

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you probably know, I enjoy reading and studying my Bible. Even when I am tired and have not finished my preparation for the Tuesday Bible Study, I do not have much trouble being motivated to get it done. But while I am happy to read my Bible, I am not particularly good at other things that I know are also good for me (exercising and good eating, to name just two).

Perhaps one of your struggles is reading the Bible. You know that it is a good thing to do. You have heard people talk about how it has affected their lives. But you just can't seem to bring yourself to open it.

So, what is there to do? How can we get ourselves to do things (like read our Bibles) that we know are good for us?

Perhaps this is a question better answered by a behavioral scientist – someone who specializes in human behavior. I can, I think, offer one helpful suggestion: get a friend to join you.

Allow me an example. I do not like to run. I like finishing a run, but I do not enjoy the act of running. Ride a bicycle for a few hours? Fine. Run for 20 minutes? AUGH! Yet I ran nearly every day during my seminary training. Why? I had 3 or 4 friends that met each day to run. The fact that they expected me to show up got me out of my room and downstairs to our meeting spot. Their company and conversation made the runs (almost) enjoyable.

The same may be true when it comes to reading the Bible. If you cannot muster the initiative to read on your own, why not get some help? Would a friend or family member agree to 15 or 30 minutes of Bible time together? Perhaps an organized Bible study would work better. Right now, a dedicated group is reading the book of Acts together on Tuesday mornings (9-10:30am in the Parish Hall). You are welcome to join this group at any time!

How can we get ourselves to do things (like read our Bibles) that we know are good for us?

I could go on to add all the reasons reading the Bible would be good for you. I suspect you already know them. Let me conclude with a simple suggestion on getting started – read the Book of Mark. This is one of the four Gospels and, for most people, the easiest to read. Mark tends to tell short stories – one after another – and that makes it move along.

Try this: With your friend (or by yourself) begin with a short prayer asking God to open your heart to His Word and to teach you something. Then read one or two of Mark's stories. Since they are typically no more than a paragraph in length, read them a second time so that you get a clear picture of the story. Then, pause to ask what you can learn from the story. What might God be saying to you? Your reflection may transition into prayer and that's a great way to end your time.

No, that method will not make you a Bible scholar. It will get you started and, hopefully, begin to create in you a love of scripture. If I can ever be of help, let me know. And, speaking of help, on page 4 of this bulletin we've included the first part of an overview of the Old Testament. Why not cut it out when you get home and put it with your Bible?

May you be blessed by the reading of God's Word!

Fr. Kevin

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 22

8:00 a.m. †Bill Madden

4:00 p.m. †Joyce Wiestmiller

6:00 p.m. †Armando Lujano Segura

Sunday, January 23

7:30 a.m. For our parishioners

9:30 a.m. †John Lentone

11:30 a.m. †Victoria Cronauer

Monday, January 24

8:00 a.m. Police & Firefighters

Tuesday, January 25

8:00 a.m. †Nancy Filetar

Wednesday, January 26

8:15 a.m. †Stanley Jecen

6:00 p.m. TBA

Thursday, January 27

8:00 a.m. Danny Lamego

Friday, January 28

8:00 a.m. Marge Carpenter

Saturday, January 29

8:00 a.m. †Ray Perger

4:00 p.m. Charles Horn

6:00 p.m. †Antonio Daconceicao &
†Jonathan Hamblin

Sunday, January 30

7:30 a.m. †Dan Nold

9:30 a.m. For our parishioners

11:30 a.m. †Armando Lujano Cardozo

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns for the safe travels of the Mileno Family

Stewardship

January 15th-16th

Offertory: \$7,619.00

Building Fund: 1,499.00

His Heart: \$346.00

Other: \$3,204.59*

Total: \$12,668.59

Mass Attendance: 774

**We continue to receive gifts toward the replacement of our oldest church AC unit. Thanks to all who have brought our total to \$23,800!*

The parish finance council will be meeting this week to review the accounting for the 2nd quarter of our fiscal year. I am grateful to members Michael Carlisle, Matt Jones, Cynthis Prewitt, and Karla Trumbull for giving their time and expertise to this group. Please remember that I am happy to answer questions you may have about our parish finances. The staff and I continue to work at being the best possible stewards of what is entrusted to our parish.

With gratitude, Fr. Kevin



This Week!

Sundays: Middle School Youth, 4-5:30pm & High School, 6-8pm

Tues. Jan 25th, Bible Study on the book of Acts (beginning at Chapter 21:27)

Thurs. Jan. 27th, 2pm, Parish Conversations

Fri. Jan 28th, Sacred Heart Faculty Retreat – Please pray for our teachers!

Coming Soon!

Jan. 30th - Feb. 4th, Catholic Schools Week

Saturday, Feb. 12th, 11am-2pm, Parish Picnic sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, Feb. 26th, Suncoast Catholic Men's Conference

Coming Sooner than you think!

