

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2012

In today's gospel people listened to Jesus in a setting much like ours today—they were at worship. And the worshipers were "spellbound" as Jesus taught them. Jesus speaks to us today, too. Let us resolve to listen carefully, to put away distractions during our time together and be attentive to God's message for us.



Beginning Jan. 30, 2012

8:00 am Daily Mass

- MON: George Draper Martha Simon
- TUES: Rafaela D. Datu Pilar Escarcha
- WED: Sue & Ray Anderson (SI) Catherine Mann
- THURS: Marie Russo
- FRI: Brian Gatto
- SAT: Denise Lutes

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012

- 4:30 PM: Paul Schreiber
- 6:00 PM: Mass of the People

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012

- 7:30 AM: Ruth Soistman
- 9:00 AM: Dennis & Michael Carmody
- 10:30 AM Francis Graber
- Noon: Buenaventura Frades
- 11 AM – School Mass – Charles Kendzierski
- N.H. – indicates Nursing Home
- S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Feb. 5, 2012

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- First: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Job's anguish
- Second: 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23 Paul, a slave to the Gospel.
- Gospel: Mark 1:21-28: Mark 1:29-39 Jesus heals and drives out demons.

PRAYER CHAIN If you have a PRAYER REQUEST call any member of the IHM Prayer Chain: Call Mary Ann Thaler 410-668-7738, Corrine Kelly 410 -252-2009

Sodality Day of Recollection – Sunday, March 18th – Leave IHM Noon – Return 6:00 PM – Call Dot Raab 410-668-7760 Friar Facilitator: Fr. Steve Frenier – Deadline for Reservations – Feb. 29th. Cost is \$48.00 – Day includes Lunch, two talks, confession, and closing prayer.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

ENTRUSTED WITH A STEWARDSHIP (1 CORINTHIANS 9:17)

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2012 Archbishop's Appeal. This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Entrusted with a stewardship." When we give ourselves to God, God fills us with His grace and love. Jesus taught that God will never forget us. All that we have and all that we are is given to us by God. In thanksgiving for all that God gives to us, please give generously to the Annual Appeal

Collections for the Weekend of Jan. 22, 2012

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| Envelope Donations | \$ | 6040.00 |
| Loose | \$ | 1402.62 |
| Children | \$ | 78.41 |
| Total | \$ | 7521.03 |
| Less Cathedraticum | \$ | 1128.15 |
| Available for Parish | \$ | 6392.88 |
| Second Collection | \$ | 3594.55 |
| Poor Box | \$ | 249.54 |
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RESPECT LIFE - Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan of New York, sharply criticized the decision by the Obama administration in which it ordered almost every employer and insurer in the country to provide sterilization and contraceptives, including some abortion-inducing drugs, in their health plans. "Never before has the federal government forced individuals and organizations to go out into the marketplace and buy a product that violates their conscience. This shouldn't happen in a land where free exercise of religion ranks first in the Bill of Rights," Cardinal-designate Dolan said. On Jan. 20, Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of the Health and Human Services, announced that non-profit employers will have one year to comply with the new rule. Cardinal-designate Dolan urged Catholics and the public at large to speak out in protest Call Senator Ben Cardin at 410-962-4436 and Senator Barbara Mikulski at 410-062-4510, and either Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger (District 2) at 410-628-2701, or Congressman John Sarbanes (District 3) at 410-832-8890. (USCCB News Release, 01/21/12) To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410-665-8645.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the church altar flowers on a particular weekend please call the parish office at 410-668-7935 and speak with Donna.

Liturgical Ministers Retreat: Saturday February 25, 2012 from 9am to 12:30pm, we invite all IHM Liturgical Ministers (Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, Musicians, Ushers) as well as Catechists, school faculty, Parish Council and any Parishioner who might be considering joining a liturgical ministry to attend. We will begin with 8am Mass followed by the retreat, a light breakfast will be served. The presenter will be Fr. Nicholas Amato who will lead us as through an experience of how a direct presence to God can have impact on how we see ourselves, how we see others and thus have an extraordinary affect both on us and our ministry. Sign up sheets are located in the vestibule ushers closet and on the sacristy bulletin board. Flyers have been distributed to all ministries, extra copies are available in the sacristy. There is no cost to attend. Begin Lent with a wonderful spiritual and uplifting renewal by joining us!

