

## Good News

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mary Katharine Deeley*

In the days of the exile in Babylon, the Jews were unable to practice their religion, to gather as a community, or to hear the words of the Torah, which had so guided them in their lives as a people of God. I have always been taken by the description of this reading of the Law in Nehemiah, which occurs shortly after their return from exile. As Ezra reads, the people weep, rejoicing because they were hearing God's words to them as though for the first time and were overjoyed because God had brought them back home. I can't say I have ever wept at the beauty and power of Scripture when it is read at Mass, nor have I seen others do so. When we have not been deprived of a treasure we sometimes take it for granted and fail to appreciate the gift that it is.

In the Gospel, Jesus reads the words of Isaiah and declares to those in the synagogue that the words have been fulfilled. The people's reaction, which we hear as Luke 4 continues (next week), simply is not the same. Throughout our own lives, we have reacted to the comfort and challenge of the Gospel in different ways at different times. Sometimes we may be touched by what we hear, but I wonder if we often do not allow God's word to affect us as much as it could. Maybe today we can really open ourselves to what the Lord has to say in the sacred stories. Maybe today we can recognize the true value of God's revelation, care, and call to us in the Bible.

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## Masses

Sun.	7:30	+John A. Caradonna
	9:00	+Alex Migliara & Special Intention for Velkis Morales
	10:30	+Mimi Uhlmann
	12:00	Parish
	6:00	+Sean Michael Bolton
Mon.	6:15	+Special Intention for Nora Theresa Costello
	8:15	+Patricia Cuyler
	12:00	+Katherine Joyce
Tues.	6:15	Poor Souls in Purgatory
	8:15	+Lenora Drenning
	12:00	+Dick Lanigan & Special intention for Loma Hyder
Wed.	6:15	+Dan Thompson
	8:15	+Tom Robinson
	12:00	+Alessandro Palazzo
Thurs.	6:15	Special Intention for Pete Gorman
	8:15	+Joe Calabretta
	12:00	+Leonora Buchignani
Fri.	6:15	+Leo Butler
	8:15	+Pete Lenti
	12:00	Special Intention for the Steven Ginski Family
Sat.	6:15	+Dick Lanigan
	8:15	+Tara Faith Snider
	4:30	+Jim Craven

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Donati+Lewis Proctor+Gloria Andereck+Kathleen Bryant+Nick Pinter+Teresa Bounds+Michelle Agnew+Cliff Davis+Jean Garbarini+Carrie Ybos+Chris Pascal.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Magdalene Harris & Maria Tilly Meyers & Katherine Wilkinson.

## Information

**Sacrament of Baptism**—Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays following noon Mass. Parents are asked to attend an instructional class prior to the baptism. Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

**Adults interested in the Catholic Faith**—to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Deacon Jeff Drzycimski at 682-6606, ext. 1953 for information about our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

**Sacrament of Marriage**—Please contact one of the priests for an appointment at least 6 months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Diocesan policy requires that certain guidelines be met.

**Funerals**—please call the parish office to make funeral arrangements; our staff will be happy to assist you.

**Ministry to the Sick**—When a family member is ill, home-bound, or hospitalized, please call the parish office to request prayers and to arrange a pastoral visit. The priests and our lay Ministers to the Sick make regular visits to the sick and home-bound.

**Counseling Services**—St. Louis Parish participates in the Parish Family Counseling Program of the Diocese of Memphis. Professional available; fees are based on one's ability to pay. Contact Anne McInnis at 722-4711.

**Nursery**—a nursery is provided in the Clunan Center each weekend at 4:30 pm, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and noon Masses on Sunday.

# January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has called for a special Jubilee Year of Mercy. St. Louis Parish will offer the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church at 2:30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and following the 8:15am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Susan Smith at [Sbsmith408@aol.com](mailto:Sbsmith408@aol.com) or Libby Parks at [libbykparcs@gmail.com](mailto:libbykparcs@gmail.com).



## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Visit [www.tinyurl.com/SLCCAdoration](http://www.tinyurl.com/SLCCAdoration) to sign up to volunteer for one hour per week or as a substitute.

Many slots have only one adorer and there is a great need to have at least two adorers per shift.

Contact Jan O'Donnell with questions by email at [jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org) or call 255-1954.

## YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Senior High Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** from 7-9pm. Junior High will meet on **Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** from 4:30-5:45 pm. Both groups meet in the St. John Paul II Youth Ministry Center. For the calendar and other information, visit [www.stlouisyouth.org](http://www.stlouisyouth.org). You may also visit the Facebook page at St. Louis Catholic Church Youth Ministry and follow the Youth Group on Twitter at [St\\_Louis\\_Youth](https://twitter.com/St_Louis_Youth) and on Instagram at [st.louis\\_youth\\_ministry](https://www.instagram.com/st.louis_youth_ministry).



## LIFE BLOOD

LifeBlood will be at St. Louis on **Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** from 8am-2pm in the Clunan Center. Every 3 minutes someone needs a life-sustaining blood transfusion. Blood donors must meet state age-eligibility requirements, weigh at least 115 pounds, be generally healthy, and provide picture ID. Contact [kmcates@comcast.net](mailto:kmcates@comcast.net). It is not required to sign up in advance. It is wise to eat prior to donation.



