

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — *January 24, 2010*

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Family History

Whenever you open up an old family photo album, you may be struck with the power of ancestry. You realize you come from a people who shared with you their beliefs, their possessions, and their past.

When you look at old photos, you may want to learn more. "Who were these people? Where did they live? How did they live? What part of me have I inherited from them?" If you can converse with older members of your family, you can ask these questions directly. But for others, only the photos exist to tell the tales.

In the Old Testament, Ezra the priest came before the assembly of people and brought out for them an old book that had been lost. It was too early in history, of course, for a photo album. But he now possessed a record of the holy words revealed by God to their ancestors. Now that the book had been discovered, its contents were proclaimed to the people.

They listened attentively. These were the words that shaped the lives of their ancestors. As they heard them, they learned what was important to the people who gave them life.

The Bible has been revered by many of our ancestors. It contains a record of the stories they told and the values they held. When you take that old book off the shelf at your home, the word of God, you can meet the people who gave you life.

Readings For Next Sunday January 30 & 31

1st Reading...Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
2nd Reading...1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13
Gospel...Lk 4:21-30

ALTAR SERVERS (Week of January 25)

Monday	Noon	Jim Gates, A. O'Shea, A. Cherry
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted, C. Raymond, C. Buchart
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, K. Conway, E. Boeyer
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg, E. Boyce, M.Crawford
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+A. Clemons, T. Ciacio, M. Marti
Sunday	10:00am	+C. Schrodt, J. Powers, E. Boyce

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MASS INTENTIONS (Week of January 25)

Monday	Noon	Virginia Johmann
Tuesday	Noon	Joseph Newton
Wednesday	Noon	Louis Preher
Thursday	Noon	William Gatz
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	Pauline Wheeler
Sunday	10:00am	St. Raphael Community

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (January, 2010)

4:30pm....David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Church Armes, Pat Riggs, **Need 2**
10:00am... Peter & Dianna Pepe(cpts) & Mike Baron, Gene Brewer, Pete Thomas, Bob Kern, Beth & Vincent Pepe (subs)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (January 30 & 31)

4:30pm...Team C...Kathleen Gumbel, Cpt., Kevin Raque, Bud Koshewa, Carolyn Marcum, Carolyn Halvarson, Katie Monarch
10:00am...Team D...Dolores Lally, Cpt., Frank Lally, Mary Lou Craven, Pet Markwell, Bill Wagner, John Mudd, Joan Cissell

LECTORS

(January 30 & 31)

4:30pm...Sr. Paulanne Diebold & Tom Hamilton
10:00am....Bob Massey & Michael Tedder

GIFT BEARERS (January 30 & 31)

4:30pm...Leonard & Mary Lou Meyer
10:00am...Keefe & Marcia Montgomery

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for January 17.....\$12,067

We are all part of God's family and have something to contribute, from the weakest and most vulnerable members to the strongest. Often, the weaker members of any family bring the family together in order to meet their needs. They provide us with the opportunity to be good stewards.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

7th and 8th Graders

Saint Raphael's Got Talent: On Monday, the 25th of January, Junior High Youth Group will have a Karaoke party. Come out and enjoy a lot of you favorite tunes sung by your friends

High School

Game Night- On Sunday, the 24th of January, Senior High Youth Group will have Game Night in the Youth Basement from 7 to 9pm. Food and refreshments will be served.

Saint Valentine's Day Mission to the Homebound



All youth group members in Junior and Senior High are invited to attend our Saint Valentine's Day Mission to the Homebound. We will meet at the Youth Basement after the 10am Mass then we will take Valentine's Day Cards to the Sick and Homebound. Anyone interested in attending should contact Nick Cummins, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at the number below for a permission slip.

Please contact Nick Cummins at nkcummins@bellsouth.net or 458-2500 for more info on any of the above mentioned events.

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MASS CANCELA- TION DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

As a reminder, when Catholic Elementary school classes are canceled due to inclement weather (Monday-Friday), masses for that particular day (s) are also canceled.

Attention All Eucharist Ministers: In an effort to better communicate and coordinate Eucharistic Minister scheduling, please forward your email address to John Raque: johnraque@officemax.com. Thank you!

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. Their support makes this bulletin possible. This week's bulletin sponsor is **Assurance Home & Convalescent Care.**

END OF THE YEAR TAX STATEMENTS for contributions through 12/31/09 will be mailed to each registered parish family no later than 1/31/10. Tax statements will contain any donation made through your monthly contribution envelopes. These include: Sunday, building debt reduction, holyday, and Archdiocesan collections for which envelopes were provided in your packet. Gifts of stock to the parish will be listed separately on your statement listing the type and number of shares.

Sports Coordinators needed! The St. Raphael Giants Club (athletics) is actively searching for enthusiastic coordinators/coaches that can offer their guidance for the following sports: Track and Field, Girls Softball, Golf and Tennis. If you are interested in helping us fill this need or would like to learn more about these positions, please contact AD, Brendan O'Shea (oshea15@bellsouth.net) or Assistant AD, John Plumeri (j.plumeri@insightbb.com). You may also contact any Giants Club board member. SRS athletic team summaries and Giants Club members can be found on Edline, under the Athletics tab.

TAKE NOTE

In light of the imminent needs of the people of Haiti, the Opportunities for Life collection will be taken up the week-end of January 23/24 instead of the scheduled date of January 16/17.

The special collection taken up last weekend will be given to Catholic Charities who will work directly with Catholic Relief Services in this relief effort. We thank you in for your donations to the Haitian people and the unfortunate events that have taken place in Haiti.

2010 Spring Sports Signups are now open. You can access on edline/athletics. Or go to Straphael.theathleticengine.com to signup. Registration is open through Jan. 31st.

2010 Football Coach's Application is now available On edline/athletics or straphael.theathleticengine.com. The giants club will be accepting applications for a Couple of weeks. Questions about the position? Contact Brendan O'Shea at oshea15@bellsouth.net.

Please remember in your prayers our parish-ioner Jane Chamberlain whose mother passed away last week.

Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:

Bernadine Allbritten, Mary Lee Anderson, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Jo Ann Carroll, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Pat Conner, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Marcella Horney, Rosemary Johnson, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, George Koestel, Henry Krebs, Andy Latkovski, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Charles Lucas, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Malinda O'Daniel Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Donna Pohl, Angelo Rappa, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joesph Sauter, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Jack Sweeney, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, Lillian Werkman, James Whelan, Marty Wiehebrink, Dorothy Wimsatt,

(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)