Freund
Duane Wilson
Vernie Bloch
Joan Kandt
Jim Flanigan
Peggy Bowan
Marci Limon
Robert Range
Doug Howell
Betty Sherlock
Dorothy Dotterer
Jane Bell



Prayers for Our Military

**Please pray for all members of the military,
especially our parishioners:**

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| <i>Jay Schoen</i> | <i>Tony Jeffress</i> | <i>Jonathan Burke</i> |
| <i>Sam Francis</i> | <i>Matt Mork</i> | <i>Timothy Collier</i> |
| <i>Justin Light</i> | <i>Jeff Cranor</i> | |

Weekly Readings

Mon. 1/25: Acts 22:3-16, Ps 117:1-2, Mk 16:15-18
 Tues. 1/26: 2Tm 1:1-8, Ps 96:1-10, Mk 3:31-35
 Wed. 1/27: 2Sm 7:4-17, Ps 89:4-30, Mk 4:1-20
 Thur. 1/28 2Sm 7:18-29, Ps 132:1-14, Mk 4:21-25
 Fri. 1/29: 2Sm 11:1-17, Ps 51:3-11, Mk 4:26-34
 Sat. 1/30: 2Sm 12:1-17, Ps 51:12-17, Mk 4:35-41
 Sun. 1/31: Jer 1:4-19, Ps 71:1-17, 1Cor 12:31-13:13, Lk 4:21-30

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, January 25
 Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
 8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. Kevin Becker

Tuesday, January 26
 Saint Timothy and Saint Titus
 6:00 p.m. Mass S.I. Oblates of St. Benedict

Wednesday, January 27
Saint Angela Merici
 8:15 a.m. Mass +Arnold Thomas

Thursday, January 28
 Saint Thomas Aquinas
 8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. Brian Peters

Friday, January 29
 8:15 a.m. Mass +Frank Darland

Saturday, January 30
 8:15 a.m. Mass Living & Deceased Donors
 To the Sr. Doreen Endowment
 4:00 p.m. Mass +Wilma McDonough

Sunday, January 31
 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:15 a.m. Mass S.I. People of St. Joseph
 10:00 a.m. Mass +Betty Payne

Thank you for your gift of treasure! July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016

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| Weekly Collection 1/17/2016 | \$7,745.00 |
| Weekly tithe amount needed | \$12,960.77 |
| Surplus or (Deficit) YTD | \$1,471.75 |

Today is holy to the Lord your God! Scripture teaches us about God the Father who is infinite love and mercy. As we grow in understanding of the Lord, our hearts yearn to experience the Father's love and peace. St. Paul assures us that we are all essential members of the Body of Christ and no one is without work to accomplish. The prophet Nehemiah declares that the day of the Lord is to be a joyous day, full of rejoicing in the glory of God. Once Jesus entered our world to save us, each day is a day of the Lord! May we direct our vision to the glory of God and bring his love to all peoples.

Ministry Schedule Jan 30th & 31st

4:00 PM
 (S) Mike McDaneld (Rosary) Beverly Rancuret
 (L1) Mike McDaneld (M. Server) Patrick Cooke
 (L2) Angie Bolster-Epps (Candle 1) Kaleb Mans
 (H) Mike Irvin (Candle 2) Zach Stickney
 (C1) Jeff Dyer (GB) Deb Lowery
 (C2) Corrinna Irvin

8:15 AM
 (S) Charlie Deitchler (Rosary) Alice Mertens
 (L1) Bill Babich (M. Server) Caleb Cummings
 (L2) Cassidee Cummings (Candle 1) Grace Bowman
 (H) Sr. Nancy Jane Kuntz (Candle 2) Thomas Kucera
 (C1) Charlie Deitchler (GB) Judy Shideler Family
 (C2) Tom Voboril

10:00 AM
 (S) Jack Johnson (Rosary) Florence Marx
 (L1) Jordon Schnoor (M. Server) Trenton Samples
 (L2) Jacob Schnoor (Candle 1) Abby Dresher
 (H) Bert Purcell (Candle 2) Patrick Sanders
 (C1) John Riddel (GB) Mike Flanigan Family
 (C2) Mike McDaneld



Parish Directory Photo Sessions

There's still time to schedule your photo session for the parish directory!! Please call the parish office to sign up for your session. Slots are still open

January 27th - 30th. Every family will receive a free 8x10 just for participating in the directory. Bring a canned food item and get a \$5 discount on your picture order. (See the 01/17/2016 food pantry insert for needed items or stop by the parish office for a copy.) Please make plans to be part of this special historical directory. We hope you and your family will participate!

Save the date! March 13th is the 56th Parish Dinner! Pie and cake emails will be sent out this week. Please email Susan at saintjosephwichita.com if you already know where you want to volunteer this year. Let's make this the BEST dinner ever!!!

