

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JANUARY 26, 2025



**Weekly Reflection**—Have you ever felt that you had nothing to offer others, that your life was without meaning? Consider that God chose to create you in this time, in this place. God has given you certain abilities that you are expected to develop and use. Paul used the image of a body to remind people that each of us has an important role in the life of the community. If you are not using your abilities, then the whole body - the community - is not functioning as well as it could. Pray to understand what your abilities are and how to use them.

*You, then, are the body of Christ; Every one of you is a member of it.  
~ 1 Corinthians 12:27*

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### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### READING 1

*Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10*

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: “Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep”— for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and

## READING 1

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allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15*

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

## READING II

*1 Cor 12:12-30*

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body, "it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body, "it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you, "nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## ALLELUIA

*Cf. Lk 4:18*

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
and to proclaim liberty to captives. **R.**

## GOSPEL

*Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayer of the Faithful

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please respond: *“Lord Hear Our Prayer.”*

That all bishops, priests, and deacons be ever more fervent in proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

We pray to the Lord

For those who have been impacted by the fires in California, that they may not lose hope and that we may share generously with those in need.

We pray to the Lord

For lawmakers: that they may have the courage to enact laws in accord with the true good of the human person.

We pray to the Lord

That many young people respond to Christ’s call to follow him in the consecrated life and in the priesthood.

We pray to the Lord

For those who experience anguish or sorrow in their lives: that the Lord may relieve their burdens and give them joy.

We pray to the Lord

For the grace this week to be ever more attentive to Jesus Christ, the Word of God.

We pray to the Lord

For the intentions inscribed in our book of prayer, in our prayer baskets, and lifted to Jesus in the quiet of our heart...

We pray to the Lord

For all of our beloved dead, especially Patricia Woyak, Gilbert Molski, and...

4:00 p.m.: Steve Molner

6:00 p.m.: Maynard & Rose Tetzloff

8:30 a.m.: Irene Miskowski

10:30 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Stephen & St. Joseph

We pray to the Lord