

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up." Did you grow up in a small town? Whenever you see stories of tight-knit communities, a common refrain is that everybody knows everybody and that's very difficult to change. If you leave and return, people expect you to be and act a certain way, and it's strange for them if you do not. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus was already moving "in the power of the Spirit and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He...was praised by all." His ministry has begun! News of his growing popularity must have preceded him to Nazareth.

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Upon his arrival, he "went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day." For the first few moments, he is what they expect - their hometown boy returning to pay his respects. As was common of men at the time, he takes a turn reading a passage of Sacred Scripture. It is a bold passage, one he selects intentionally. "He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." After reading about holy anointings, liberation for the poor and prisoners, and physical healings, Jesus does the unthinkable. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

We are all called to imitate Christ wherever we are. This might mean doing the unexpected! All too often we're content with the daily status quo, and so are the people around us. When we take a stand for Christian values, change our lifestyle to reflect the Gospel, and work for justice in society, we may make others uncomfortable. But Jesus doesn't call us to the same life we lived yesterday or the year before that. He is calling all of us - each and every one of us - to deeper conversion of heart. No matter what other people expect, will you love in the Spirit of the Lord today?

Sunday Collection

Sunday. Collection for Jan. 19/20, 2019 was \$2,582.00.

Support St. Nicholas Church

Join us for a Bake Sale & Flea Market

Sunday, January 27th

10 am – 2 pm

Monsignor Vetro Parish Hall

26 Olive Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211

Cookies! Coffee! Cake! Housewares! Jewelry!

Get your Valentine's Day Gifts!

3º Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

La manera como Lucas inicia el Evangelio y orienta al ilustre Teófilo a fin de comprender la solidez de la catequesis que este había recibido. El mensaje transmitido el ordenar los acontecimientos permite también a nosotros hoy, fijar nuestros ojos en Jesús. Así, nos damos cuenta de que, en Nazaret, Jesús proclama su misión: "Enseñaba en las sinagogas de los judíos y todos lo alababan" (Lucas 4:14). Los inicios son importantes porque dan base, son cimientos seguros para iniciar la proclamación de la buena nueva. Lucas tiene un excelente gusto literario. Leer su Evangelio siempre es un deleite ya que muestra claramente la misericordia de Dios por medio de su Hijo Jesús.

En su mensaje se destacan cuatro puntos importantes. 1. Jesús anuncia la buena noticia con palabras, acciones y milagros. Es decir, acciones concretas. Siempre acompañado del espíritu de Dios desde su Bautismo. 2. En la sinagoga proclama el conocido pasaje de Isaías 61:1ss. "El Espíritu del Señor esta sobre mí. Él me ha ungido para llevar las buenas noticias a los pobres, para anunciar la libertad a los cautivos y a los ciegos que pronto van a ver, para poner en libertad a los oprimidos y a proclamar el año de gracia del Señor" (Lucas 4; 18-19). El pasaje se puede resumir en lo siguiente: hacer el bien de parte de Dios a toda la humanidad. 3. Jesús anuncia que se ha cumplido la Escritura en él: "Hoy se cumplen estas palabras proféticas y a ustedes les llegan noticias de ello" (Lucas 4:21). 4. Fue en Nazaret donde dio comienzo la actividad pública de Jesús. ¿Crees que Jesús sigue actuando en su Iglesia? ¿Cómo?

Readings for the week of January 27, 2019

Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 19 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22-32
Next Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

A Message from Fr. Tom

This past weekend, one of the local papers covered a story about a young boy from Park Slope, Brooklyn—Desmond, age 11—who has been encouraged to explore his identity as “drag queen.” I was revolted by it. Needless to say, the parents and the popular media are very supportive of his “courage” and freedom to express his talents. He appeared on ABC’s Good Morning American in December along with several other adult drag queens. Desmond has quite a resume. Along with his national television appearance; he participated in the Gay Pride Parade and has been dancing in a gay bar in our own neighborhood. Listen folks—I consider this young man to be a victim. I don’t blame him—I fault his parent’s and our culture. We need to love him and correct those caught up in our self-destructive and narcissistic culture. Furthermore, I recognize how little credibility the Catholic Church and her ministers have with those who read these words coming from a Catholic priest—particularly given the forthcoming announcement of priest abusers in our diocese and the gay sub-culture that is shamefully present in the priesthood. But how, could anybody read or see this story and not be alarmed over where our society is presently at? How can we not recognize we live in a society headed for collapse that puts freedom above the common good and basic common sense? We allow a boy of 11 to be sexualized and glorified on national TV, and yet wonder and scratch our heads at the prevalence of sexual exploitation of all types (heterosexual & homosexual) rampant in our culture. Let us not be asleep to what is going on around us. St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