OUR DAILY BREAD - Thursday February 2nd - is our day to collect Casseroles for our daily bread. We will be on the parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. There will be pans and recipes available in back of church this weekend for anyone who would like to participate. In case of inclement weather do not bring your casserole that day. **ODB** has provisions for emergencies.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - we are in need of volunteers for our Monday nursing home service. The service is held every Monday at 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Cromwell nursing home on Emge road please call 410-663-4357 if you are interested in this special ministry.

FAITH FORMATION AT IHM

Is your child a student at IHM? Does your child attend Sunday Morning Faith Formation? Have you ever wondered what your child is learning? Do you sometimes feel like you don't know what your child is talking about? Want to learn more? Come to a question and answer session and learn more about the Catholic faith. Develop a greater understanding to what your child is being exposed and explore some of your questions! **Sessions** will meet in the Faith Formation office across from the Art Room in the school Wednesday, March 15, 8:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. or 7 p.m. Come to one or all! Contact Amie Post at 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com

FAITH FORMATION classes will resume on February 5. Community service hours are available for teens who volunteer. **ALSO** *Middle School students needing service hours* please consider helping in our Nursery on Sunday mornings, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. or on Saturday afternoons with Bingo at local nursing homes. Contact Amie Post for more information.

The **NURSERY** during the 10:30 Mass has reopened. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to help. Please call the Faith Formation office if you would be willing to donate an hour on Sunday morning every few months.

Any child who is in 2nd grade or older interested in receiving **FIRST EUCHARIST** is invited to begin preparation for the WONDERFUL gift of Jesus in the Sacrament! Please contact Amie Post to make arrangements for the preparation of your child. 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com Do you have an older child who is seeking Baptism? Eucharist or Confirmation? Contact Amie Post for more information!

2/11 Middle School Dance - 7:30 - 10 p.m., \$5 + mittens or gloves. Pizza will be available!!! Chaperones needed. Contact Amie to volunteer.

3/9 Middle School March Madness - LASER TAG EXTRAVAGANZA!!!! Friday, March 9, 9 p.m. - Saturday, March 10, 1 AM. Cost is \$25/person (down \$10 from last year!!!). Permission forms and payment due by 3/1/12. Space is limited so sign up early to assure your spot! Chaperones are needed - shift work available. Flyers with more details will be sent home next week. Questions? Contact Amie Post 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com

Mark your calendars NOW for **OPERATION OVERBOARD where we go deeper with GOD!!!!** **Vacation Bible Camp will be held June 25 - 29, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon.** Cost is \$15/child. Adult help is needed for one day or all! Registration materials will be sent home in April. Contact Amie Post if you wish to help serve on the planning committee!

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL: Open Houses! Sunday, January 29 (from 12:00-2:00) and Wednesday, February 1 (from 9:00-12:00). Catholic Values & Community Service; Superior Parental Approval Rating; Exceptional & Extensive Extracurriculars; On-site before & after care. call at 410-668-8466 or visit us at www.immaculateheartofmary.com/school

K of C Free Throw Tournament - All boys and girls ages 10 through 14 years old are welcome to participate. Tournament will be held in the IHM gym on Sunday, Jan. 29th. Registration begins promptly at 5:00 p.m. Tournament should last about 2 hours. Registration is free.

MUSIC MINISTRY: The IHM Adult Choir and Contemporary Ensemble will be preparing music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. New Members are welcome. If you sing, or play an instrument, you are encouraged to join us. Our Resurrection Choir is also looking for new members. For information, please contact the music office at 401-668-0097 or tbozek@immaculateheartofmary.com or gwillkerson@immaculateheartofmary.com

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS - 2011

In order to save on postage costs, no statements of offertory envelope contributions for 2011 will be mailed out unless requested. If you wish to receive your statement, please cut out this slip below, fill it out and drop it in the collection basket or mail it back to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Envelope

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Note: Taxpayers who make multiple contributions of \$250.00 or more to the same charity during the year only need one acknowledgement reflecting the total amount for the year. Statements will not be mailed until the 31st of January 2012.