

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHP

Christmas is less than a month behind us, but today we are encountering readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus calls out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. Even though it is easy to misunderstand these Sundays called "Ordinary Time" as being commonplace, they are anything but that. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we will first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully in order to live out whatever vocation Christ has called us to. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested and imprisoned. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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Sunday -Breakfast will not be served today

Tuesday -7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. RCIA in the Parish Conference Room.

Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Minister gathering in the parish hall.

Friday -12:30 p.m. Respect Life Rosary



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK January 26 - February 1, 2009

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

SUNDAY'S READINGS February 1, 2009

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the LORD will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm — Blessed the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught the crowds from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

LAS EXIGENCIAS DE SER DISCÍPULO

Hace tan solo un mes fue Navidad, pero hoy ya encontramos lecturas con el tono penitencia de Cuaresma. Nínive ayuna durante cuarenta días, el salmista nos recuerda que sólo Dios puede indicarles el camino a los pecadores, san Pablo nos muestra que todas las cosas y los acontecimientos de este mundo son transitorios y Jesús nos dice: "Arrepiéntanse" antes de llamar a sus nuevos seguidores. Si bien es fácil malinterpretar estos domingos del "Tiempo Ordinario" pensando que son corrientes, distan mucho de serlo. "Sígueme", dice Jesús, pero si realmente vivimos los mandamientos y las exigencias de ser discípulos por el Bautismo, nos daremos cuenta de nuestra necesidad de conversión, de nuestro arrepentimiento, nuestra necesidad de creer plenamente en el Evangelio para poder vivir la vocación a la que Jesús nos ha llamado. El Evangelio de hoy comienza recordándonos lo que le sucedió a Juan Bautista por vivir plenamente su vocación como heraldo de Cristo y del Evangelio: fue arrestado, encarcelado y martirizado. Si bien pocos de nosotros sufriremos consecuencias tan extremas, todos debemos estar preparados para enfrentar algún tipo de rechazo por hacerle caso al llamado de Jesús, vivir el Reino de Dios que está próximo, arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y creer en la buena nueva de salvación.

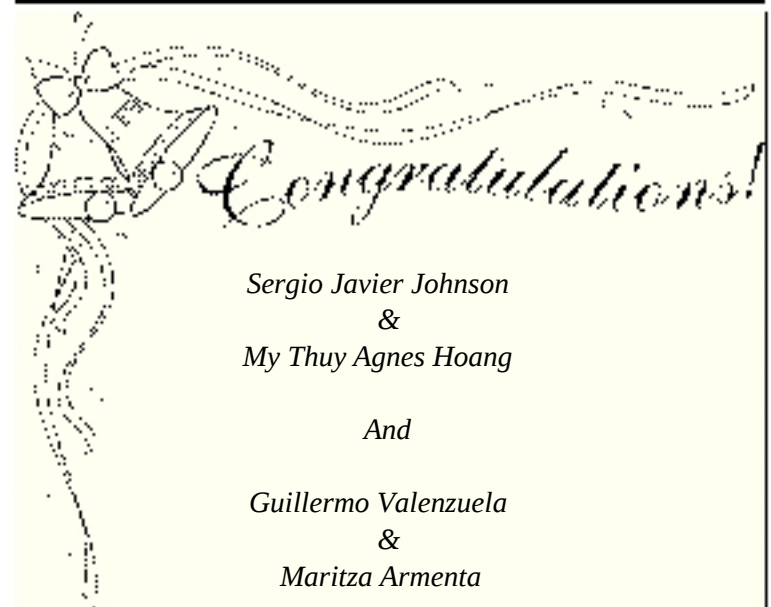
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Mass Intentions for the week of January 25, 2009

Sunday	6:30 a.m. For the Bielinski family
	8:00 a.m. †Frank C. Estrella
	10:00 a.m. †Robert Salas & Family
	12:00 p.m. †Louise Denmon
	5:30 p.m. †Rebecca Hall
Monday	7:00 a.m. For the Bielinski Family
	12:00 p.m. For the poor souls
Tuesday	7:00 a.m. For the Bielinski Family
	12:00 p.m. In honor of St. Monica
Wednesday	7:00 a.m. For the Bielinski Family
	12:00 p.m. For Bernice Ormsby
Thursday	7:00 a.m. †Estelle Kane
	12 Noon †Frances Saiz Cortez
Friday	7:00 a.m. †Dolores Rendon
	12:00 p.m. †Librada Andrade Varela
Saturday	7:00 a.m. For the poor souls in purgatory
	12:00 p.m. For the Bielinski Family
	5:30 p.m. †Helen Gallardo

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Sergio Javier Johnson
 &
 My Thuy Agnes Hoang

And

Guillermo Valenzuela
 &
 Maritza Armenta

RCIA JOURNEYS

Since last November, when our catechumens experienced the Rite of Acceptance and our candidates experienced the Rite of Welcome, all have been in a period of reflection and conversion, of turning more toward Jesus in daily life, relationships, work, and in community. Today's gospel reminds all of us that Christ continues to call us by name to follow him. Please pray for our catechumens and candidates, that they continue to respond to the call to seek and follow Christ in our midst.

