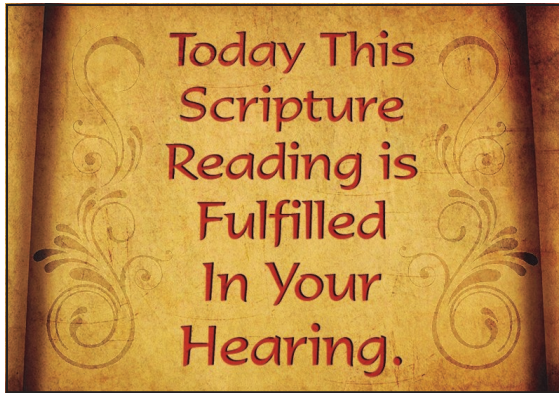


Now that Ordinary Time is under way, we will be hearing from Luke's Gospel on Sundays for most of the year. This week, Jesus returns home to Nazareth and in a simple yet dramatic way announces his mission. As we gather to celebrate the Good News of God's presence in our midst, let us take to heart the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



**Readings for this Week (January 25-30)**

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 22:3-16;	Mark 16:15-18
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Timothy 1:1-8;	Luke 10:1-9
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Samuel 7:4-17;	Mark 4:1-20
<b>Thursday:</b>	2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29;	Mark 4:21-25
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;	Mk. 4:26-34
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17;	Mark 4:35-41

**Scripture for next Sunday (4th Sunday/Ordinary Time)**

**Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**

The word of the Lord comes to Jeremiah.

**1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 (or) 13:4-13**

The greatest of these is love.

**Luke 4:21-30**

The people rise up to drive Jesus out of their town.

*At the beginning of the book of Jeremiah, we hear how God called him to be a prophet; but even more important, we hear how God promises to fortify and support him in his ministry. In the Gospel too, Jesus speaks with confidence, even brashness in his hometown, yet by the grace of God is able to escape their wrath. As we hear these words next Sunday, let us allow them to give us the courage we need to witness to the gospel in our own lives.*

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Your prayers are requested for **Cornelia "Connie" Adair Green**, the mother of Dr. John Green, who died recently. Notes of sympathy can be sent to John & Jean at 835 Sugar Hollow Drive, Bristol, TN 37620.

We ask your prayers for **Brandon Wise**, the brother of Tracy Wise, who died recently. Notes of sympathy can be sent to Tracy & Sophia at 440 Wyandotte Rd., Bristol, VA 24201.

# THANKS

**Thank You Food City Shoppers!** Last school year we received \$2,257.92 from Food City. This school year we have over 300 people who have linked their ValuCards to our school. If you would like to participate in this easy fundraiser, you can link your card at the cash register next time you shop or you can go to the Food City website: [https://www.foodcity.com/community/school\\_bucks/](https://www.foodcity.com/community/school_bucks/). Contact Angie Bush at 276-669-0048 if you have any questions. Thanks again.

**Senior High Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)**

**Upcoming Schedule:**

- **Jan. 24—Youth Group**—6pm-8pm
  - and Confirmation Preparation Class at 9:45a in the BYC
- **Jan. 31—Senior High Youth Ministry January Fun Night**—*"Just Jump"*
  - and Confirmation Preparation Class at 9:45a in the BYC
- **Feb. 7—NO Youth Group—Have fun at your Super Bowl parties!!**
  - Confirmation Preparation Class does meet at 9:45a in the BYC
- **Feb. 14—Youth Group**—BYC 6pm-8pm
  - and Confirmation Preparation Class at 9:45a in the BYC

**Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Please consider spending an hour with our Lord.

**St. Anne's PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE** will meet this Wed., January 27, at 6 p.m. in the school conference room (next to the music room). Anyone who'd like to be part of this committee is welcome to attend — we'll be planning for the parish St. Patrick's Day party (planned for Saturday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the KofC Hall).

## Choir News

**CHOIR RESUMES this Wednesday!!**

Adults and High School teens who'd like to sing with our choir are reminded of the rehearsal this Wed., January 27 at 6:30 p.m. (only two rehearsals before Ash Wednesday which is Feb. 10). The Choir will sing next Sunday, Jan. 31 at the 11:30 Mass.

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Prayer Shawl members** are reminded of our gathering this **Wednesday, January 27, 10 a.m.** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center. New members are always welcome to join us!

*Be sure to stop by the religious education table in the commons to sign-up for the following opportunities:*

- **“Living the Eucharist”** - Lenten Scripture Study begins **Thursday, February 11, 7pm-8pm.**
- **“The History of the Catholic Church”** begins **Monday, Feb. 1, 1pm-2:30pm.**
- **“7 Secrets of Divine Mercy”** book discussion. Begins **Tuesday, Feb. 2, 10am-11am.**
- **“Divine Mercy”** scripture study on **Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm** or **Wednesdays 1:00pm-2:30pm.**
- **The bus trip to Richmond** for Mark’s transitional diaconate ordination, **April 15/16.**

### Announcements from The Virginia Catholic Conference

— The Virginia Catholic Conference invites Catholics to come to Richmond to advocate for life and justice during this winter’s General Assembly session on one of three newly introduced **Catholics in the Capital Days**. The dates are Tuesday, January 26, Thursday, February 4, and Wednesday, February 17. (*On Feb. 17 the Conference and Virginia Bishops will also host Virginia Vespers at the Cathedral—see announcement below.*) To attend Catholics in the Capital Days, call or email your senator and delegate to set up your appointments, and then register with the Conference at [office@vacatholic.org](mailto:office@vacatholic.org). We’ll provide you with legislative updates, talking points and refreshments at our offices prior to your legislative visits. Learn more at [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org).