Wed. Mar. 2nd, Ash Wednesday

Sat. Apr. 2nd, 7am-4pm, the 7th annual Catholic Women's Conference at the Florida State Fairgrounds



DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG CATHOLIC MINISTRY *Appeal*

Today's Gospel is a transformational moment for Jesus. After standing up in the synagogue and reading Isaiah's prophecy about the coming of one who will free the captives, heal the blind, and bring glad tidings to the poor, Jesus tells those gathered: "Today the Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus is saying to his listeners that He is the Messiah. He is the one who fulfills all the Old Testament prophecies.

Do we believe this? Do we believe that Jesus really can bring freedom and healing and spiritual richness, to us and to the world? If so, then how important is His Church? How important is the liturgy, the sacraments, acts of Christian service, learning the Church's teachings, and all the other good things we do at our parish?

Our parish activity is an essential way that Christ continues to fulfill these ancient prophecies, pouring His love out into the world. Help this essential work continue by supporting our diocese's Catholic Ministry Appeal today.

Will you pray for the Appeal?

*More numerous than the stars in the sky are your blessings,
O Good and Gracious God.*

*You have called us to spread the Good News of your Son,
Jesus Christ, through our words and actions.*

*Strengthen our faith and open our hearts
to care for all our brothers and sisters,
especially those who need us the most.*

*Help us to understand the difference we can make,
the love we can share and the lives we can bring to Christ
through our Catholic Ministry Appeal.*

*We pray that your grace, O Lord,
will lead us to be your loving heart and hands today.*

Amen.



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Proverb of the Week:

Proverbs 11:25 "The generous man will be prosperous and he who waters will himself be watered."

Pope Francis on Word of God Sunday

"A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers"

Our Current Liturgical and Devotional Schedule

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, & Sat: 8am

Tues: 6pm (*Spanish*)

Wed: 8:15am (*live-streamed*) & 6pm
(*Rosary prayed before morning Masses at 7:25am*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

4pm and 6pm (*Spanish*)

Sunday

7:30am, 9:30am (*live-streamed*), & 11:30am
(*Rosary prayed at 7am*)

Confessions

Wednesdays: 6:45-7:45pm (*English*)

Saturdays: 2:45-3:45pm (*English*)

Saturdays: 5:30-5:55pm (*Spanish*)

(*If you need more time with the priest in confession, please contact the parish office for an appointment*)

Morning Devotions

Monday & Thursday at 9am (*live-streamed*):

Fr. Kevin provides some background and a short devotion on the saint of the day.

Our Chapel is Open for Prayer

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30am-5pm

Wednesday: 9am-8pm

Saturday: 8:30am-4pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays: 6:30-8pm

First Friday Exposition:

8:30-10am, 6pm-9pm, Mass 9pm

Exposition continuing until 8am Saturday

First Saturdays with Mary:

8:30-10am (*includes Adoration*)

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesdays, after the 8am Mass

Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Thur., after 8am Mass

Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) Novena:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, after the 6pm Mass

Live-streamed liturgies and devotions can be found at sacredheartpinellaspark.com (look for the "Live" link at the top of the page) or on Facebook (SacredHeart Parish PinellasPark).

About the Bible: An overview (part 1)

We celebrate the Bible today but for many, it is a hard book to read. One thing that can help is having an overview – the big picture. Here is the first part of an overview of the Old Testament. Why not cut it out and put it with your Bible. It may help you as you read.

The timeline of Old Testament history

- From Abraham to David
- From David to the Babylonian Exile
- From the Babylonian Exile to the Messiah

From Abraham to David

Era of the Patriarchs (1850-1550)

- Key persons: Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph
- Key events: Call of Abraham and migration to Canaan; earliest traditions of God revealing himself to the patriarchs; settlement of tribes in northern Egypt following Joseph's rise to power
- Found in the book of Genesis

Egyptian Era – Redemption and Covenant (1550-1230)

- Key persons: Joseph (ca.1550)
- Key events: Expansion of Egyptian power under Thutmose III (1479-1425) and Rameses II (1279-1213).
- Regional Superpower: Egypt (noteworthy rulers: Thutmose III, Rameses II)
- Found in the book of Genesis

Exodus and Wilderness Period (1270-1230)

- Key persons: Moses, Aaron, Miriam, Pharaoh Rameses II
- Key events: Call of Moses; confrontation between Moses and Pharaoh; celebration of Passover; flight from Egypt; covenant at Mount Sinai and giving of the law
- Found in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy

Israelite Invasion and Settlement of Canaan - Inheritance (1230-1020)

- Key persons: Joshua, the Judges (Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, Gideon, Tola, Jair, Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon, Samson), Samuel
- Key events: First settlements in the land of Canaan under Joshua; dispersion of the twelve tribes throughout Canaan and formation of a confederacy under the Judges
- Regional Superpower: Egypt (noteworthy ruler: Rameses III)
- Found in Joshua, Judges, and 1 Samuel