A Letter from the Limon Family

Dear Parish, School, CYM, Women's Circle, Men's Group, Altar Society, Family, Friends and all involved,

We want to express our gratitude for all your love, and concern and never ending prayers, encouraging words and cards offered to us in the last few months. Thank you doesn't seem enough for what you all mean to us. We want everyone to know how grateful we are for every one of you! As you all may know I was admitted to St Joseph hospital August 20, 2015 at 30 gestation with high blood pressure and pre-eclampsia. With everyone's prayers the Lord protected us and kept baby growing. We made it to 34 weeks and we had our baby Luke Warren September 22, 2015 by C-section. He was 4lb 3oz 17.5 inches long. Luke did have to go to NICU for a few days. We all got to come home September 27, 2015. Then on October 5, 2015, I was admitted to St Francis with Narcotizing Facetious. I went through 8 surgeries. With everyone's prayers I made it through this difficult infection. Then I was moved to St Teresa Rehab October 27, 2015. We lost Luke November 12, 2015 to the Lord. He was 7 weeks old and such a beautiful blessing. I was released home November 17, 2015. I am still currently going through physical therapy and still have a long road to recovery, but we are doing better with your continued prayers. The Lord shows his love through special people like you. Thank you for all your kindness and thoughtfulness always.

Thank you, God bless,
Pete, Marci, Meleia, Santos, Santiago, Aaliyah
And our Guardian Angel Luke Warren Limon



Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

Spiritual Life Center

Series: Finances and Spirituality—A Challenge for Your Faith, Family and Finances 3 Mondays starting Jan. 25; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Randy Walker and Dusty Gates lead this program helping you to use faith to guide your financial decisions. Suggested donation of \$15

Theology Institute: Spring 2016 (New Enrollees Welcome!!) Three Saturdays: Jan. 30, Mar. 5, and Apr 2; 8:15 a.m-3:30 p.m. Join the second semester of our new adult religious studies program! The Institute consists of 3 Saturday sessions this Spring. Each session contains of four, one-hour classes, on Scripture, Morality, Prayer, and Church History. \$75 for semester (includes lunch each Saturday). Find a detailed class description on our web site!

KidsPrayToo! Mass with Children Friday, Feb. 5; 11:15 a.m. This special celebration of our Daily Mass at the Center especially welcomes little children and their caregivers. Feel free to pack a lunch to enjoy in our dining room afterwards.

Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life Wednesday, Feb. 10; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Begin your Lenten Journey in this Year of Mercy with a day long retreat on the spiritual life! The day of reflection will be based on Fr. Henri J.M. Nouwen's book "Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life." There is time for prayer, group discussion, confessions, Mass and lunch. \$20

Advance registration requested. For more info and to register, visit www.slcwichita.org or call 316.744.0167.

Parish Appreciation Breakfast & Retire the Debt Celebration!

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) invites you to the Parish Appreciation Breakfast next Sunday, Jan 31st after the 8:15 a.m. & 10 a.m. Holy Masses. The menu includes cinnamon rolls and breakfast casserole. **After the breakfast at 11:45 a.m., Fr. Smeltzer will be burning the debt ledger in celebration of our debt being paid in full. Come and celebrate this happy occasion!!!**



Men's Group Bingo

The next Men's Group bingo will be held Saturday, January 30th. Doors

open at 5 p.m. for Coach Tony Molina and Ernie Hallacy's famous Mexican Dinner. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Show-off your favorite football team pride by sporting their gear. There will be a live auction at half-time. Thank you for your support of the Men's Group and St. Joseph Parish! Menu includes: Tacos, Taco salad, Tostadas, Small & Large Monterreys, Hot Dogs, Desserts & Funnel Cakes.

Lord's Diner Food Handler Classes:

Saturday, February 13th at Pleasantview Baptist Church in Derby, 1335 North Buckner Street, 9:30 am (please arrive a bit early to complete paperwork). All are welcome.

Saturday, April 23rd at Crossroads Church, 2139 S. Maize Rd., 9:30 am (please arrive a bit early to complete paperwork). All are welcome.

The City of Wichita Environmental Health Dept offers free classes on the 1st and 3rd Mondays and Saturdays of each month. Online classes are also available for a fee. Call 268-8351 or go to Wichita.gov for additional info or to register.

Parish Art & Environment Committee

Ann Blick, coordinator of the Parish Art and Environment Committee, is having the group's first meeting at her house Tues, Feb 2 at 7pm. Anyone interested in serving on this new committee is asked to call her at 772-2884 for more info. Ann looks forward to working with other artistic minded parishioners to make our church beautiful and visually prayerful.



Financial Classes

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be offered at St Patrick Church (School Cafeteria), 2007 N Arkansas, Wichita, KS 67203. Classes will be held Mondays 7-8:30 p.m., Feb 22nd - April 25th.

There is a scheduled break on March 14th to coincide with Spring Break. The course is \$93 per family (This is a LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP to FPU!) and teenagers are encouraged to attend. Child care is also included for infants on up! It is easy to get enrolled through this link:

www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class1010828.

If you have questions, please contact Danielle Evancho at 316-706-7263.

Spiritual Casserole Club

A spiritual support group for Catholic adult family members of persons with mental illness will begin in February. "The Spiritual Casserole Club" will meet every other week beginning Wednesday, Feb 3, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Chancery located at 424 North Broadway. A prayer service format will be used. Participants will join for song, Scripture reading, homily, reflection and prayer intentions. A facilitator and a priest will be present each evening. Anonymity and confidentiality will be highly valued! There is no cost and no registration to attend. For more information, please contact the Ministry with Persons with Disabilities at 269.3900 or email racunast@CatholicDioceseOfWichita.org.