—At the midpoint of this year’s Virginia General Assembly session, Virginia Bishops DiLorenzo and Loverde and their public policy agency, the Virginia Catholic Conference, invite government officials and the public to the first ever **Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth** at the beautiful, historic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond at **5 p.m.** on Wednesday, February 17. The hour-long service will draw on an ancient Christian liturgy to pray for the needs of Virginia. Join lawmakers and public officials of all faiths, clergy, educators, social service practitioners, parishioners, and other people of goodwill at this vital gathering. A reception follows. Register at [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org).

### PRAY for VOCATIONS

**“You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”** Are you being called to a vocation in the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Michael Boehling at 804-359-5661 or email [mboehling@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mboehling@richmonddiocese.org).

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

- **Catechumenate Class:** this **Wednesday, January 27, at 6:30pm** in the greatroom. **Topic of the Evening: “The Season of Lent”**, presented by Sydney Farnum
- **Ongoing Inquiry Class** meets in the parish conference room at **6:30pm** (also on Wednesday). Please stop by the greatroom to join in opening prayer before going to the conference room.
- **Breaking Open the Word** for catechumens & candidates meets in the conference room on **Sundays at the 11:30 Mass.**
- If you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or in need of conversion, please bring them on Wednesday evenings.



### Liturgy Intentions For The Week

**Saturday, January 23** (*Vigil: 3rd Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 a.m. †Larry Church

**Sunday, January 24** (*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Bridget Segerblom

11:30 a.m. †Eileen Bennett

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

**Tuesday, January 26**

8:30a .m. †Albert & †Amelia Carriera

**Wednesday, January 27**

8:30 a.m. †Francis MacFarlane

**Thursday, January 28**

6:00 p.m. †Fr. Charles Faul

**Friday, January 29**

7:30 a.m. †Betty P. Miller and †Ann P. Rogers

**Saturday, January 30** (*Vigil: 4th Sunday/Ordinary Time*)

5:30 p.m. †Celia Villafuerte

**Sunday, January 31** (*4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30 a.m. †Dr. Neal Jewell

11:30 a.m. †Thad Slack

2:00 p.m. Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

### CCC counselors for anxiety management

*Did you know that anxiety is the most common mental issue among adults in the United States? Anxiety disorders are very treatable, but only one third of those with anxiety seek help. If you or someone you know is suffering from anxiety, Commonwealth Catholic Charities can help. Our experienced counselors work with adults and children to reduce anxiety and promote healthy living for children, adults and families. Counseling in multiple languages is available. Call 276-679-1195 for more information.*

### ***Planning to be Married in the Catholic Church?***

Please contact Father Kevin to begin the Marriage Preparation Process. Marriage Preparation for engaged couples requires several months (a minimum of six months) — you will need to have several appointments with the pastor, attend a marriage preparation day-long session offered by the diocese here at St. Anne's twice a year — next weekend will be March 5. Call 276-669-8200 or email [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org) if you are planning to be married in the Church.

### **Commonwealth Catholic Charities Housing Counselors**

#### ***What can a housing counselor do for you?***

Housing counselors are certified to provide guidance in a wide range of situations, from helping you become financially ready to buy a home, giving advice on how to reduce debt and manage your credit, or helping you avoid foreclosure of your home. Commonwealth Catholic Charities' counselors are HUD-approved and are ready to meet with you! Call 276-679-1195 to learn more or to make an appointment.

### **Third Annual Liturgy and Music Conference February 15th in Richmond**

Father Roc O'Connor, SJ and Robert Feduccia will speak at a one-day workshop on the theme of "*Sing of the Lord's Mercy*" at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Richmond on Monday, February 15. This event is open to all parish musicians, choir members, Cantors, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Liturgy Directors, Clergy, Parish Staff, Teachers, Catechists, and Parishioners. Tickets are \$20 and includes lunch. For more information or to register please visit [richmonddiocese.org/worship](http://richmonddiocese.org/worship) or contact Vy Barto at [vbarto@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vbarto@richmonddiocese.org).