How do we go about rebuilding the brokenness around us? How do we start to renew our own lives after the earthquakes around us—loss of livelihood, loss of loved ones, loss of health and so on—to say nothing of the moral breakdown of our society and the problems within our own church? Luke points us in the right direction. He explains to us in the Gospel that bears his name: “So that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.” So the first step is to listen to God’s word. Fr. Roland Faley, O.F.M was one of the emeritus professors from my days in the seminary put the challenge before us in this way: “Each Sunday as the scripture is read—it is directed toward each one of us—personally. Our responsibility—my responsibility—is to examine my own conscience in the light of the Word that I hear.” This Gospel is addressed to Theophilus. This name means literally “one who

loves God.” If we love God, we will love the truth. The one who loves the truth will be guided in right paths. And so we must allow God’s word to challenge us and bind ourselves ever more closely to Jesus whose Word can save and renew us. **Fr. Tom**

Thank you Fr. Alexandre Morard

After this weekend Fr. Alexandre Morard will begin his new assignment at Sts. Peter & Paul/St. Agnes in Cobble Hill. He is needed to minister to the needs of the many French speaking nationals who reside in that part of Brooklyn. It has been my privilege to serve with and learn from him. God Bless him and the Hearts Home Community.

Recent Public Safety Issues/Vagrants in St. Francis of Paola Church

I am very happy that we are able to keep St. Francis of Paola Church open during daytime hours Monday—Friday 7:00am to 3:30pm. Unfortunately, we have recently experienced an up-tick in some problems: vagrants stealing one of our wooden donation boxes; attempts made to break into locked candle boxes; persons bring open alcoholic containers inside the church; harassing faithful for money. Over the last few weeks I have intervened personally asking certain persons to refrain from such behavior—to little effect. It has gotten to the point where we need to send a stronger message. If you see something amiss call the police immediately via 911—then let us know in the office what is going on. I spoke with representatives from the 94th Precinct. They will try to increase their presence during the day time as well—but they also reiterated their need to hear from us and for people to step forward and report any incidents that are of a serious nature. We cannot have a full time security guard in the church. When you see something wrong or feel threatened by anyone—please call the police to report the incident. I understand, it is hard for us to treat with what feels like severity the many people we encounter on our streets that are prisoners to addictions and mental illness—I share these feelings with you. However, hard experience has taught me you are helping no one when you enable a person to remain trapped in a cycle of addiction—or habituate anti-social behavior.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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Welcome to Ron and Patrick

Over the next month you will notice two young men—Ron and Patrick—who will be working closely with Fr. Paul Anel and the Heart's Home Community. They are seminarians from the Archdiocese of Brooklyn and are here to experience the charism of the HH community and the challenges faced by serving in our multi-cultural neighborhood. Welcome and let's pray that they persevere on the path to the priesthood.

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – January 27, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

For my sickness, my problems: Spiritually and Mentally. To give thanks for 2 children and myself by Gertrude Vidot Linares

**Saint Blaise-Sunday
February 3, 2019**

Throats will be blessed after each Mass on Sunday, February 3, 2019.

To Receive Parish Bulletin Electronically

Would you like to receive our parish bulletin electronically days before everyone else? Then log on to "Parishesonline.com" to register. In a few simple steps you can receive our parish bulletin and more easily stay on top of parish events and other important parish information.

NATURALIZATION WORKSHOP

If you have a green card, you may be eligible for citizenship:

Thursday, January 31, 2019 – 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Catholic Migration Services, 191 Joralemon St.
2nd Floor, Brooklyn, New York 11211

To register: call: 718-236-3000 or text 718-866-3687

You will need to bring your Green Card, all passports, a copy of your most recent IRS tax return, marriage certificate or divorce papers (if applicable), and certified court dispositions and MTA dispositions (if applicable).

