

FROM FR. JASON



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Our Lady Mother of the Church
Attn: Fr. Jason Mantich, Pastor
209 Woodcliff Avenue
Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677

Dear Fr. Jason & Parishioners,

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office has gratefully received a very generous donation of Christmas gifts for Mercy House.

Thank you for your donation. The Christmas gifts you donated were given out during our Christmas toy drive in all three Mercy House locations. This toy drive has become one of our most popular events where we ensure that every parent who comes to the drive will get a toy for each one of their children. Your gift is a symbol of God's love for people who are less fortunate and often living on the edge due to circumstances beyond their control.

Thank you again and may God bless you Fr. Jason, the staff and parishioners at Our Lady Mother of the Church in Woodcliff Lake for your contribution to our ministry.

In Peace,

Cheryl A. Riley

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ, said the great St. Jerome, who devoted his entire life to the study of Scripture. He even learned the original language, Hebrew, and translated most of the Bible into Latin. Today, the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, is called Word of God Sunday. It is a day devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God. To many people, the Bible is simply a giant book that doesn't make a whole lot of sense. That's a shame, because it's actually a beautiful story. In fact, it's our story. It's the story of where we come from, what went wrong, and God's incredible merciful plan to save us and make everything right again. Many parishioners are studying 'The Bible in a Year' with Fr. Mike Schmitz's podcast. I encourage everyone to know the Sacred Scripture more and more, and in that way, to know Christ more and more. May this Sunday remind us of the hidden treasure contained in Sacred Scriptures. As

somebody once said, we don't change the message, the message changes us.

This past Friday, Washington D.C. hosted the 53rd March for Life with the theme 'Life Is a Gift.' The very first March for Life, if we think about it, was made by the Blessed Virgin Mary in haste to celebrate Jesus conceived in her womb and to celebrate John the Baptist in the womb of St. Elizabeth. What an encounter that must have been between the two sons and the two mothers. Let us always treasure the sacredness of life in the womb.

Peace,