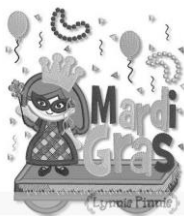
## MEN'S CLUB MEETING

**Athletic Director Tom Bowen** of the University of Memphis Tigers Football Team will be the guest speaker at the St. Louis Men's Club meeting on **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:15pm in the Clunan Center. Free food and beverages will be served. Please join us and support A.D. Bowen's contribution and success to Memphis. He will speak on the recent hiring of the football coach, conference realignment and South Campus development.

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There will be a second collection on **Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** and **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** for the Church in Latin America.

## MARDI GRAS DINNER & PARADE



The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Louis Parish Mardi Gras Dinner and Parade will be held **Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm. This is a fun family evening with great Louisiana-themed food prepared by the Men's Club. Dinner is followed by a float parade around the parking lot.

All groups of parish organizations, supper clubs, neighborhood friends and others are encouraged to decorate a trailer or truck bed and participate. Please contact Greg Crone at [croneg@bellsouth.net](mailto:croneg@bellsouth.net) ASAP if you would like to have a float in the Mardi Gras Parade or if you have questions. The theme is "Favorite Sports Teams."

## MEN'S CLUB RETREAT

The Men's Club Retreat will be held on **February 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** in Cullman, AL. Speaker is Fr. Mike Johnston, who is a friend of Msgr. McArthur's from Nashville. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/SLCMen> to sign up.

## FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING

A mandatory meeting for parents of children making their First Communion will be held in the Church on **Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** at 10am. It is most important that one parent from each family is in attendance.



## THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Morning Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Meeting Room. The study on the teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux is titled "I Believe in Love" by Fr. Jean C.J. D'Elbee. Contact Kathy Hackett at [kahackett@yahoo.com](mailto:kahackett@yahoo.com).



## ROOM IN THE INN

St. Louis Parish is participating in the Room in the Inn with Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We need drivers and shepherds to spend the night. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/SLCRITI>. For information call Pam Scarbrough at 763-0295 or Ann Drennan at 674-2117.

# Youth Retreats

## YOUTH MINISTRY RETREATS

The annual VOYAGE retreat will be held **Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** for students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Cost is \$50.

The annual QUEST retreat will be held **Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** for students in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. Cost is \$50.

The third SEARCH retreat of the year will be held **Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, February, 28<sup>th</sup>** for students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Cost is \$60.

Retreats will be held at Memphis Catholic High School. Registration is required and forms are available at [www.stlouisyouth.org](http://www.stlouisyouth.org). Contact Dianne Dolan at 373-1292 or [dianne.dolan@cc.cdom.org](mailto:dianne.dolan@cc.cdom.org).

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK TRAINING

This training is designed to provide new ministers with the basic tools that will be helpful in their ministry. Training will be held on **Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30am-1pm at the Catholic Center. Deadline to register is **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. Registration forms are available in the church office and at [www.cdom.org](http://www.cdom.org). For information call the Office of Pastoral Life Ministries at 373-1237 or email [alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org](mailto:alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org).

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Is it enough to vote Pro-life and say "I am pro-life"? Perhaps God is calling YOU to do more during this Lent of the MERCY YEAR. Consider this: The Spring campaign for 40 Days for Life will begin **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** and continue thru **Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**. This is an international prayer, fasting and peaceful prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood's abortion facility at 2340 Poplar. Many Catholics and other dedicated Christians have participated in the past, and many women have turned away from the horror of abortion and chosen life for their child and themselves. Won't you be a part of this vibrant mission? We must continue to witness to the community promoting the sanctity of human life. We need you! To sign up call 730-6279 or [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) or call Libby Parks at 355-8546. We will be praying from 6am til 6pm daily.



## ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

Members of the Rosary Makers Guild are reminded of the monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** at 2pm in the Clunan Center Room A.

All parishioners are invited.

The St. Louis Rosary Guild is happy to take special requests for custom rosaries. Call the office at 682-6606 and the Rosary Guild will contact you.

## ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for those who are cold, who are homeless or have no heat. Guide them to shelter, food, warmth, and to God's love.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Psalm	Psalm 71
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Gospel	Luke 4:21-30

## PRAYERS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Please keep the men and women serving in Iraq, and other conflict areas around the world, in your prayers as well as their families. Pray especially for Jonathan Paul Morales, Robert Bender, Desiree Bender, Brad Israel, Capt. Charlie Kennedy, Philip Principi and Bryan Haneghan.

## OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of January 17, 2016

Total collection	<b>\$46,600</b>
Envelopes	42,035
Electronic	3,867
Loose	698
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	<b>1,711</b>
Donated by envelopes	424 families
Donated electronically	63 families
Non-participants	1,224 families
29% of families participated . . . 71% <b>did not</b>	

## JOY OF LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

Joy of Living in the Spirit will be held on 7 Mondays beginning on **Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** from 10am-12pm in the Clunan Center. Contact Carlene Inzer at [chinzer@juno.com](mailto:chinzer@juno.com) or 454-5314 to register. 14 credit hours possible.

## JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT AT ST. LOUIS

On **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the church, John Michael Talbot will provide in song and the spoken word a reflection on the Jesus Prayer in the context of the season of Lent and the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Talbot is considered a music legend, being one of the pioneer artists of contemporary Christian music. Since a capacity crowd is expected, please register at [www.lumencivitatis.com](http://www.lumencivitatis.com).

## WOW—WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Please join us every Tuesday in the Clunan Center Meeting Room to discuss the Gospel of Mark. We are using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible which can be purchased at St. Paul's Book Store. Meeting time is Tuesdays from 11:30am-12:30pm.