

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Jesus identifies with the poor. They are already in the proper attitude to usher in the reign of God Jesus advocates real poverty for his disciples.

THE READINGS:

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

God protects a remnant of the people Israel. This remnant will revitalize the Jewish covenant with Yahweh.

1 Corinthians 1:16-31

Those who did not formerly exist now find their existence in Christ.

Matthew 5:11-12

Jesus begins formal instruction for his disciples. The humble and the merciful are to be our examples.

Offertory Collection January 23, 2005

NO MASSES

This weekend a second collection will be taken up for the support of Catholic Communications and Catholic University.

All were dispensed last Sunday, January 23rd, from the Sunday obligation of Mass due to the inclement weather. This is only the 2nd time we have been dispensed in my 44 years in the priesthood.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are 5 p.m. – Susan Walker, 9 a.m. – Thomas Kaczmarczyk.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from January 22nd – February 5th for the intentions of Charles Gondek.

2004 Tax Contributions – Anyone wishing to have a tax letter for their contributions for 2004 please complete this form and place it in the offertory basket. The letters will be available for your pickup the following weekend. They will be in a box marked "Tax Statements" in the last windowsill on the Blessed Mother Side.

Name _____ Envelope # _____
(Please print)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	January 29,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	January 30,	9:00 AM (rip) Clarence Baker by Susan Walker
Monday,	January 31,	8:00 AM (rip) Jane Mitchell by Helen Brannon
Tuesday,	February 1,	8:00 AM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living & deceased)
Wednesday,	February 2,	8:00 AM (rip) Stephen & Helen Sefcik
Thursday,	February 3,	8:00 AM (rip) Rose Kenderski by Charles Gondek
Friday,	February 4,	8:00 AM (rip) Ken Unkart by Charles Gondek
Saturday,	February 5,	5:00 PM (rip) Willard Smith by David Smith
Sunday,	February 6,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next available dates for **Mass Intentions** are March 30, 31, and April 8, 2005. **Mass stipends** are \$10.

Eternal rest grant to Deacon Hugh J. McCann, Gilbert Volmi, father of Fr. Dennis Volmi, and all the souls of the faithful departed.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, February 6th, hear an interview with Sr. Margaret Cunniffe, newly appointed Delegate for Religious for the Diocese of Wilmington. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – Today's second reading begins with St. Paul exhorting the Corinthians". Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters." What steps are you taking to discern your calling? Concretely, how are you trying to listen for God's voice? Consider your own calling. Call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or jcocucci@cdow.org).

Birthright of Delaware – Make a positive difference in a young woman's life without even leaving home. Consider becoming a Birthright prayer mentor, and pray for one of our clients each day. What could be a simpler or more powerful act of love? For more details call the Birthright office at 656-7080. Ask for Nan.

Do you want to give your Valentine something that will be remembered for a lifetime? The **Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a great romantic getaway. Escape from the busyness of our everyday obligations and make the effort to spend some time together. There is a weekend coming up soon in Rehoboth Beach. For more information call Bob & Michelle Dooley at 1-800-688-9963.

Catholic Relief Services – if you did not get a chance to make a donation to the Tsunami relief effort and would like to do so, please make your check out to Catholic Relief Services with TSUNAMI Emergency on the memo line. Mail your check to Catholic Relief Services, P O Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090.



What Do You Desire?

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for holiness for they shall have their fill!

So Matthew quotes Jesus as teaching the crowd. This suggests that, if you feel holiness is beyond your reach, the problem lies in the intensity of your desire to be holy. Do you dare ask for the grace to want it more?

Fourth Sunday of the Year

January 30, 2005