

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — *January 17, 2010*

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God's Beloved, God's Delight

How do you describe your relationship to God? Do you consider God a Father? Do you think primarily of Jesus when you pray? Is God a friend? A judge? Some people feel as though God is their authority figure. Others imagine they have a very close friendship with God.

But people rarely think of God as their spouse. God thinks differently. In the prophecy of Isaiah, we hear that God's relationship to us is like groom to bride. God's love for us is so intense, God's delight in us is so complete, that the only metaphor the prophet can find is that of a newly married couple. Who would dare speak of the relationship between God and humanity this way? Well, God would.

Our experience of God changes. As we grow, we come to understand God better through the events of our lives. Some of those events challenge our perceptions of God. Others affirm them.

Everyone goes through a spiritual desert from time to time. We feel as though God is far away. We imagine that God has forsaken us and left us desolate. These feelings are normal.

But God never abandons us. Sometimes we simply cannot feel the warmth of God's love. Isaiah says God calls us "My delight" and "Espoused." If you have ever felt compassion toward someone who felt alone, you know how God feels toward us.

Readings For Next Sunday January 23 & 24

1st Reading...Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
2nd Reading...1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
Gospel...Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

ALTAR SERVERS (Week of January 18)

Monday	Noon	Communion Service
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted, M. Graft, T. Clark
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, A. Bland, A. Grant
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg, T. Monarch, A. Clemons
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+S. Tedder, C. Buchart, L. Sturgill
Sunday	10:00am	+A. Judge, J. Vining, C. Vining

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MASS INTENTIONS (Week of January 18)

Monday	Noon	Communion Service
Tuesday	Noon	Ken Carli
Wednesday	Noon	Teresa M. Hans
Thursday	Noon	Jack Raque
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Ozzie Denham

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 23 & 24)

4:30pm...Team B...Carmel Davis, *Cpt.*, Carol Cornell, Bob Massey, Lloyd Vest, Cele Sauter, Jim Gates

10:00am...Team C...Steve Alvey, *Cpt.*, Clara Jacob, Willa Schaeffer, Dennis Cowhig, Angela Dutton, Abbie Creed

LECTORS

(January 23 & 24)

4:30pm...Mark Raque & Krissy Raque

10:00am....Tom Lane & Bill Stangel

GIFT BEARERS (January 23 & 24)

4:30pm...Carl & Mary Meiman

10:00am...Kenyon & Karen Meyer

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for January 10.....\$10,807

A thankful steward knows that all our possessions are a result of God's grace. What we make of our lives depends on our hard work, but what talents we possess are all gifts from God.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

7th and 8th Graders

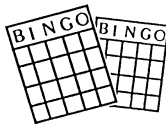
Martin Luther King Holiday: We will not have youth group on Monday the 18th of January due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

High School

Saint Raphael's Got Talent: On Sunday, the 17th of January, Junior High Youth Group will have a Karaoke party. Come out and enjoy a lot of your favorite tunes sung by your friends.

Family Bingo This Weekend!

Family Bingo is here this weekend. We will have family bingo after the 10am mass on **January 17th**. Plenty of markers and cards will be available along with food and refreshments. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. (This is a free event).



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

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.

Catholic Employment Ministries Career Workshops...Volunteers with expertise in job search strategies from various Catholic Churches in the Louisville area have come together to offer these free sessions to anyone who is in need of employment assistance regardless of religious affiliation. Please bring your spouse or a friend. These classes are free and will meet at the Cathedral of the Assumption's *Patterson Education Center*—Downtown—424 S. Fifth Street (across from the Cathedral and the public parking garage. Due to limited street parking we recommend that you use the free parking in the public garage (across the street) after 6pm. Our next session will begin Thursday, January 28 and continue every Thursday evening (February 4, 11, 18, 25) through March 4 from 6:30-9:00pm. If you are able, please bring snacks or drinks for others to share. We will address several topics including: Dealing with Job Loss; Resume Building, Networking; Interviewing; Job Search Skills, and Addressing Financial Concerns. For registration and additional information please contact Catholic Charities at 502-637-9786 and ask for Peggy.

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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, holiday, 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.

Archbishop Joseph Kurtz invites you to attend a **Mass of Thanksgiving** for the appointment of Bishop-elect William F. Medley, a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, as the fourth Bishop of Owensboro. The Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 S. Fifth Street, on Tuesday, January 19th at 5:00 p.m. A light reception will follow the Mass in the Cathedral Undercroft.

Stand Up in Defense of Human Life

Attend the Annual Archdiocesan Pro-Life Mass
Sunday, January 17, 2010
3:00pm

St. Martin of Tours Church, 639 South Shelby St.
Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, Celebrant

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



MASS CANCELEATION 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.



Opportunities for Life: Kentucky's four Catholic bishops have selected the weekend of January 16/17 for the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life. On this weekend, the Church asks us to contribute to the statewide 24-hour a day, 7-day a week pregnancy ministry. Please be generous in your giving to this important second collection. OFL volunteers offer hope and resources to callers who find the courage to seek help while facing a crisis in their lives. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for our volunteers and for those they serve. For information on our volunteer training program or to receive more information about OFL, please call (888)496-3638.

Volunteers Needed—Opportunities for Life invites those with a heart felt for pro-life ministry to participate in our 2010 training sessions. The program consists of in-home reading and workbook materials and concludes with a weekend training workshop, which will be held in your diocese. OFL needs hotline and prayer volunteers. OFL also has a hotline in Spanish and is seeking volunteers who are bilingual. For more information regarding the English or Spanish hotline, please call 1-888-496-3638.

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

Bernadine Allbritten, Mary Lee Anderson, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Mary Rose Brizendine, 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, Scott Spalding, 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.)