**Our first Parish Conversations were great!
Four opportunities are still available!**



Synod
2021
2023

For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

In the second phase of the world-wide Synod called by Pope Francis, we are offering opportunities for small groups to meet, reflect, and share. The sessions will begin with prayer and a short exercise where you will be guided to think back on your spiritual journey and how Sacred Heart has been a part of it. Following that, you'll have an opportunity to share your thoughts on these Synod questions:

1. Who is journeying with you in your spiritual Life. Who doesn't have this accompaniment? Who appears to you to be alone on the journey?
2. Do you feel heard or listened to in the Church? What enables or hinders you in speaking up?
3. How is the Holy Spirit working through our parish to draw people to Christ? What opportunities have we missed?
4. How have your experiences with Catholics different from you in opinion, spirituality, or lifestyle aided you in your faith or challenged you in your faith?
5. How is the Holy Spirit drawing us all closer together in communion, participation, and mission? Where is the Holy Spirit leading the Church?

Here are the remaining meeting dates and times. All sessions will take place in the Parish Hall. We are limiting each meeting to about 12 people.

Thurs. Jan. 27, 2pm, Kathy Mitcheson will facilitate

Mon. Jan. 31st, 6:30pm, Johann Gray will facilitate

Thurs. Feb. 3rd, 6pm, Heather Pourchot will facilitate

Thurs. Feb. 10th, 6:30pm (This is a special session intended for Catholics not currently active in the Church), Heather Pourchot will facilitate

You can also attend larger gatherings at nearby parishes.

Fri., Feb. 4, 2022, 7pm at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

Tues., Feb. 8, 2022, 4-5:30pm at St. Matthew's

Thurs., Feb 10, 2022, 4-5:30pm at St. Justin Martyr

You can sign up by responding to the Flocknote (email) message sent out previously, or by emailing Fr. Kevin (frkevinyarnell@gmail.com) Be sure to include your name and which session you wish to attend.

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Preparing for Next Week



In our Gospel we read that once Jesus' listeners hear that his message entails that their status as Israelites is not a determining factor in God's love, they unite in an effort to run Jesus off a cliff. The message of Jesus did not fit the Israelites agenda or narrative.

It was difficult for the Israelites to accept that their God, i.e., the God of Israel, also loves those who do not even acknowledge Him. Their mindset is, we are not them, we are Israelites and the one true God is the Israeli God. They believed that those who did not fit the ethnicity of "Israelite" were excluded from God's love and promises.

Eventually, as we know from Scripture, Christianity was universalized. No matter what your ethnicity or background, you could be a Christian and you were loved by God.

Is this idea of God's universal love accepted today? Do people unconsciously respond the same way that the Israelites did in our Gospel? That is, do people unknowingly and metaphorically run Jesus off a cliff?

If we turn on the news we will likely see hostility between political parties and debate about the vaccine. We see the Israelite mindset, "it is us against them" and "they are wrong or bad and we are right and good."

Is this what God would want? When we face challenges like a pandemic do we divide instead of unite as one human family that is created in the image and likeness of God?

The Israelites did not like the idea that "their" God, loves everyone. What about you?

-Riley Arnemann

Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp

Summer adventures await at Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp in Floral City, FL. This is a co-ed overnight camp which is owned and operated by the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg. All children 7 to 15 years of age are invited to attend the camp's 75th summer! One and two week sessions are currently offered at affordable prices. All information is available on the camp website a www.goodcounselcamp.org or by emailing the camp director at info@goodcounselcamp.org.

Our Parish Prayer List

Sheryl Acunal
Genevieve Aziz
Constance Bader
Mary Barbuti
Kenneth Barcomb
Darlene and Michael Belanger
Anthony Belcastro
Thomas Bourke
Ryan Buck Jr.
Nina Buzzzone-England
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Anne Fiamengo
Florence Garrido
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James Guimond
Mary Haisch
Jenny Holland
Amy Iketani
Janet Jacob
David Johnson
Liam & Jeanne Kennedy
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Anna Kumari
Charlotte Laliberti
Marie LaPointe
Gail Larson
Evilia Lopez
Sharn Lundy

Katie Malins
Connie Marmaro
Mary Masterson
Mary Mattingly
Mattie Mores
Carol Muka
Susan Nguyen
Jeff Odajewski
Frank & Ann Orzel
Robert Ostrenga
Antoinette Passero
Neil Petrocci
Audrey Reale
Judy & Mark Rucker
Nylene Santos
Maria Sauls
Frank Schaumann
Laura Scotto

Lia & Fred Sinclair
Lloyd Sinclair
Ryan Sinram
Maryanne & Dcn. David
Sirrianna
Renae Soale
Casey Staton
Helen Sullivan
Norman & Leonette St. Germain
Sherry Taylor
Josephine Underwood
***Bold indicates new name
added to prayer list.***

To keep this list meaningful, we respectfully ask that requests to be included on the list be renewed every 4 weeks and that you provide a specific prayer intention. To respect the privacy of individuals, please submit requests only with the expressed permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. Send requests to fikevinyarnell@gmail.com



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of January

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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