

January 17 - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

**"THEY SAW WHERE JESUS WAS STAYING,
AND THEY STAYED WITH HIM ALL DAY."**

Jesus asked, "What are you looking for?"

Uh, something.
They weren't sure what.
So they answered with a question:
"Where are you staying?"

"Come and see."

They came and stayed with him
in his ordinary place.
And they found what they had been seeking.

Christ, take us too to your space.
We want to spend our time with you.

Let us find your radiance,
right here, right now, always,
in our everyday lives.

(Anne M. Osdieck, used with permission)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

January 17 – Maurice Mistler
January 24 – Cindy Mistler
January 31 – Harry and Loretta Simon

MASS INTENTIONS

January 16 – Vera Wenning
January 17 – Martha Ann Moorman
January 23 – Charles Billman
January 24 – Wayne Schutte
January 30 – George and Jane Bohman
January 31 – Clara Marie Wagner

12/29/20-1/11/21 PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$12044.38
Christmas Collection	\$ 85.00
Capital Improv. Collection	\$ 955.00
Religious Retirement Collection	\$ 110.00
Church in Latin America Collection	\$ 45.00
World Mission Sunday Collection	\$ 50.00
Campaign for Human Dev. Collection	\$ 45.00
Criterion Collection	\$ 80.00
Cemetery Collection	\$ 20.00
Religious Education Collection	\$ 20.00
Utilities Collection	\$ 397.00
Propagation of the Faith Collection	\$ 45.00
Christmas Flowers Donations	\$ 35.00
Tuckpointing Donations	\$ 500.00
Charlie Simon Memorial Donations	\$ 275.00
Jeanne Schene Memorial Donations	\$ 170.00
Glenna Schuler Memorial Donations	\$ 25.00

MONTHLY REPORT - DECEMBER

Electronic Giving for December	\$2,245.00
Total Sunday & Holy Day Collections (7/1/20 - 12/31/20)	\$95,239.85
Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/20 - 12/31/20)	\$88,400.00

Thank You For Your Continued Giving!

"Follow not Barabbas, the revolutionist who would remake society to remake man; but rather Christ, the Revolutionist who would remake man in order to remake society." ~ Venerable Fulton Sheen

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(January 24)

In today's readings we are given two similar prayers with which to ponder the life of discipleship. The

psalm refrain "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will" is very similar to Samuel's response to the divine voice calling him by name: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Both express an awareness of God's presence and also complete trust in God's plan and action in their lives. As the psalmist recounts, however, the life of discipleship is not always straightforward and can require a good deal of patience.

This week take time to pray with the words from the psalm response. What does it mean to show up each day in your relationship with God and to be eager to do God's will?



THANK YOU – The family of Charles Simon would like to thank everyone for all the donations, kind gestures, and prayers not only for his passing but throughout this whole year. We are blessed to have such a church family!

WORDS OF GRATITUDE FROM THE SISTERS – “Thank you so much for ALL the items you donated to our Sisters here at the Motherhouse. We certainly appreciate each and every gift and will use them well. This was so thoughtful and generous of you. It will save us much money, too. May God bless you abundantly now and always. Know we hold you in mind, heart, and prayer.”

Another Sister wrote: “To all the generous, gift-giving, loving and wonderful people of your parishes – WOW – they are awesome! I saw the many beautiful gift bags sent to our Sisters, all I can say is you all are amazing. I pray Jesus bless you all abundantly, as you have blessed us.”

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – Our last report shows that we have reached 51% of our goal. The amount pledged is \$7,018.00, which came from 37 households. Let’s see if we are able to increase that number.

OUR YOUTH – Thank you to all our youth who assisted in taking down all the Christmas decorations. It was a tremendous help to the Liturgy Committee.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – The next class for Preschool through Grade 5 will be on Wednesday, January 20, 6:45 PM.

Class for Junior High and High School will be on Sunday, January 17, 8:30 AM.

MEETING – Fundraising Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 6:00 PM.

BLOOD DRIVE – Our winter blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, from 12:30 until 6:00 in the parish hall. If you weigh at least 110 lbs., are over the age of 16 and in good health, please consider donating blood to save someone else's life. In order to keep our donors spread out, appointments are strongly encouraged and can be set up online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon, or by calling or texting Arlene Gehl at 812-614-3388.

HOME MISSION GRANT – For all who have not heard, we received a grant of \$10,000 from the Archdiocese to be used toward our church tuckpointing project.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES – By this time, all parishioners should be using their 2021 collection envelopes. Please contact the rectory office if you did not get yours.

ST. MARY’S PRESCHOOL – If you are interested in the preschool program at St. Mary’s, Greensburg, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule of church.

