

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life;
Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; Chinese New Year 4714
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick; National Shut-in Visitation Day
Friday: Lincoln's Birthday; Abstinence

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

"Holy, holy, holy!" Ancient languages, like the Hebrew used in the scriptures, did not always have a way to express superlatives in one word. Isaiah could not say God was "holiest," so he used the threefold repetition of the same word. This bit of scriptural minutiae about these "three little words" that we sing at every Mass serves as a reminder that answering God's call has to be grounded in awareness of God's holiness. In Isaiah and in the Gospel passage today, we hear accounts of the revelation of God's power and might: the seraphim in the temple and the miraculous catch of fish. These are not wondrous revelations for their own sakes. They lead to a response in mission, Isaiah's "Here I am, send me!" and the disciples' leaving everything to follow Jesus. And so must our own "Holy, Holy, Holy!" lead us to Christ in the Eucharist every Sunday, and to a life following him day by day.

Message from Father Suneesh:

Reverend Billy Graham tells of a time early in his ministry when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to mail a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was. When the boy told him, Dr. Graham thanked him and said, "If you'll come to the Baptist church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to Heaven." "I don't think I'll be there," the boy said. "Why?" Billy Graham asked him. "Because you don't even know your way to the post office! How can you show me the way to Heaven?" Today's readings tell us about the calls of the prophet Isaiah, Paul, and Peter to God's ministry.

The central theme of today's readings is God's call to a person, and the positive response to this call which leads the person to discipleship. The readings also teach us that God has His own criteria for selecting people to be prophets and ministers. Presenting the special calls, or vocations, of Isaiah, Paul and Peter as life-changing events, the readings challenge us to examine our own personal calls to conversion and discipleship.

We need to express our reverence for God through appropriate bodily gestures. For example, when we come into Church we need to show reverence for Jesus' presence in the tabernacle by making a deep bow or by genuflecting and blessing ourselves with sign of the cross. Then we need to honor Him by listening to the word of God and by actively participating in the liturgy's prayers and singing. This same sense of reverence can be expressed by keeping the Bible, God's living word to us, in a prominent place in our homes and by kissing it each time we read from it. True

reverence for God naturally leads us to the reverent, respectful love of our neighbors as God dwells in them.

10:00 AM Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016

Lector	Euch Min	Ushers	Offertory
L. Brooks	T. Gough	N. Taylor	Fulton Family
	C. Clark	Y, Mundy	
	M.K. Gough		

6 PM Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016

Lector	Euch Min	Ushers	Offertory
G. Gough	D. Hatchett	R. Johnson	R. Johnson
	G. Adams	S. Webster	S. Webster
	M. Allen		

10:00 AM Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016

Lector	Euch Min	Ushers	Offertory
M. Allen	L. Carman	C. Clark	C. Clark
	K. Leachman	R. Moorman	R. Moorman
	V. Higgs		

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

THE SICK: Les Bumm, Jim Moorman, Bernice Williams, Maggie Howard, Rose Chapman, Veronica Wilhite, Charlene Meadows, Sarah Bumm, Charles Brown, Sr., Yvonne Hatchett, Birdie Coleman, Camilla Washington Greer (*niece of Joyce Moorman*), Dorothy Fulton, Louise Johnson, Larry Allen, , Betty Clark, Phillip Moorman, Jr. **If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

THE HOMEBOUND: Stan Howard at Bishop Soennecker Home, Knottsville, Donald Moorman room 40 at Wellington Park, 2885 New Hartford Rd, Maggie Howard at Twin River Nursing Center, 2420 West Third St., Fr. Pike Powell room 108 at the Carmel Home, Bernice Williams, Mary Jo Meadows at Hillcrest Signature Home. A phone call or a card can cheer the homebound if you can't visit.

February birthdays: Nancy Bumm (2), Jacques Williams, SR (3), Diana Wells (4), Dorothy Fulton (17), Larry Allen (23), Yasmeen Williams (24), Donald Moorman (25), Sondra Hibbs (27)

Jubilee Year of Mercy February 7, 2016 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis calls us to share with everyone the tender compassion of God that we ourselves have experienced. In today's Gospel, Luke uses a special Greek word conveying just such tenderness. In the other Gospels, Jesus calls the disciples to be "fishers," *haleis*, the same word that means catching fish with hooks or nets, to be killed and eaten. But Luke uses *zogron*, from *zoe* or "life," meaning "*catch or gather people alive*," as animal lovers capture without harming, rescue from "the wild" for a better life, and protect in aquarium or zoo, tenderly cared for by professionals committed to the creatures' well-being. So in Luke's vision—and Pope Francis' as well—we who have been "caught alive" by God's mercy

Congratulations to Marshall Layne Williams and his parents Jacques II and Whitney on the occasion of his Baptism last Sunday.

+Mark Your Calendar:

- February 10 Ash Wednesday Mass 6PM Collection for Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica Day of fasting (1 main meal) and abstinence (no meat)
- February 12 Day of abstinence (no meat)
- February 14 Ladies of Wisdom Tea (after Mass) Collection for Diocesan Administration
- February 21 2nd Collection (for Alma Randolph Foundation) Gospel Explosion 2 PM (Side dishes needed)
- February 22 Mission with Father Chester 6:30 PM
- February 26 Stations of the Cross at BSC 6 PM
- March 18 Lenten Fish Fry 5-7 PM

Doors play an important part in the **Jubilee Year of Mercy**. St. Stephen's Cathedral has a "Door of Mercy." We are encouraged to pass through the doors of mercy during this extraordinary year. Jesus himself shows us the steps to take. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." (Luke 6: 37)

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION : If you have children who are in need of preparation for sacraments or Religious Ed, please contact Sister Jeannette.

Sacramental preparation is offered to children who are enrolled in (attend) religious education classes at least one year prior to receiving 1st Eucharist and 2 years prior to Confirmation, or who attend Catholic Schools.

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Reconciliation: 9:30 AM 1stSun & every Sat 9-11 AM at St. Stephen Cathedral

Mission Statement: Established in the spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

TODAY'S READINGS—February 7, 2016 5th Week of Ordinary Time

First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**They left everything
and followed him.**

