



**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Sunday Bulletin**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary**

**Parish Priest: Father Jeyapaul Packiasamy**

cont'd from front...

Israel, as we sing in today's Psalm, is rededicating itself to God and His Law. The scene seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in today's Gospel. Read all of Isaiah 61. The "glad tidings" Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners (61:1); the rebuilding of Jerusalem, or Zion (61:3-4; see also [Isaiah 60:10](#)); the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests (61:6; [Exodus 19:6](#)); and the forging of an everlasting covenant (61:8; [Isaiah 55:3](#)). It sounds a lot like the First Reading. Jesus, in turn, declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him. The Gospel scene, too, recalls the First Reading. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it (compare [Luke 4:16-17, 21](#) and [Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10](#)).

We witness in today's Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year (see [Leviticus 23:24](#)). Jesus also proclaims a "sabbath," a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God (see [Leviticus 25:10](#)). The people greeted Ezra "as one man." And, as today's Epistle teaches, in the Spirit the new people of God—the Church—is made "one body" with Him. Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn, PhD

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**Crusade Prayer (87) Protect Our Nation From Evil**

"Oh Father on behalf of Your Son, save us from communism. Save us from dictatorship. Protect our nation against paganism. Save our children from harm. Help us to see the Light of God. Open our hearts to the teachings of Your Son. Help all churches to remain true to the Word of God. We beg You to keep our nations safe from persecution. Dearest Lord, look upon us with mercy, no matter how we offend You. Jesus, Son of Man, cover us with Your Precious Blood. Save us from the snares of the evil one. We implore You, dear God to intervene and stop evil from engulfing the world at this time...Amen."



YES.



IT'S NOT BRAGGING IF YOU CAN BACK IT UP.



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**MASS TIMES**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Rosary</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

**RECONCILIATION**

**Friday 7:30 – 8:15 pm**  
and by appointment

**ADORATION**

**Friday 7:30–8:15 pm**

**Sunday Mass Readings**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>1Corinthians 12.12-30</b>
<b>Responsorial</b>	<b>Psalm 19</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 1.1-4, 4.14-21</b>

Submissions for the Sunday Bulletin  
before 5:00 pm Thurs to  
[icccparish@gmail.com](mailto:icccparish@gmail.com)



**New Day Dawns**

The meaning of today's liturgy is subtle and many-layered. We need background to understand what's happening in today's First Reading. Babylon having been defeated, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt their ruined temple (see [Ezra 6:15-17](#)) and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls (see [Nehemiah 6:15](#)). The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people's rule of life. That's what's going on in today's First Reading, as Ezra reads and interprets (see [Nehemiah 8:8](#)) the Law and the people respond with a great "Amen!" cont'd on reverse.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary**  
**01-23-2022**

*Parish Pastoral Council meets 1st Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August*  
*Parish Financial Council meets 2nd Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August*  
*CWL meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tues after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August*

**Sunday Collection 01-16-2022 = \$805.00**  
**\$1,200.00 NEEDED**  
**Collection Count January 2022**

Date	Lector/Reader 1	Lector/Reader 2	Gift Bearer	Alter Servers/Cross Bearer	Music
01-09-2022	Sharon Lagace	Cecile Gregory	TBA	TBA	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal
01-16-2022	Lucille Partington	Mary McLaughlin	TBA	Ray Wald	Carmen + Shirley + Crew
01-23-2022	Ron Major	Frank Wasowicz	TBA	Ron Major	Carmen + Mona + Shirley
01-30-2022	Sharon Lagace	Cecile Gregory	TBA	Ray Wald	Carmen + Mona + Shirley

**Parish Council Meeting**  
Monday, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> after Mass at 7:00pm

**CWL Meeting**  
Tuesday, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> after Mass at 7:00 pm

**Feasts and Saints of the Week**

Monday	01-24-2022	St. Francis de Sales
Tuesday	01-25-2022	Conversion of St. Paul
Wednesday	01-26-2022	St Timothy + St. Paul
Thursday	01-27-2022	St. Angela Merici
Friday	01-28-2022	St. Thomas Aquinas

**Quote of the Week**  
"God provides the wind, but you must raise the sails"  
St Augustine

**Synod Listening Gathering**  
February 2, 9, 16 and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Every Wednesday of February  
7:00 – 8:00 pm in Parish Meeting Room  
Come to Listen. Come to share. Come to grow in your faith.  
Kindly sign up. Limit of 6 persons per gathering


**Mass Intentions for January 23-29, 2022**

	Offered By	Offered For
Sun		
Mon		
Tue		
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		

**Prayer Chain**

**Call Cecile Gregory with prayer requests urgent or emergency**  
**587-202-8887**  
Lena Hagerman, Wade Kaczkielo, Don Lozeron,  
Brooklynne Russell and for all the  
sick and needy in our community.

**A new Video Series 'Ask the Archbishop'**  
It is a new weekly video series in which the Archbishop will address  
your concerns, questions and interests around our faith and  
Archdiocese. Contact Kyle Greenham, Archdiocesan  
Communication Director at 780-532-9766



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**February 4-6, 2022.**  
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