

**Though we encourage you to use these announcements as written, they can be modified depending on your parish's needs, Mass time constraints, and bulletin space limitations.**

- Phrases in *blue italics* are instructions, not part of the announcements themselves.
- Phrases in parenthesis can be modified or omitted.
- We encourage you to use our archdiocesan logo and/or the FCBH/YGTT (Faith Comes By Hearing/You've Got The Time) logos, available at [www.archsa.org/Evangelization](http://www.archsa.org/Evangelization) or via email.

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**Pulpit/Bulletin Announcement #1** (Suggested date: January 24 and January 31)

In 2008, during “*The Year of the Word of God*” declared by the Holy Father, Catholics throughout the world were urged again to read and listen to the Holy Scriptures. Listening to the New Testament is one good way for us to renew our love for Sacred Scripture and come closer to Christ. *Lent is a great time to do just this!* On Ash Wednesday and on Sunday, February 21, parishes across the Archdiocese will give away a free MP3 CD with a Catholic edition of the entire New Testament. We invite you to set aside, during the 40 days of Lent, 28 minutes a day to listen to the New Testament –as a family, with a group, or alone– and to reflect on the Scripture passages for each day. (*The Scriptures and Reflection Questions for each day are available (in the bulletin insert / at [www.archsa.org/Evangelization](http://www.archsa.org/Evangelization) / at parish website.)* Listen to the entire New Testament during these next 40 days – and see your life change! *You've Got The Time!*

The MP3-formatted CDs are available in adult and children's versions. They can be listened to on computers, laptops, iPods, DVD players, and some car stereos. If you do not have access to this equipment, you may wish to purchase a ready-to-use \$20 *BibleStick* containing the entire Catholic New Testament. A set of 16 CDs is also available for \$20. The free CD is being provided by *Faith Comes by Hearing*, a ministry that records the New Testament and distributes it around the world to poor and illiterate people, in their native language. To support the recording of new languages and the distribution of *Proclaimers* to Catholic missionaries who work with poor and illiterate people in mission countries, we will be conducting a special Second Collection at all Masses on Sunday, March 7.

For more information, (*consult the bulletin or,*) contact (*name of the Parish Coordinator at 555-555-5555*) or call the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Pulpit/Bulletin Announcement #2** (Suggested date: February 7 and February 14)

*If possible, show the Archbishop's video message before or after this announcement.*

Don't forget! As one family of faith across the Archdiocese, we are being invited by Archbishop Gomez to listen to the entire New Testament during the 40 days of Lent, in segments of 28 minutes per day. Distribution of the Catholic Audio New Testament on free MP3 CDs will take place at all Masses on Ash Wednesday –the Listening Program Launch Day– and on Sunday, February 21. They are available in adult and children's versions. MP3 CDs can be listened to on computers, laptops, iPods, DVD players, and some car stereos. If you do not have access to this equipment, you may wish to purchase a ready-to-use \$20 *BibleStick* containing the entire Catholic New Testament. A set of 16 CDs is also available for \$20.

The free MP3 CDs are being provided by *Faith Comes by Hearing*, a ministry that records the New Testament and distributes it around the world to poor and illiterate people, in their native language. To support the recording of new languages and the distribution of *Proclaimers* to through Catholic missionaries who work with poor and illiterate people in mission countries, we will be conducting a special Second Collection at all Masses on Sunday, March 7.

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**Pulpit/Bulletin Announcement #3** (Ash Wednesday, February 17 – Distribution & Launch Day)

Today, parishes across the Archdiocese are launching a 40-Day New Testament Listening Program called “*You’ve Got The Time*” that will allow us to listen to the entire New Testament in 40 days. Sacred Scripture has the power to change our lives, give us insight, strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and purify our love for God and neighbor. *Let your life be changed this Lent!* One free MP3 CD will be given by the ushers and greeters to every interested adult. (KIDZ Bibles will be distributed at religious education classes.)

The free MP3 CDs are being provided by *Faith Comes by Hearing*, a ministry that records the New Testament and distributes it around the world to poor and illiterate people, in their native language. *To be read while someone demonstrates The Proclaimer:* Once a New Testament is recorded in a new language, it is loaded onto a *Proclaimer*, a virtually indestructible audio player that can be used in the most rugged and remote locations of the world. It is powered by battery, sun, and by a hand crank, and is pre-loaded with the New Testament on an embedded microchip in one of several hundred languages. The speaker system allows groups of up to 300 or more people to hear God’s Word anytime, anywhere! To support the recording of new languages and the distribution of *Proclaimers* to Catholic missionaries who work with poor and illiterate people in mission countries, we will be conducting a special Second Collection at all Masses on Sunday, March 7. We ask that you please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

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**Pulpit/Bulletin Announcement #4** (February 21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Distribution Day)

This past Ash Wednesday, parishes across the Archdiocese launched a 40-Day New Testament Listening Program called “*You’ve Got The Time*” that will allow us to listen to the entire New Testament in 40 days. Free MP3 CDs with the Catholic Audio New Testament will be distributed again today to every interested adult that did not take one on Ash Wednesday. We invite you to set aside 28 minutes a day this Lent to listen to the New Testament –as a family, with a group, or alone– and to reflect on the Scripture passages for each day. (*The Scriptures and Reflection Questions for each day are available (in the bulletin insert / on the parish website / at [www.archsa.org/Evangelization](http://www.archsa.org/Evangelization).)*)

The free MP3 CDs are being provided by *Faith Comes by Hearing*, a ministry that records the New Testament and distributes it around the world to poor and illiterate people, in their native language. *To be read while someone demonstrates The Proclaimer:* Once a New Testament is recorded in a new language, it is loaded onto a *Proclaimer*, a virtually indestructible audio player that can be used in the most rugged and remote locations of the world. It is powered by battery, sun, and by a hand crank, and is pre-loaded with the New Testament on an embedded microchip in one of several hundred languages. The speaker system allows groups of up to 300 or more people to hear God’s Word anytime, anywhere! To support the recording of new languages and the distribution of *Proclaimers* to Catholic missionaries who work with poor and illiterate people in mission countries, we will be conducting a special Second Collection at all Masses on Sunday, March 7. We ask that you please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

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**Pulpit/Bulletin Announcement #5** (Suggested date: February 28)

We hope you have been listening daily to the New Testament on the free MP3 CDs distributed last week

during the launch of our archdiocesan 40-day New Testament Listening Program called “*You’ve Got The Time*” which will allow us to listen to the entire New Testament in 40 days. Sacred Scripture has the power to change our lives, give us insight, strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and purify our love for God and neighbor. *You’ve Got The Time!* We invite you to set aside 28 minutes a day this Lent to listen to the New Testament –as a family, with a group, or alone– and to reflect on the Scripture passages for each day. (*The Scriptures and Reflection Questions for each day are available (in the bulletin insert / on the parish website / at [www.archsa.org/Evangelization](http://www.archsa.org/Evangelization).)*) Listen to the Word of God – and see your life change!

Our parish will be conducting a special Second Collection during all Masses on Sunday, March 7. The money will be used to distribute listening devices to Catholic missionaries who work with poor and illiterate people in mission countries. We ask that you please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

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### **Pulpit/Bulletin Announcement #6 (Sunday, March 7 - special Second Collection)**

*If possible, show the Archbishop’s video message before or after this announcement, and demonstrate The Proclaimer.*

*This announcement is meant to be read BEFORE the Second Collection takes place – to encourage generous support.*

We hope you are listening to the New Testament on the CDs distributed during the launch of our archdiocesan 40-day New Testament Listening Program called “*You’ve Got The Time*”. As you know, Sacred Scripture can change our lives. And not only our lives, but the lives of thousands of people around the world – with our help.

The free MP3 CDs are being provided by *Faith Comes by Hearing*, a ministry that records the New Testament and distributes it around the world to poor and illiterate people, in their native language. *To be read while someone demonstrates The Proclaimer:* Once a New Testament is recorded in a new language, it is loaded onto a *Proclaimer*, a virtually indestructible audio player that can be used in the most rugged and remote locations of the world. It is powered by battery, sun, and by a hand crank, and is pre-loaded with the New Testament on an embedded microchip in one of several hundred languages. The speaker system allows groups of up to 300 or more people to hear God’s Word anytime, anywhere!

Today’s special Second Collection is to support the recording of new languages and the distribution of *Proclaimers* to Catholic missionaries who work with poor and illiterate people in various countries of the world. Make checks payable to the parish. We ask that you please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

### **Pulpit/Bulletin Announcement #7** (Suggested dates: Fourth Sunday of Lent through Palm Sunday)

If you have not yet started or have fallen behind in your daily listening of the New Testament, we encourage you to catch up and complete the entire New Testament by Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday. It’s never too late to do a good thing – one that will change your life forever!