

Bulletin Insert – January 29th and 30th, 2022

Reflections from Fr. Thomas

In today's Gospel, the people of Jesus' hometown couldn't believe that He, the Carpenter's son, was a Prophet and a Miracle Worker. After all, he grew up in their town. They knew his family. Yet, when they heard about his fame, they thought, "Who does he think he is?"

The Prophet Jeremiah didn't have it any easier. In the First Reading for today, he didn't want to accept what God had planned for him, but God told him: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you, as a prophet to the nations I appointed you." Clearly, God had a plan for Jeremiah.

Paul, the author of our Second Reading, was also part of God's plan, even though Paul didn't realize it at first. When he does, indeed, come to understand that God had a plan for Paul, he goes on to provide one of the most beautiful descriptions of love in all of literature. I believe that God has a plan for each and every one of us. However, how do we know if we are doing what God wants? Paul gives us the answer in our Second Reading:

Corinthians 12:31-13:13

You are encouraged to check out this Scripture passage. What we are here for ... is to fulfill God's will as best we can and to do it with love and charity.

Fr. Thomas

Ministry Schedule

The new ministry schedule will begin on Wednesday March 2nd. We will be writing the new schedule the week of February 14th. This schedule will run from Ash Wednesday March 2nd through Sunday May 30th. (Holy Week, Palm Sunday April 10th – Easter Sunday April 17th will be written separately at a later date.) Ginny & Mary will be writing the new schedule the week of February 14th. Please let us know any weeks when you will not be available and any dates that you would prefer to serve. If you have requests for Holy Week, you can also include that information at this time. Please send request to Mary Leibl at mleibl@st-matts.org.

Thank you.

SCRIP

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Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra Concert

The MSO's February 6th Family Concert, scheduled to be held at Saint Matt's, has been CANCELLED due to COVID-19. The MSO plans to be back here Spring, 2023.