

## Daily Readings

### Week of January 23, 2022

Sunday, 1/23: Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19: 8,9, 10, 15/  
1 Cor 12: 12-30/Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Monday, 1/24: 2 Sm 5: 1-7, 10/Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 25-26/  
Mk 3: 22-30

Tuesday, 1/25: Acts 22: 3-16/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16: 15-18

Wednesday, 1/26: 2 Tm 1: 1-8/Ps 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4: 1-20

Thursday, 1/27: 2 Sm 7: 18-19, 24-29/Ps 132: 1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4: 21-25

Friday, 1/28: 2 Sm 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4: 26-34

Saturday, 1/29: 2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4: 35-41



# SACRED HEART

**“RETURN TO ME &  
RENEW YOUR SPIRIT”**



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Mass Schedule: 11:00am Sunday

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**January 23, 2022 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### Schedule for January 30, 2022

Lector: Trenton

Greeters/Gifts: Mary/Mary Ann K

Servers: Nathan/Kevin

Money Counters: Mary/Mary Ann K

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Volunteers

### **Today's Mass Intention:**

**Monk & Marguerite Coon**

### **Prayer Corner**

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck,  
Leonard Lasack, Marilyn Stevenson,  
Derek Denniston, Julie Ahrendsen
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew



# TO OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—God's Eternal Word

The first reading and the Gospel for this weekend point to the place of the eternal Word of God in our lives. Of course, every Catholic knows this primary reality. By our baptism, we are called not only to believe in the Word of God but also to welcome it and develop the right attitudes towards its meaning and application to our lives.

The first reading narrates an event in the Old Testament where the "Torah," or the Law was discovered and celebrated by the Israelites who returned from captivity in Babylon. To the Jewish people, the "Torah" was the pride of individual life, family, and society; it was the scaffold on which the life and culture of the people were supported.

In the time of Moses, the teachings of the Torah occupied a central place in their lives of the individuals and the community to the extent that Moses exhorted them to "tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads," (Deuteronomy 6:8). However, when they were taken into captivity, they lost contact with the Torah until their return when it was rediscovered in the ruins during the destruction of their temple, city, and their lives.

It is striking to note how the people celebrated and responded to what they considered the defining element of their lives, family, religion, and culture. It was an experience of gratitude, joy, and time with the Word.

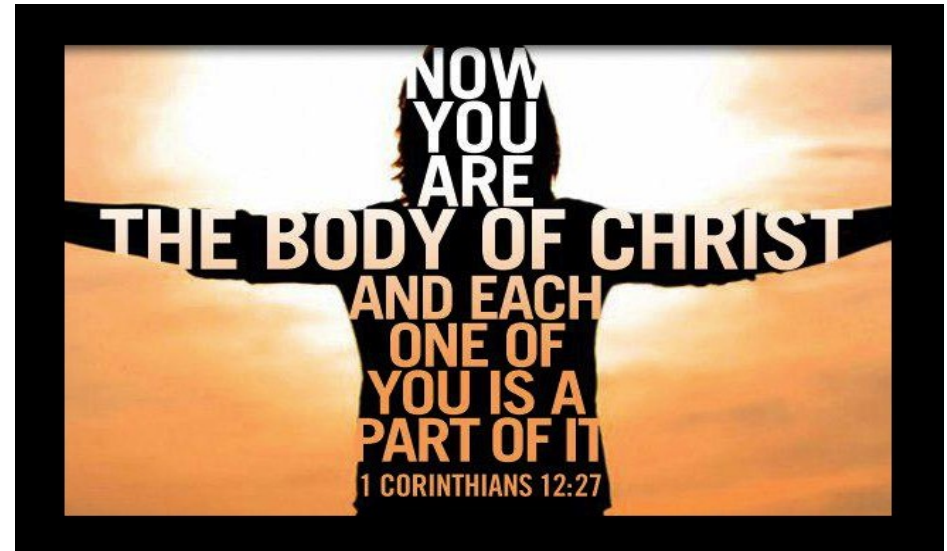
The Gospel sets the stage for understanding the question of inspiration of the Word of God. The Gospel of Luke sets out to illumine our appreciation of how the gospels came to be constituted as the Word of God. Luke asserts in the introductory comments, "Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events ... I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence ... so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received," (Luke 1:1-4).

The Bible attributes the way the biblical authors contributed to the composition of the Word of God as inspiration, (2Timothy 3:16-17). That is the Holy Spirit was the principal author dictating to the evangelists what God wanted them to frame in their human language.

The church not only affirms the divine inspiration of the biblical texts, but also takes it a step further to teach us that God acted in them and by means of them. This offers the assurance that all the various authors wrote constitute one and the same Word of God, without any error in the saving truth they communicate, (Catechism # 136).

I have noticed that the greater the commitment we make to cultivating God's Word, the more we appreciate its relevance and develop a daily attitude towards reading it to inspire our lives.

- The next CCD class is Sunday, January 30th at 9:45am.
- ATTENTION! Year end statements are in your mailbox in the church hallway. Please be sure to pick yours up.
- We are in need of some more of our church family to consider participating in all of our ministries, especially over-18 members who could help by being Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. It is a ministry that needs a bit of training. We also would like to have some more altar servers, and those need to be a certain age and trained a bit. All of us could be greeters/gift bearers & some of us could be readers or sing in the choir. We will be working on this project for the next few months--please consider volunteering for one or more of these ministries.
- THANK YOU to those who clean up our parking lot and walkways from the snow that Iowa likes to get!



Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

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