

WE THANK everyone who shared a portion of their blessings to God through your church.

Jan.15 & 16, 2022: Regular Collection: \$1,414.00, Building Fund: \$100.00.

*Thank you !*

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families:

*Elizabeth Falk, Stella Mikolajchak, Shirley Moszkowicz, Virginia Moszkowicz Meschwitz, Dorothy Stegman.*

NOTE: *Please inform us if you know of someone who is ill and needs prayers.*

MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):

Monday, Jan.24: Dorothy Bielski, JoAnn Horton, Mark Jozwiak, Alvin Malinowski.

Monday, Jan.31: Doug Elder, Joanie Correll, Elizabeth Korpe, Jenny Tobin.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**  
*Best Wishes and Congratulations to:*

Elizabeth/Gary Korpe, Jan.14—39th  
Marilyn/Florian Pawlak, Jan.17—41st  
Betty/Oscar Becker, Jan.18—53rd  
Lisa/Daniel Krolczyk, Jan.20—27th  
Jennifer/Andy Faist, Jan.22—17th

Our collection envelopes for 2022 have not yet arrived. Until we receive them, please put your donations in a plain white envelope, and write on it your name, your envelope number (#\_\_\_) and donation amount.

**The Altar Society will meet on Tuesday, February 8.**

**Altar Society members: your dues should be paid in January.**

**Please give your payment to Virginia Malinowski, Treasurer.**

***New members are always welcome! Call Virginia if you're interested!***

St. Luke describes, in today's Gospel, how Jesus "went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day." The young man appeared to be just one of many ordinary, devout Jews. To those who heard Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah, he was simply the son of a carpenter (Lk. 4: 22). But he was not long removed from being baptized in the Jordan and being tested in the desert; he was ready to embark upon his public ministry. And that ministry began and was marked throughout by the proclamation of God's word—after all, every utterance of Jesus was a proclamation of that word by the Word, the Incarnate logos.

Like Ezra, he was a priest and he spoke as a prophet. Like Ezra, he unrolled the scroll and he read from the law and the prophets. Yet, whatever the similarities, the essential differences are summed up in his concluding words: "*Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.*" Ezra, Isaiah, and all of the other prophets told the people to worship, love, and obey God; Jesus said the same, but also made it known that he was God (cf. Jn. 8:54-59). His priesthood was singular; his words were uniquely authoritative. The passage from Isaiah was fulfilled because the word of God had gone forth—not merely from the mouth of a human prophet, but into the world as the word who had assumed human nature: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth..." (Jn 1:14).

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Please note that Fr. Jozef's Wednesday evening study sessions on the Catholic Faith and doctrine are suspended until further notice.

***Thoughts for your Meditation***

The First Reading is taken from the Book of Nehemiah, 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10. Nehemiah and Ezra lived in the time when the people of Israel had been returned to their land after the years of the Babylonian Captivity and it was a time of rebuilding. The people had lost their connections to their faith.

The Second Reading is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, 12:12-30 and refers to the Mystical Body of Christ. St. Paul concludes his description of the different parts of the body by applying it to the Church, where variety of functions does not detract from unity.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. In the first four verses of St. Luke's Gospel which have been read to you today, you will find reason to be grateful to him. He went to a lot of trouble in order to put in a permanent form, in a written record, the essential facts concerning Christ, his words and his works, so that we "would understand (like Theophilus) the certainty of the faith in which we have been instructed."

But while we must be grateful to St. Luke, we owe a bigger debt of gratitude still to the all-good, all-wise God who moved Luke and the other Evangelists to preserve for us in writing the essential truths of the Christian faith that has been handed down to us. The Apostles were companions of Christ. They witnessed his works and his words; they remembered most of his doings and his sayings, and what they might have forgotten the Holy Spirit recalled to their memory on that first Pentecost day in Jerusalem. The first two generations of Christians received the facts of the faith from these eye-witnesses, and the miracles so frequent in the infant Church were confirmation of the truth of their teaching.

But God in his wisdom provided for the many generations to come who would not have this evident confirmation of their faith. He established a teaching body in his Church [the Magisterium] which would safeguard the purity of the Christian truths, for "he himself would be with it all days," and he gave us a written record of the facts of the faith in the Gospels and the other writings of the New Testament.

How can we ever thank God sufficiently for this? We Christians of today can be as certain, as assured, of the truth of the faith that we are trying to practice as was St. Luke, who was converted by St. Paul. We have a living, teaching Magisterium in the Church, which authentically preserves and interprets for us the true facts of Christ's teaching and works as written down for us by a first-generation Christian under the impulse and guidance of God's Holy Spirit. If we needed further proof of the priceless value of our New Testament Books, the virulent (although unsuccessful) attacks on their authenticity, on their objectivity, and on their veracity, by enemies of the faith down to and including our own day, should be sufficient.

