



In last Sunday's Gospel Jesus proclaimed the good news of relief and joy to all who are suffering. In today's Gospel Jesus explains how to be receptive to this gift.

Jesus has just read from the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. He anticipates that the people there will ask him to do good there, as he did in Capernaum, that they will claim the privilege of the hometown (Luke 4:23). But Jesus says, the local boy is accepted as one of them only as long as his message conforms to local views. The residents of Nazareth feel that Jesus should first do good to the residents of his own native village. Jesus responds, however, that generosity of spirit is what shows the real closeness that enables a special relationship with God and not the proximity of having grown up together.

This is the reason that Jesus refers to two passages from the Old Testament. In each passage a foreigner showed a magnanimity that resonates with the divine gifts. These foreigners were the ones to whom God shows mercy and not Israelites. Thus, Elijah was sent to a Gentile widow when there was a famine for three and a half years (4:25 – 26). In this story in First Kings the woman accedes to Elijah's request for water and bread even though she and her son have only enough for a small meal left before they are without food altogether (1 Kings 17: 10-15). Similarly, Jesus says that only the foreign leper Naaman was cured by Elisha the prophet (Luke 4: 27). Naaman shows a generous response to God's healing of him (2 Kings 5:5, 15, 23-24).

The reaction of his own people to these words of Jesus is extreme. They take him up to a precipice and try to hurl him over (Luke 4:29). The distinction that they think is due them is something that every group zealously guards. But Jesus grounds distinction in the large-heartedness and open-handedness that freely shares one's gifts. These qualities make people receptive to God's gifts in their own lives.

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Readings for the Week of January 31, 2010

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or
13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

Wednesday: Saints Blaise, bishop, martyr; Ansgar, bishop
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Saint Agatha, virgin, martyr
Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Saint Paul Miki, martyr; his companions, martyrs
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11;
Lk 5:1-11

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

There will actually be 2 Open Houses. Friday, February 5th is the Catholic Schools Week celebration with parents and grandparents and all are welcome to come and visit beginning with Mass at 8:00 AM and then on to school from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will also be open to visitors on Wednesday, February 10th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Help us out by spreading the word.



The Pope on Life

Every child who is born brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care, always and at every moment. God entrusts every child who is born to his parents: so how important is the family founded on marriage, the cradle of life and love! The House of Nazareth where the Holy Family lived is the model and school of simplicity, patience and harmony for all Christian families. I pray the Lord that your families too may be welcoming places where these little ones can not only grow in good health but also in faith and love for God. -- Pope Benedict XVI, January 7, 2007

NOTRE DAME ALUMNAE

Be sure to watch for the applications for the \$500 Notre Dame Alumnae Scholarship to be given out to eighth grade girls in January. The scholarship of \$500 will be paid directly to Badin High School in the recipient's name. If interested in applying, please ask your daughter if she has received an application. If you have any questions, please call Lillian Pater at 513-860-9676.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SOMETHING MORE? Classes are now forming at the Athenaeum of Ohio's Lay Pastoral Ministry Program for the Fall of 2010. Come and see what lay ministry formation can do for you. Education that is geared for busy adult learners! For more information call 513.231.1200 or email us at kboss@athenaeum.edu.

COLLEGE DAY AT THE PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM High school juniors and seniors are invited to spend the day at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, to discern the possibility of college seminary. Held on February 15, 2010, the day gives interested men the opportunity to experience the rhythm of life at one of two college seminaries supported by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Information and registration can be found at <http://cincinnati vocations.org/frm021510.php>.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION MASSES

The Cincinnati Mass will be held at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on May 1, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The Dayton Mass will be held at St. Christopher Parish in Vandalia, Ohio on April 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. More details are forthcoming.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, January 31st

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 Noon – 4 p.m. Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

Tuesday, February 2nd

11:30 a.m. Rosary Society Luncheon at Applebee's
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, February 3rd

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.

Thursday, February 4th

6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Friday, February 5th

5:30-6:30 p.m. First Friday Confessions

Saturday, February 6th

3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, February 7th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS February Luncheon Meeting - The February Luncheon Meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd at 11:30 at Applebee's on Pleasant Avenue. We picked a place closer to home and hope the weather is better than last month. Hope to see you there.

TATIANA Tatiana, international known singer/songwriter is coming to St. Maximilian Church, Liberty Twp, on Thursday, Feb 25 at 7p.m. You will experience her powerful concert event "I Thirst" the Crucifixion Story, Christ's walk on Calvary. There is no charge for the event. Donations will be accepted.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE (BE) IS A GRIEF RECOVERY WEEKEND SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A RELATIONSHIP DUE TO DEATH OF A SPOUSE, DIVORCE OR SEPARATION. BEGINNING EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN MINISTERING IN CINCINNATI SINCE 1978 AND HAS SERVED IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR OVER 30 YEARS! IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, THE ARCHDIOCESAN FAMILY LIFE OFFICE OR THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE BOARD WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO ANSWER THEM. DATES OF UPCOMING B.E. WEEKENDS: MARCH 19-21, 2010 AND OCTOBER 22-24, 2010

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XAVIER MUSKETEERS

Any person who presents a church bulletin at the Xavier ticket office will receive two free tickets for a Xavier Women's basketball game on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 4 p.m. against Richmond. The first 1,000 fans will receive a collector's edition Musketeer Wobble Body. Please present your bulletin to the Cintas Center Ticket Office on the day of the game to receive this offer. For more information call (513)745-3389.



Saturday, January 30th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 p.m. Greg Vaughn – Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Sunday, January 31st Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Ruth Von Hagen in Celebration of her 90th Birthday (Char & Family)

Monday, February 1st Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Tom Eichhold

Tuesday, February 2nd The Presentation of the Lord
 7:15 a.m. Nettie Schneider – Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Wednesday, February 3rd Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr
 7:15 a.m. Special Intention

Thursday, February 4th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, February 5th First Friday St. Agatha, virgin & martyr
 8:00 a.m. Mary Mitrione (Bob & Phyllis Palmieri)
 7:00 p.m. Charles Robertson (James Emmons, Susan Emmons)

Saturday, February 6th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 a.m. To End the Assault on All Innocent Human Life (St. Ann Respect Life Committee)

5:00 p.m. Dolores Bach (Family)

Sunday, February 7th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of the Eichhold Family

St. Ann Financial Stewardship <i>Thank you!</i>	
Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
01/24/2010	\$ 8,183.15
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 350,088.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 292,306.98
ABITIBI Paper Recycling	\$ 64.95

First Friday - February 5th
5:30pm confession, 7:00pm Mass
Following Mass - First Friday Devotions
(Exposition, First Friday devotional Prayers, Benediction)

 **In Memoriam**

Please remember in your prayers the following members of St. Ann Parish who have been buried from our church.

- Benjamin Evers
- James Maus
- Marlene Duey
- Earl Wyant
- Esther Reeb
- Robert Durrough
- Elvira Vitale
- Henry George
- Betty Keller