

BULLETIN: FEBRUARY 27, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please pray for the ill & those in need of our continued prayer: Bob Yoder, Christopher Endicott, Luke Barden, Joe Kranz, Doug Jones, Trang & Ann Treber, Tara Young, Eddy Messer, Scott Weaver, Foster Sauter, Steve Wilmes, Erin Palmer, Keagan Sanders, Shirley Schaffer, Tara Clawson & Gary May

DAILY EVENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 26th

7:00 a.m. That Man is You
 4:15 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Mass: Gene Jagmin
 7:30 p.m. Neocatechumenal Way

Sunday, February 27th

8:15 a.m. Confessions
 9:00 a.m. Mass: + Veronica Kay Gomez
 10:15 a.m. Religious Education (k-8th)
 11:30 a.m. Mass: +Juanita Cardenas

Monday, February 28th

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Sean Moler
 7:00 p.m. Inlps: (Going Deeper) w/ Fr. Chris
 8:00 p.m. Marriage Prep.

Tuesday, March 1st

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Deborah Messer

Wed, March 2nd (Ash Wednesday)

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Deborah Messer
 6:00 p.m. Mass: Suffering Souls in Purgatory
 7:30 p.m. Mass: Ramon & Nancy Saucedo

Thursday, March 3rd

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Deborah Messer
 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (Adoration)
 7:00 p.m. RCIA

Friday, March 4th

7:15 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 8:30 a.m. Mass: + Alf Linnebur

Saturday, March 5th

7:00 a.m. That Man is You
 8:30 a.m. Mass: Capuchin Poor Clares
 10:00 a.m. Rite of Election (Cathedral)
 4:15 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Mass: People of Our Lady of the Plains

REFLECTION

In today's readings we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee as well as a Jewish sage named Sirach writing in Jerusalem more than a century earlier. The two of them touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart.

Sirach teaches that speaking is "the test of men" and their character. One who is upright will utter words that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with "refuse" will be exposed, since the "fruit" of his mouth speaks volumes about the "tree" that produces it. Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln—if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat.

In a similar way, Jesus insists that a person speaks "out of the abundance of the heart." He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit."

Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say. But there's an additional step: The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the "good treasure" that God desires.

Why do purity of heart and speech matter so much? Because, as Jesus declares elsewhere: "by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" ([Matthew 12:37](#)). They matter because they help to decide our final judgment, and this is where the Second Reading comes in. Paul reminds us that God will destroy death forever, and if we are to share in this victory and live forever with the Lord, then we must take all steps necessary to give our hearts and lips to what is good.

OFFERTORY

February 20, 2022:


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PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ *****NEW*** THREE-WEEK ONLINE LECTURE SERIES: "LENT WITH THE DIRECTOR"**: Join the 2nd annual "Lent with the Director" online lecture series! St John Vianney Lay Division Director, Daniel Campbell, will help you as you learn about and contemplate this wonderful season, to know what it means in your life and family. To register <https://sjvlaydivision.org/register/> or for more info. call 303.715.3195
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** MARRIAGE PREP CLASSES**: Marriage Prep has begun but it's not too late to come and participate. This is for those couples who have not been married in the church, or who want to get married, and also for those who are struggling in their marriage.
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** THE CULTURE OF LIFE DINNER AND AUCTION**: Don't forget to come and bring the family this Sunday, Feb. 27th, to the Culture of Life Dinner and Auction, to help and support the Eastern Plains Woman's Resource Center and the N.E Colorado mobile ultrasound unit.
- ❖ *****NEW*** LECTIO DIVINA**: Lectio Divina is **cancelled** this Monday.
- ❖ *****NEW***2022 AID TO EASTERN EUROPE**: Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee
- ❖ *****NEW*** PARISH CONFESSIONS**: Our Parish Confessions will be on the 24th of March. Adoration at 6:00 P.M, followed by Confessions at 7:00 P.M. There will be two other bilingual priests to hear confessions
- ❖ *****NEW***PREPARING FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY**: If there are any photos that pertain to Our Lady of the Plains and its history that you would like to share, it would be appreciated. You could send via email at ourladyoftheplains@gmail.com or a box which will be available at both entrances for anything you would like to share publicly, as we are getting geared up to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of OLP. You should have your information in a separate envelope with your name and contact information on it so it can be placed back in the envelope to be given back to you.
- ❖ *****NEW*** FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK**: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/st-junipero-serra-a-man-of-god-a-mission-of-love>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ❖ **RCIA (C): REMINDER: RITE OF ELECTION**: The Rite of Election will be this coming Saturday, March 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral with Archbishop Aquila. Also, the First Scrutiny will be on March 20th of at 9:00 A.M. Reconciliation Retreat April 2nd at 10:00 A.M. First Confessions will be the following week April 9 at 11:00 A.M.
- ❖ **1ST RECONCILIATION RETREAT**: For those students in Sunday RE (3rd & 4th Graders) that need to Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, there will be a retreat, Saturday, April 2nd at 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. First Confessions will be the following week April 9 at 11:00 A.M
- ❖ *****NEW*** CHILDREN'S FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK**: The Animated Bible Series 2: The Flood 
<https://watch.formed.org/animated-bible-series/videos/the-animated-bible-series-episode-02-the-floodseries/videos/the-animated-bible-series-the-creation>

YOUTH GROUP

*Next Youth Group meeting will be 3/6/22.
Be Aware: This meeting will be only for High School Youth! We are looking for a day & time for the Middle School Youth. Any suggestions?
 Please contact the parish office.*

ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ *****NEW*** MEETING MARCH 6TH**: Sunday in the classroom next to the kitchen (printer room). All are welcome, meeting starts at 10:10 am. Agenda includes funeral circles, soup supper & more.

"No one should follow what he considers to be good for himself, but rather what seems good for another. Let them put Christ before all else; and may he lead us all to everlasting life."

– St. Benedict

