

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Responsorial Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

"The Lord is my light and my salvation." (Psalm 27)



Today's readings continue to explore the call to discipleship—the call to serve others as followers of Christ.

Isaiah tells us: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Following their exile, the Israelites have been freed, and are now able to start a brand new life. God has freed them from the darkness of slavery and oppression. A new light is upon them!

After John the Baptist was arrested, Matthew describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry along the Sea of Galilee. He begins his ministry with the words

of Isaiah and the Baptist. Jesus announces that a new day has come. God's reign of mercy, peace, and new life brings hope to God's people. Jesus calls his first disciples, Simon and Andrew, and James and John. All four are fishermen, called to become "fishers of men [and women]." They quickly leave behind their nets—their livelihood—to follow Jesus. The fishermen and so many others are filled with hope and promise. God's light shines upon them! Good News is proclaimed and healing takes place for the poor and suffering!

This Third Sunday of Ordinary time invites us to open our hearts to the voice of the Lord, calling us to share in the newness of life—leaving behind all fear and doubt—to live with faith and to belong to Christ. He leads us out of darkness into his wonderful light!

"I belong to Christ." (1 Cor. 1:12)

2016 AMA Final Report

We would like to thank all of you who participated in the 2016 Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) of our Diocese of Monterey.

Our 2016 goal was **\$10,400**. The total amount donated for the AMA was **\$41,007**. Because we exceeded our goal, thanks to you, the difference between the goal and the amount donated, **\$30,607**, is being used to support our ministries and other needs here at OLMC.

May God's blessings be upon all of you who participated during the past year in the AMA. The 2017 Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) will begin in February.

Grace Upon Grace



DIocese of Monterey

A very beautiful and informative 50th Anniversary book on the History of our Diocese is available following Masses this weekend, as well as 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 Junípero Serra—First Saint Proclaimed in the United States of America* is also available for \$10.

Liturgical Ministries

Our gospel reminds us this Sunday that we are all called to serve. Please 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 (Proclaiming God's Word),
- Ministers of the Eucharist,
- Greeters of Hospitality/Ushers,
- Altar Servers,
- Music Ministry/11:15 am Choir.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of others.' At once they left their nets and followed him." Let us answer God's call to make our marriages the best they can be by attending the next World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend which will take place at St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista on March 3-5 and May 5-7, 2017. For more information call Mary Jo and Rich Castello, at 831-200-3780 or register online at centralcawwme.org.



Weekly Mass in Spanish

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

Second Collection This Weekend—Jan. 21-22

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

Offertory Report 1/15/2017

Plate collection: \$3,022; Building Fund: \$265; Hope's Pantry \$30; other: \$79; total deposit: \$3,396. (electronic now included in other categories). Thank you!

Mass Intentions - Jan. 21-27, 2017

Sat., 4:30 pm +Joe Lewis
+Luther Washington
Sun., 9:00 am +John and Kathleen Job
Sun., 11:15 am The Morris Family
+Lorena Merino
Sun., 5:00 pm Los jóvenes de la comunidad
Wed., 7:00 am Laura Flesher
Thur., 7:00 am +Evelyn and Charles Morrill

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.

Confesiones - Cada sábado a las 3:30 pm.

Parish Registration

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.

"He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the Cross, and you will find yourself entirely." St. Catherine of Sienna

Youth Corner

We might think of today's Gospel as being "the passing of the torch" from John to Jesus. John the Baptist was sent by God to prepare the way for Jesus, and in this passage we hear that John had been arrested. While John's life and public ministry are about to end, Jesus' is just beginning! As John fades into the background, Jesus takes center stage. Think of all those who came before you, preparing for you and making your life possible—parents, grandparents, and ancestors. Thank God for them today!