You may be eligible for a fee waiver! If you receive public benefits, please bring an award letter from the agency. To request a letter you go in person to a NYC HRA office.

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, January 26, 2019

5:00pm Gentile Family by Ernie Gentile & Family

Sunday, January 27, 2019

8:00am Gerard Navarro by Mr. & Mrs. Franco D'Arrigo & Family
11:30am Open Intention

Monday, January 28, 2019

7:45am Thomas Lorenzo by Lorenzo Family

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

7:45am Vilella Family by Children

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

7:45am Eleanor Bisztyga by Mr. & Mrs. John Passaro

Thursday, January 31, 2019

7:45am McCauley Family

Friday, February 1, 2019

7:45am Linda Anacrelico by Santarumita Family

Saturday, February 2, 2019

7:45am Felice Baglivo by Family
5:00pm Penny Farco by Niece

Sunday, February 3, 2019

8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mr. & Mrs. Francesco D'Arrigo & Family
11:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

**Divine Mercy Parish Concert Series
Low Art**

Music for Saxophone and Keyboard
February 8, 2019 at 7:00pm
Green Door Gallery

St. Theresa Guild

Please join in prayer following the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at St. Francis of Paola Church. We will assemble in the front left pews.

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will be on Thursday, February 7th, at 7:30 pm in the basement of St. Francis of Paola. All are welcome.

JANUARY 27, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, January 27, 2019

10:30am for The People of Divine Mercy Parish

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

Sunday, February 3, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick: Wanda Sadwarny, Maryann Picora, Carmella Caiafa, RoseAnn Frank, Remi Schandel, Anthony Scala, John Colasanti, Rae Pacifico, Sawziy Ali, Umberto Caleotafiore, Giuseppe Guadagno, Donato D'Asosto, Aniello De Sarno, Frank Morena, Clara Chang, Joe Bavuso, Marie Bavuso, Anthony Porcelli

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Edith Massone, Joseph A. Gatti, Anthony DeSena, Jose Vasquez, Kathleen Sullivan, Anna SanFillippo

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

Do you have an interest in giving back in our community of Divine Mercy Parish? Is so, please consider spending some time with our young people. We have a weekly youth group meeting every Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm, at St. Francis. Any time you can spend with our youth is a gift to them.

For more information please call the rectory at 718-387-0256 or email our youth minister at youth@dmbk.org.

Thank You

The Rosary Society wishes to thank the parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish for their generosity in support of the Giving Tree, at Christmas time.

The recipient this year was the St. Clare House for Woman. Also collected were hats, gloves and scarfs for the homeless and this also was a great success.

Generation of Faith

As of January 15, 2019

Total Pledged	\$456,237.00
Total Paid	\$330,476.00
Donors	184

Mass Intentions for the Week St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, January 27, 2019

9:30am Daniel McGovern

Susan Gernert

7:00pm Open Intention

Monday, January 28, 2019

8:30am Rose C. Pettenato

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

8:30am Kathleen Sullivan

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

8:30am Open Intention

Thursday, January 31, 2019

8:30am McCauley Family

Friday, February 1, 2019 - First Friday

8:30am Purgatorial Society

Saturday, February 2, 2019

8:30am Kathleen Sullivan

Sunday, February 3, 2019

9:30am Tessie & Julia Caliendo

Fred Lovero

President Donald Trump: Living Intention

Rosary Society

7:00pm Open Intention

Rosary Society

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be on Wednesday, February 6, at 7:00 pm, in the auditorium of St. Cecilia.

Nocturnal Adoration

All Invited to the Chapel at St. Cecilia for Nocturnal Adoration, on Saturday, February 2, at 8 pm.

UP DATE

The boiler installation is complete and the heat is back on in St. Cecilia. The window restoration is nearing completion and scaffolding should be coming down soon, at St. Cecilia's.

Scaffolding will be going up at St. Francis for ceiling replacement.

New doors and frame restoration should be completed by the spring, at St. Nicholas.

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RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94th Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

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Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm