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DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS



JESUS SAID TO THEM,

“COME
AFTER ME,
AND I WILL
MAKE YOU
FISHERS
OF MEN.”

MATTHEW 4:19



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JANUARY 22, 2023 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Mt. 4:17.

Beginning this Sunday, the *Gospel According to Saint Matthew* is proclaimed at all the Sunday Masses of Ordinary Time. To get more out of our participation at Mass when we hear this Gospel proclaimed, it is helpful to know something about its structure and message.

The position of the Gospel According to Saint Matthew as the first of the four gospels in the New Testament reflects the view of the early Church that it was the first to be written and the esteem in which it was held by the Church. Because of its rich theological content, Matthew was used as the primary catechetical text in the early Church and was the Gospel most quoted by the Fathers of the Church. It is the longest of the four Gospels and consists of twenty-eight chapters. This Gospel is distinctive for its practice of citing the Old Testament in connection with Jesus' activity and teaching. We have an example of this in today's gospel passage: "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali...*" Mt. 4:13-16. Another important feature of the Gospel of Matthew is its structured presentation of Jesus' doctrine in the form of sermons or discourses. There are five: the sermon on the mount in chapters 5-7; the instructions to his apostles whom he sends on mission in chapter 10; the mystery of the reign of God revealed in parables in chapter 13; the Christian community and the Church in chapter 18; the teaching on the coming kingdom in chapter 24-25.

These five great discourses of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew would have made a devout Jew think of the Torah, that is, the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Matthew portrays Jesus as the new Moses who will lead his redeemed people from the slavery of sin to the promised land beyond this world. In fact, the Jews believed that a prophet like Moses would be sent by God: "I will raise up for them a prophet like you (Moses) from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him," cf. Dt. 18:18.

The Gospel of Matthew is about fulfillment because it shows that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah foretold by the prophets, the Son of God. It presents Jesus as the new Moses who establishes the new covenant not with the blood of bulls and goats, but with his own blood. "For amen I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot, or one tittle shall not pass of the law, till all be fulfilled," Mt. 5:18.

The opening chapter of Matthew tells of a messiah who will be called "Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" and also be called "Immanuel, which means God with us." Matthew most emphatically stresses the continued presence of Jesus throughout his ministry and with his disciples after Easter. In the middle of the Gospel of Matthew Jesus says: "Where two or three are gathered in my name there I am in their midst," Mt. 18:18.

The entire gospel narrative ends with Jesus-Immanuel standing in the presence of his disciples and saying to them "I am with you always," Mt. 28:20. Indeed, he is in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. Come, let us adore Him.

~ Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

Due to a health matter our Provincial Fr. Adam had to postpone his visitation of the Discalced Carmelite Friars of Santa Cruz. As of this bulletin he has not given us a new date for his visit. Let's keep him in our prayers.

Contribution Letters

The parish contribution letters for 2022 will be mailed out by the end of January. To make sure you receive your letter, please call the parish office 520-623-3833 if you need to update your information. Thank you.



Cartas de Contribución Parroquiales

Las cartas de contribución parroquiales del 2022 se enviarán por correo a fines de enero. Para asegurarse de recibir su carta, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial 520-623-3833 si necesita actualizar su información. Gracias.

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Marriage Anniversaries

Bishop Edward Weisenburger will celebrate the Mass for Marriage Anniversaries for 2023 on

**Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 2:30 PM
at St. Augustine Cathedral.** He will be available before the Mass to have pictures taken with each couple.

REGISTRATION WEBSITE: <https://tinyurl.com/2023marriageanniversary>

Please register by: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 If you have any questions, contact Ofelia James ojames@diocesetucson.org

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Eucharist Workshop

The third and final Eucharist workshop will be held at La Capilla de Guadalupe on **Saturday February 4th**, from 8:00 am to noon. We will explore the meaning of Church Liturgy as well as go over the Liturgy of the Eucharist in detail. All are invited and especially lay ministers who assist at Mass. If you missed the second workshop, there is a recording of the session online at <https://youtu.be/ZDLANPeBTGo>

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Bereavement Group

Our Lady of Mount Carmel bereavement group will have its next session on Thursday January 16th at 6:30 at the Good Shepherd room. This is a support group for persons who have suffered a deep loss through the death of a loved one.

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger
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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

Pastor:
In Residence:

Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 21st

8:00am Special Int./Ibarra-Valdez Family
5:30pm Frank G. Gastelo, Irene F. Bernal &
Robert B. Tellez/R.I.P.

Sunday, January 22nd

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00am In Honor of the Immaculate
Conception, Pray for us
10:00am Rodolfo Altamirano &
Frank L. Rodriguez/R.I.P.
12:00pm Mary Ann Bravo/R.I.P.
6:00pm Nick Uzenski, Matt Ingham &
Jamie Lowe/R.I.P.

Monday, January 23rd

Hector Carlos Bernal Valenzuela/R.I.P.
8:00am In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/
Int. Nieves Ortiz & Family

Tuesday, January 24th

Special Int./Ruth Cox
8:00am Philip Tuccio/R.I.P.

Wednesday, January 25th

In Thanksgiving to San Antonio
8:00am Special Int./Yolanda Parra

Thursday, January 26th

Kaia Esperanza Gonzalez/Happy Birthday
8:00am Olga Patino &
Fr. Kevin McArdle, O.C.D./R.I.P.

Friday, January 27th

Special Int./Ruth Cox
8:00am Benjamin Reyes/R.I.P.

Parish Collection January 15th, 2023

Collection: \$ 5,115.67

*Thank you and God bless your generosity!
¡Gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad!*

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

Parish Administrative Assistant: Hada Reyes (520) 623-3833

Religious Education: Martin Doe, Director (520) 882-9687

Santa Cruz Catholic School: (520) 624-2093

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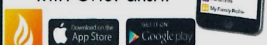
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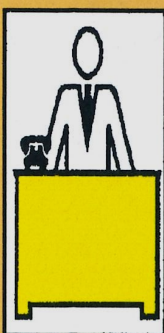
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