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SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

SUN 1/24	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
MON 1/25	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
TUE 1/26	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
WED 1/27	Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
THR 1/28	Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
FRI 1/29	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
SAT 1/30	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
SUN 1/31	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Tuesday:	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Wednesday:	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Thursday:	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	BVM
Sunday:	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

Mass Intentions
Week of 1/23—1/31/2021

Saturday, January 23, 2021
4:00pm † Jack & Gladys Lippert
6:00pm † For the Parish

Sunday, January 24, 2021
8:00am † For the Parish
10:30am † Living & Deceased Members of the Clem Schermetzler Family

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

8:00am † Mr. & Mrs. Dick Casey

Thursday, January 28, 2021
9:30am St. Mark Intentions

Video Mass
Friday, January 29, 2021
† Phil Marlotty
† Tom Higgins

Saturday, January 30, 2021
4:00pm † For the Parish
6:00pm † Herman Firkus

Sunday, January 31, 2021
8:00am † Richard Oscarson
10:30am † For the Parish

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If you are new to the area or looking for a parish, please consider joining us. Call the parish office to receive more information.

Normal Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday:
8:30AM - 3:00PM
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8:30AM - 12:00PM

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St Mary's currently has a part-time Communications Specialist position available that was vacated just before the Pandemic hit. This is a temporary position with the possibility to go permanent. We are looking for someone who has experience and enjoys working with video technology and various social media outlets that can utilize their skills to help us continue to keep our Parish Community connected and well informed. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 262-694-6018 ext. 0 for a complete job description and information on how to apply.

DO CATHOLICS ALWAYS NEED TO RECEIVE COMMUNION IN WAFER FORM, OR CAN IT BE DIFFERENT KINDS OF BREAD?

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see Redemptionis Sacramentum by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

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GO! GO! GO!

The call to discipleship has existed since ancient times. The prophets of the Old Testament and the missionaries down through the centuries heard the call to "Go," and they went! Within the more recent history of our country, we can recall images of the Franciscan missionaries who established mission cities in what is now the southwestern part of our country, and the influence of the Jesuit Black Robes, who accompanied the French fur traders in what was then the Northwest Territory. Today missionaries continue to travel the world living among strangers and sharing with them the light of Christ.

We know that the call to discipleship is extended not just to a select few men and women whom we label missionaries, but to all people of every race, nationality, gender, creed, and ethnic background. By virtue of our baptism, we are all called to be missionaries living a life of holiness and discipleship. Jesus has commanded that we all "***Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.***" [Matthew28: 19a] However, in our efforts to reach out to others, we often experience a gap between the ideal we know should exist, and the reality we too easily accept.

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In today's Gospel, Jesus announced the reign of God and called for repentance and renewed faith. His voice was clear and direct: "***This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel***." To help bring about this change, Jesus called fishermen to be his disciples, telling them that they would fish for many others. Down through the centuries, the church has called disciples to continue that effort.

Jesus would spend three years teaching his followers how to be disciples. Spiritual writer, Alice Camille puts Jesus' efforts in simple form: "***Jesus didn't have time for elaborate explanations there on the beach, only a few moments to ask them to turn their lives around and move in a new direction. This is how it was for Simon, Andrew, James, John, and others, whatever they were doing when Jesus walked through their lives. The capacity to interrupt our lives long enough to accept his invitation with conscious intent is crucial to calling ourselves by the name---Christian. We also have to embrace the responsibility to turn, and turn again when necessary, so that we are always facing the direction that Jesus is headed.***"

In our efforts to better understand what Jesus is asking of us, many have latched on to the slogan WWJD (What Would Jesus do). Trying to imitate Jesus' behavior in specific situations is certainly a worthy endeavor. However, to respond accurately to our call to be Christians, we need to go beyond the teachings and actions of the Gospel Jesus. For those who have experienced Jesus in their lives, much more is required than figuring out what would Jesus do. Our task is to determine what the risen Jesus is doing in our lives right here and now, and what he expects us to do right here and now.

If Jesus called us today and said, "Go!" How might we respond? Many of us might say: "But, I'm not ready yet!" "I can't leave my family." "I'm not the kind of person to get involved." "People might hate me." "I can't do it alone." After such a litany of protests, we might hear the Lord continue to insist, "GO!" Hopefully our response would be: "Here I am…send me!"

----Deacon Wilson Shierk

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The Holy Spirit Novena for Life

January 2021

Date/Day	Time	Novena Events
Jan 24/Sun	9:15 am	Rosary, Novena & Mass at Mt. Carmel (Len Hartnell)
Jan 25/Mon	11:30 am	Rosary, Novena & Mass at St. Elizabeth (Carol Brooks)
Jan 26/Tue	6:30 pm	Holy Hour for Life and Novena at St. Anne (Deacon Rich)
Jan 27/Wed	11:30 am	Rosary, Novena & Mass at St. Elizabeth (Carol Brooks)
Jan 28/Thu	4:00 pm	Adoration, Rosary & Novena at St. Mary (Tim Lewis)
Jan 29/Fri	6:00 pm	Rosary & Novena at Holy Rosary (Activity TBD)

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Deacon.....Jim Francois
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Steve Hejnal..... Ext. 4172

Administrative Assistant
Janice Schmidbauer..... Ext. 4154

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Jane Jurca.....Ext. 4155

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Theresa Setter.....Ext. 4159

Christian Formation

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Sandy Slivon.....Ext. 4158

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Administrative Assistant
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-Fr. Roman

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