

January 24, 2016

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Today marks a very important time here at our parish and across the Archdiocese of New York. This is the official kickoff of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. There are so many reasons why the *Appeal* is important, not only to those in need in the archdiocese, but also to us, in our parish community. Your support of the *Appeal* helps countless people, and sustains the fabric of our ministries throughout our parishes.

If you have not already, you will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Dolan, along with materials that illustrate the deep importance of the *Cardinal's Appeal* to our community. Part of being a steward means living with trust in God's generosity and responsibly tending that which God has entrusted to us. Cardinal Dolan is asking you to participate by making a gift to this important annual initiative.

Your Gift to the *Appeal*:

- Supports offices, ministries, and programs throughout the archdiocese that nurture and encourage our journey in faith
- Helps educate our children in our Catholic schools and religious education programs
- Provides for retired priests and religious by giving them the retirement care they deserve after decades of service
- Helps to educate our future clergy and prepare them for a life of service
- Helps fund Catholic Charities, which provides loving care to millions of people in our archdiocese.

The archdiocese goal for the *2016 Appeal* is \$20 million. And our individual parish goal is \$31,500. I ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. It is only with your support that this campaign can be a success. We all have in our hearts the capacity to give as Jesus asked us to do.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, January 17, 2016 was \$3,973.00

The second collection this Sunday will be to aid with our Church Property Insurance.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Now that Ordinary Time is under way, we will be hearing from Luke's Gospel for most of the year. This week, Jesus returns home to Nazareth and in a simple yet dramatic way announces his mission. As we gather to celebrate the Good News of God's presence in our midst, let us take to heart the mission of Jesus and pray for the grace to carry it out in our own lives.

In the First Reading:

People listen intently to the word of
in the message they hear.



God, they find a reason to celebrate

Responsorial Psalm: "Your words, Lord,

are Spirit and Life"

In the Second Reading:

Paul reminds us that we are Christ's body. The Holy Spirit helps us work together for the good of each member of Christ's body.

In the Gospel:

In this gospel Jesus clearly proclaims who he is and what he comes to bring. He is the One who lives "in the power of the Spirit"; he comes to bring a new teaching. He is God's anointed; he comes to bring the human community glad tidings, liberty, sight, freedom, favor. He is the long-awaited Messiah; he comes to bring manifest signs of salvation.

Pope Francis:

The Lord never tires of forgiving, it is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.

Encyclical on the Environment: Released on June 18, 2015, Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si; On Care of Our Common Home* highlights several basic teachings. First, the destruction of God's creation, and specifically climate change, is a moral issue. Second, there is an integral connection between our destruction of "Mother Earth" and the Suffering of the poor, especially those in developing countries. Finally, immediate actions are required, by individuals, who must change their lives, and by the community of nations. Father James Martin, S.J. explores these teachings in a four-minute video:

✚ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_1qFTYLc_4

✚ or Google "James Martin video Top 10 Things You Need to Know about *Laudate Si*"