### **King University—Institute for Faith and Culture Mako Fujimura on Monday, February 1**

— 9:15a at King University Memorial Chapel  
— 7p at First Presbyterian (701 Florida Ave., Bristol, TN)  
**Mako Fujimura** is an internationally recognized artist whose work fuses techniques of Western abstraction with traditional Nihonga painting, a medieval Japanese technique that emphasizes the beauty of materials — such as gold leaf and mineral pigments. Also a writer and popular speaker, Fujimura is known for bringing understanding to the relationship between the arts and religions. His work has been exhibited in galleries around the world, and he has received numerous awards, including the 2014 Religion and the Arts Award from the American Academy of Religion. Fujimura also served on the National Council on the Arts, the advisory body of the National Endowment for the Arts, from 2003 to 2009. He will speak in Bristol on Feb. 1st at the King University Chapel at 9:15 a.m. and again at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Florida Ave., Bristol, TN at 7pm.

### **This Week in Adult Faith Formation:**

- **Sunday, Jan 24—Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education Class: "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible -Egypt and Exodus, Desert Wanderings" 9:45-11am** in the **Greatroom**. Join us! No need to sign up. Bring your Bible. Coffee and donuts at 9:45am and the presentation begins promptly at 10am.
- **Monday, Jan 25—"Lives of Great Christians" 1:00pm-2:30pm** in the St. Vincent DePaul Center.
- **Tuesday, Jan 26:**
  - Tuesday Morning Book Club** will resume on **February 2** with our new book: **The 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy** by Vinny Flynn. Please sign up at the table in the commons to join this next book discussion. Book Club meets **10:00am-11:00am** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
  - "**Divine Mercy**" Scripture Study, **6:30pm-8:00pm** in the St. Vincent de Paul Center.
- **Wednesday, Jan 27:**
  - "**Divine Mercy**" Scripture Study, **1:00pm-2:30pm** in the St Vincent de Paul Center.
  - RCIA at 6:30p** in the greatroom. "**The Season of Lent**" Presenter: Fr. Kevin
- **Thursday, Jan 28—Scripture Study** (to prepare us for the Sunday readings) at the St Vincent de Paul Center, **7:00-8:00p (after Mass)**. Bring your Bible! (**Please note: If there is no Mass at 6 p.m., the time for scripture study changes to 6:00-7:00 p.m.**)

For more information about any of the above Adult Faith Formation programs, please email [sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:sydneyfarnum@stannes-bristol.org) or call 276-669-8200 ext. 32.

#### **E-Giving Report (January 1-17, 2016)**

Regular/Operating	\$5,165.00
Christmas Holy Day	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary Holy Day	\$ 30.00
Catholic Charities/2nd Coll.	\$ 25.00
School 2nd Collection	\$ 240.00

#### **Collection Report (January 16/17)**

Regular/Operating	\$9,431.50
Christmas Holy Day	\$ 100.00
Solemnity of Mary Holy Day	\$ 130.00
School 2nd Collection	\$ 420.00

2nd Collection this weekend (Jan. 23/24) is for Respect Life

#### **2015 Contribution Statements**

If you haven't yet picked up your statement of donations for 2015 for tax purposes, please stop by the table in the commons to get your statement. If you have any questions regarding your statement OR if you cannot find your statement, please contact the parish office at 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or [stannes@stannes-bristol.org](mailto:stannes@stannes-bristol.org).



### CDA JANUARY MEETING

Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Our Lady of the Rosary local court #2624 are reminded of their meeting **Monday, Jan. 25**, at the KofC Hall. Social time starts at 6:30, followed by the meeting at 7p. Any lady needing a ride, please call Gina. Any Catholic lady wishing to join CDA, call Regent Gina Rossetti, 423-878-7827.

***“For Him, we live and move and have our being.”***

Acts 17:28

### ***Catholic Schools’ Week begins next Sunday!***

National Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 31—Feb. 6) is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year’s theme is: ***“Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.”***

### ***Looking Ahead just a bit...***

- Monthly 24-Hour ADORATION (Feb. 2/3)
- Feast of St. Blaise (throat blessing, 8:30a Mass Feb. 3)
- Men’s Communion Breakfast, Sat., Feb. 6, 8a
- Boy Scouts’ Bake Sale (after Masses, Feb. 6/7)
- ASH WEDNESDAY—the Season of Lent begins! February 10 (Masses at 12:15p and 7p)

### *Liturgy Notes...*

### **Extraordinary Year of MERCY (December 2015—November 2016)**

#### ***Why Mercy?***

There is a tremendous need for mercy in our world. Pope Francis wants our parishes to become ***“islands of mercy in a sea of indifference”***. Pope Francis wants us to bring ***“consolation to the poor... liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in our modern society”***, spiritual sight to those who have lost touch with God, and human dignity to those from whom it has been taken. He envisions a year when people will become more merciful in their own lives and bring God’s mercy to others. He is entrusting the extraordinary jubilee year to the ***“Lordship of Christ”*** and asks Christ to pour out his mercy on the entire cosmos. ***“How much I desire that the year... will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God!”*** The pope also stresses that living a merciful life does not mean we ignore justice in our society. Indeed, he reminds us, ***“Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God’s way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe.”***

(quotes from: *Misericordiae Vultus* Pope Francis’ official proclamation of the Year of Mercy).