

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Responsorial Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; Gospel: John 1:29-34



“Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”

Very appropriately, as we move into Ordinary Time, our readings remind us of our baptismal call to bring the light of Christ into our world. The Christmas Season filled our hearts with the joy of Emmanuel—God-with-us—living and breathing among us. This Sunday invites us to recognize our common mission to live in the Spirit of the Lord of Life, the Lamb of God. John the Baptist, saw and testified to the presence of Jesus. We as followers of Jesus, are called by God to do the same.

The passage we receive from the Prophet Isaiah this Sunday speaks to us as servants of the Lord. The first verse we hear from Isaiah sounds like a commission: the servant is called and sent. The following verses indicate an even greater trust that God has placed in us: “I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” Each one of us has a role in history. Each one of us—through the power and gift of the Spirit of God—as servants, are called to offer God’s welcome, grace, salvation, and justice to others. Jesus accepted the mission to spread the Good News of God’s saving love by obediently submitting to the Father’s will. His life, death, and resurrection invite us—his followers—to do the same!

“To do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is written in my heart!” —Psalm 40

50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Monterey

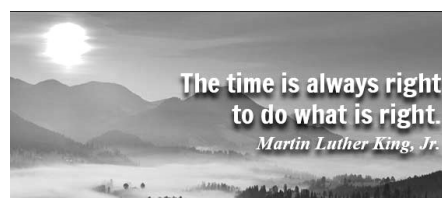
A very beautiful and informative book on the History of the Diocese of Monterey is available following our Masses this weekend and in the Parish Office during the week.

GRACE UPON GRACE

The hardcover 50th anniversary book with glossy paper, 264 pages, full color, 10” x 10”, is available at cost for \$30.

A second book entitled ***Saint Junipero Serra—First Saint Proclaimed in the United States of America*** is also available in a large comic book format for \$10.

Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”

“I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.”



We are happy to have you with us! If you are new to the parish, or have never registered, please register by using the *Parish*

Registration Form on the front page of the bulletin. Thank you!

Liturgical Ministries

As we enter Ordinary Time, following a beautiful Christmas Season, it seems like an especially appropriate time to consider serving in one of our liturgical ministries. We have a special need for more parishioners to serve our community in one or more of the following ministries:

- Lectors (Proclaimers of God's Word),
- Ministers of the Eucharist,
- Greeters of Hospitality/Ushers,
- Altar Servers

Please speak with Fr. Dennis after Mass or by calling the Parish Office if you are willing and able to serve in one of these special ministries. Thank you for prayerfully considering this important need that we have.

Retrouvaille Weekend January 20-22, 2017

Retrouvaille is a special weekend for couples in need of healing and renewal in their marriage. For more information: HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Eric and Beth at 831-479-1260.

Weekly Mass in Spanish

We now have a weekly Sunday Mass in Spanish at 5:00 pm. Please inform others.

Second Collection Next Weekend—Jan. 21-22

The Annual Diocesan Collection for the Retirement Fund for Aged and Infirm Priests

Offertory Report 1/8/2017

Plate collection: \$2,901; Building Fund: \$1,165; Hope's Pantry \$25; electronic: \$1,444; other: \$8,398; total deposit: \$13,933. Thank you!

Mass Intentions - Jan. 14-20, 2017

Sat., 4:30 pm	The sick of the parish
Sun., 9:00 am	+Nicholas Marasco +Hans and Carola Schmidthues
Sun., 11:15 am	+Esther Panziera Pedavilla +Jason Hall +Lorena Merino
Sun., 5:00 pm	Las familias de la comunidad
Wed., 7:00 am	Int. Schmidthues Family
Thur., 7:00 am	+Jill Taylor
Fri., 7:00 am	+Jeff Taylor

NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

50 Aniversario de la Diócesis de Monterey - Tenemos disponible un libro muy especial sobre la historia de la Diócesis por el costo de \$30. Estamos vendiendo el libro en la oficina parroquial y después de las Misas este fin de semana.

Parejas - Descubran como pueden fortalecer su fe y matrimonio. Dense la oportunidad de empezar el año asistiendo a una experiencia de un fin de semana del *Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial*. El próximo fin de semana será los días 27, 28 y 29 de enero. Para más información comuníquense con Artemio y Gladys Del Águila al 774-1335 o a montereynorte@emm17.org.



Confesiones - Cada sábado a las 3:30 pm.

Youth Corner

John the Baptist knew one would come after him who was sent by God. But how would John know who this person was? The Lord spoke to John and told him to watch for the one on whom the Spirit rested. How do we recognize God in our midst? We can know that God is at work in us, in others, or in a situation in which we see evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence. Check out Galatians 5:22-23 for the list of the fruits of the Spirit. Whenever you see these at work, know that God is there!