"People are initiated into the community, in the midst of the community, by the community." - Sheila O'Dea, R.S.M.

Liturgical Ministries

Eucharistic Ministers....

Letters inviting you to the Eucharistic Ministers gathering on January 28, 2009 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the church went out last week! If you did not receive a letter, then we might not have your correct address; please call Susan! Please plan on attending to offer your valuable input. RSVP before January 26. I look forward to meeting you! Peace, Susan Whitney, 623-6351, ext. 107

Ministros Eucarísticos....

Favor de anotar su calendario con la fecha de Miércoles, 28 de enero, para nuestra primera reunión esto será en la Iglesia, de 6:30-8:30 PM. Favor de asistir a esta importante reunión. Favor de responder no más tarde que Lunes, 26 enero, para mayor preparar esta importante reunión. Llaman a Susan, 623-6351, ext. 107. Estoy ansiosa de conocerlos! Paz.

Lectors....

Lectors who also serve as Eucharistic Ministers are highly encouraged to attend the Eucharistic Minister gathering in the church from 6:30- 8:30 PM for prayer, discussion, sharing, and important information. Uniformity in how we serve has been a recommendation; your attendance will help bring this about! Please RSVP to Susan no later than January 26. Peace, Susan Whitney, 623-6351, ext. 107.

Support Group Families Suffering with Addiction or Mental Illness

This group starts the meeting with the Rosary and ends in prayer. We meet with a Catholic addiction counselor who is also a life coach. (For which we do collect a love offering) Any parishioner who is suffering from a loved one's problem of addiction or mental illness is welcome.

When: Thursday afternoons 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Where: Most Holy Trinity Church (Matthew Mark Room)
1300 N. Greasewood

If you have any questions please call Ed or Olivia at 743-5267 or Ed or Carmen at 882-8613.

A Night of Laughter & Song with

Joann Contorno

Entertainer, Comedian & Motivational Speaker

&

Fr. Joe Rodrigues SDS

Priest & Recording Artist

Saturday - February 7, 2009
7:00 pm

Sponsored by Vine of Grace Retreat Ministry

St. Francis Cabrini Parish Hall
3201 E. Presidio Tucson

\$10.00 per person at the door

A donation will be requested to support our scholarship fund

You must make a reservation!

Call 520.631.1408 or www.vineofgrace.org (fundraising link)

Together But Alone Retreat

When God Means Something Different to Your Spouse
February 6-8, 2009

You attend church on Sunday while your husband golf's. You want to join a weekly small faith-sharing group, but your wife wants you to spend time with her. You want to talk about a great spiritual book you've read, but you cannot engage your spouse in discussion. During a family crisis, you want to pray with your spouse, but your spouse doesn't know how to pray. What's a spouse to do?

Donna Erickson Couch, herself a veteran of such situations, offers spiritual guidance to help us keep our quest for a deeper understanding and richer experience of God from threatening the peace in our marriages and homes. With practical suggestions on how to compromise on expressions of faith, resolve schedule conflicts and talk about the issues that separate you and your spouse. This Together But Alone weekend retreat invites married men and women to explore their journey of faith.

The weekend retreat begins with registration on Friday Feb. 6, 2009 between 3:00-5:00 p.m. and ends after lunch on Sunday Feb. 8, 2009. Attendance options include a single room for \$200.00; double \$175.00 per person; commuter option \$90.00. Advance registrations are required with a \$35.00 non-refundable deposit, which is applied to the retreat fee. The book, Together But Alone, will be available for purchase during the workshop.

For registration or information, please call or write: 520.744-3400; toll free: 866.737-5751; or office@desertrenewal.org

Santa Cruz School Benefit

Santa Cruz Catholic School in Tucson will be holding its 4th annual golf tournament on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Randolph North Golf Course. The fee of \$75 per golfer will include the golf cart, tee fee, and lunch. All proceeds will benefit the school's technology program. Prizes and 1, 2, and 3 place awards will be given. For additional information please call 520-622-1163 or 520-850-4028.

WIN AN AUTOMOBILE!

\$5

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or

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Drawing to be held

Saturday,

February 14, 2009

@ 11:00 am.

Winner need not be
present.

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PRIZE

1993

Chevy Van

Proceeds benefit

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"Keep Cathedral Grounds Beautiful**

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**St. Augustine Cathedral's
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**"Keep Cathedral Grounds Beautiful
Diocese of Tucson "Foreign Priests
Committee"**

Vehicle Assistance Program".

and the

**Diocese of Tucson "Foreign Priests
Vehicle Assistance Program".**

2ND PRIZE

1982 Chevy

Suburban