But the Bible books (as interpreted by the Magisterium) have stood the test of time and the onslaughts of biased, prejudiced criticism, for they are the word of truth, which is eternal, and comes from God.

We have a priceless gift of God in the inspired Books of the Bible. Let us show true appreciation for that gift by using it to build up a better knowledge of the Christian faith which it teaches us. There should be a Bible, or at least the New Testament, in every Christian home. It should not be an ornament on a shelf, but a fountain and source from which we can draw strength and refreshment in the daily practice of our Christian faith. Almost two thousand years ago, God's infinite goodness provided this source of strength, the "fountain of living water," for us Christians of this century. Are we grateful for his thoughtfulness? Are we nourishing our faith at this blessed fountain of his infinite wisdom and love? --by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

“Justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God, ‘sanctified... [and] called to be saints,’ Christians have become the temple of the *Holy Spirit*. This ‘Spirit of the Son’ teaches them to pray to the Father and, having become their life, prompts them to act so as to bear ‘the fruit of the Spirit’ by charity in action. Healing the wounds of sin, the Holy Spirit renews us interiorly through a spiritual transformation. He enlightens and strengthens us to live as ‘children of light’ through ‘all that is good and right and true.’”

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1695)*

### THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

***Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Truth and beauty surround him, he lives in holiness and glory.***

Sat. Jan.22	6:00 PM	+FLORENCE JOZWIAK by Clara Gurka
Sun. Jan.23	9:00 AM	+Deceased Members of the Gurka Family by Larry Gurka
Wed. Jan.26	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Thur. Jan.27	8:00 AM	COREY WADE by Jenny Tobin
Fri. Jan.28	8:00 AM	+FLORENCE JOZWIAK by Clara Jozwiak

### FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

***Save us, Lord our God, and gather us together from the nations, that we may proclaim your holy name and glory in your praise.***

Sat. Jan.29	6:00 PM	+V.J. JOZWIAK by Family
Sun. Jan.30	9:00 AM	+MIKE KOPYCINSKI by Denise/Katie/Tim Murski
Wed. Feb.2	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS—Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Blessing of Throats (Mass in church).
Thur. Feb.3	8:00 AM	+BEN LIBON by Jenny/Kieran Tobin
Fri. Feb.4	8:00 AM	+MARGUERITE CARRAWAY by Jenny/Kieran Tobin

### *It's time for our new Parish Directory!*

*Universal Church Directories will be here taking photos in the parish hall for our new parish directory on four consecutive days next week:*

***Wednesday January 26 thru Saturday January 29.***

*To schedule your photography appointment, you may call Ed Hoffart (832-814-2419) or Karen Hoffart (832-814-2418). Participants will receive a free 8 x 10 print.*

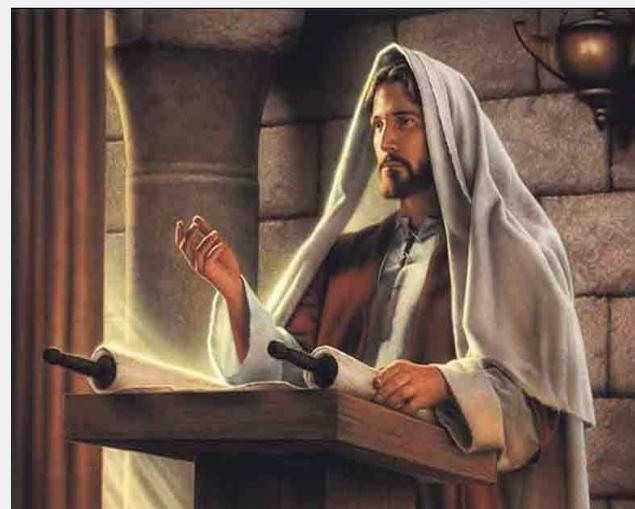
***Our Directory will not be complete without you! Please sign up!***

## ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS 77426

JANUARY 22ND & 23RD, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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### Regular Mass Schedule:

Saturday :	6:00 PM
Sunday:	9:00 AM
Wednesday:	6:00 PM
Thursday & Friday:	8:00 AM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 5-5:45 PM/ Sun. 8- 8: 45 AM and  
30 minutes before weekday Masses

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Call at least 6 months before the planned wedding.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact Parish Office at least 2 weeks in advance.

**To Register in the Parish:** Forms are available in the narthex (near entry of the church).

### Parish Boards and Councils / Chairpersons:

Parish Council: Mark Bilski

Financial Committee: Doug Elder

Cemetery Board: Kenneth Kettler

Building & Maintenance: Lloyd Stelter

Altar Society: Gertrude Nowak

Religious Education: Peggy Husky

Knights of Columbus: Randall Stockton

Hall Committee: Janie Mikolajchak