HEALING SERVICE – Jesus is our HOPE! All are welcome to the Eucharistic Healing Prayer Service on Tuesday, January 19, at St. Nicholas Church in Sunman with Fr. Shaun Whittington presiding. Confessions will begin at 6:30, praise & worship music at 6:45, and the service at 7:00 PM. Soaking Prayer will be offered. (Mask required to receive prayer.)

JOB OPENING – *Housekeeper for the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg*, Day Shift: Part time; 29 hours per week: every 9th Saturday; PTO benefits; Vision and Dental Benefits available.

If interested or for more details, contact S. Carolyn Hoff at 812-933-6465; choff@oldenburgosf.com

THE LORD’S LAUGHTER – A little girl asked her mother, “Mom, how were people created?”

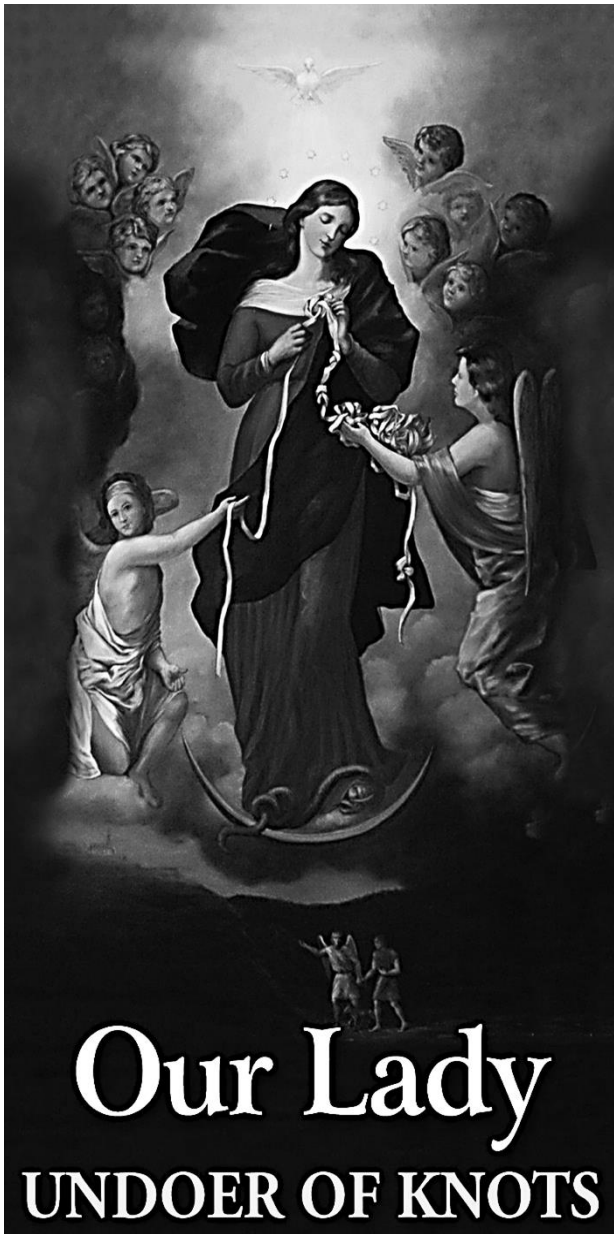
Her Mom replied: “First God made man and woman. Then they had kids. Then their kids grew up and had their own kids. Then their kids grew up and had their own kids. In this way, the numbers of people increased.”

Later that day, the little girl went up to her father, and asked: “Dad, how were people created?”

The father replied: “First, God made monkeys. Then the monkeys evolved into people.”

At the dinner table that night, with both Mom and Dad present, the little girl turned to her Mom and said: “Mom, you lied. Dad said people come from monkeys.”

“No, dear,” Mom replied. “Dad told you about the monkeys in his family. I told you about the people in my family.” (via George Goldtrap, Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL, The Joyful Noiseletter)



Prayer to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exist in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exists in my life. You know very well how desperate I am, my pain, and how I am bound by these knots.

Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of his children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the evil one himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone. Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and My Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot.

[Mention your request here]

I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all. You are my hope. O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution, and, with Christ, the freedom from my chains.

Hear my plea.

Keep me, guide me, protect me, o safe refuge!

CHRIST-LIKE

Still searching for a New Year's resolution? None is more worthy than becoming Christ-like. In fact, 19th-century evangelist Henry Drummond calls it "the only thing in the whole world worth caring for."

Two modern-day authors offer more insights. Stormie Omartian points out that we're either making progress or backsliding on this goal. "There is no neutral position in the Lord," she writes. "You are either becoming more like Christ every day or you're becoming less like him." And followers of Jesus must keep the goal always in focus. Christ-likeness is our "eventual destination," writes Rick Warren, but the "journey will last a lifetime."