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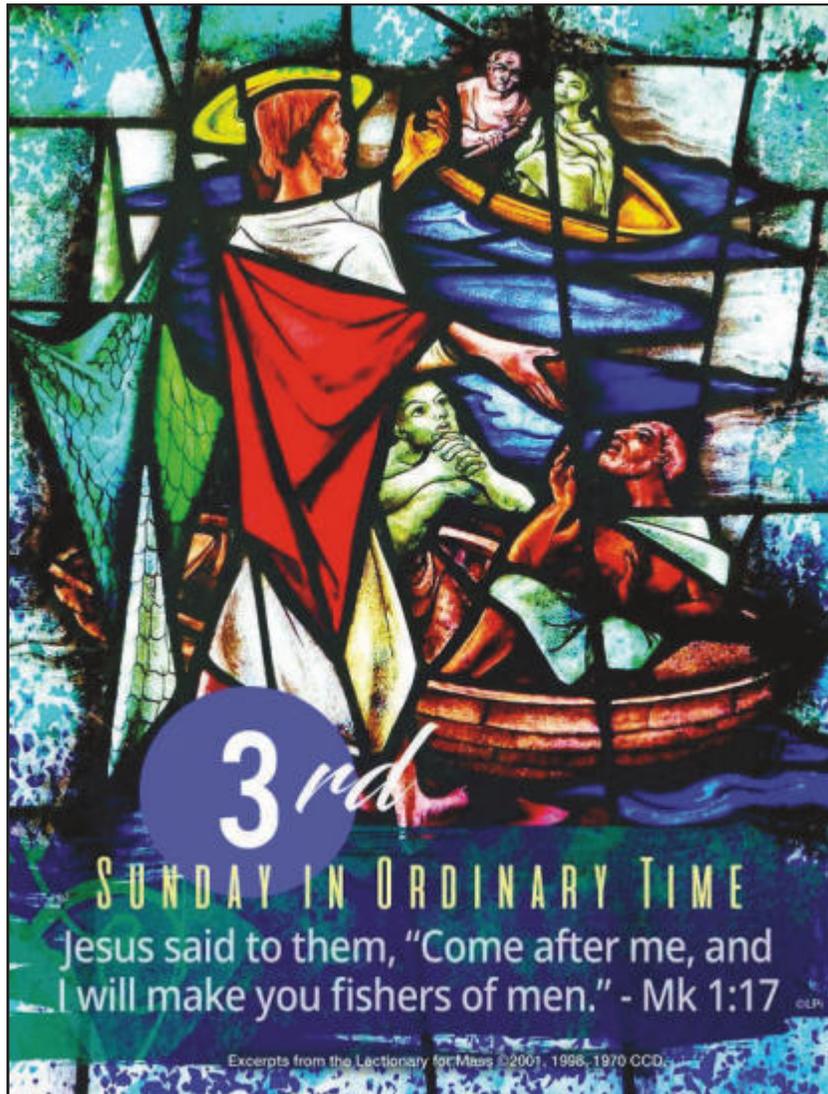
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Faith + Community + Service

January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Schedule

Monday,

8:00 AM

Tuesday, Thursday

8:15 AM

Wednesday, Friday

5:30 PM

Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

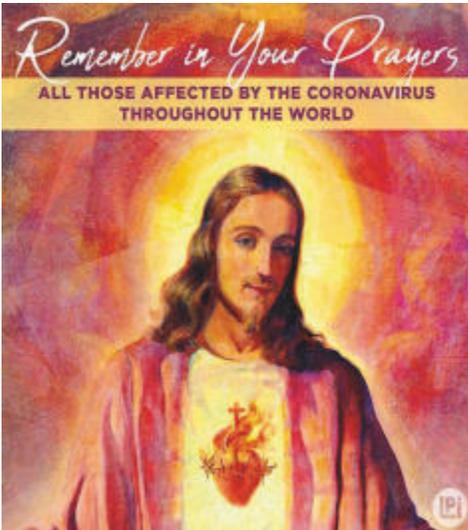
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Mass Intentions

January 25-31

Monday, January 25

John Metalic

Tuesday, January 26

Mayde Joss

Wednesday, January 27

Ron Renner

Thursday, January 28

Intention of Mary Ann Calilung

Friday, January 29

Martha Piel Jones

Saturday, January 30

Rich Andriole

Sunday, January 31

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Ed McNamara

Repent and Believe in the Gospel

Our Gospel reading tells us of the beginning of Jesus' ministry. His message is, "Time is fulfilled; the Kingdom of God is near! Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Jesus teaches us that the time for salvation is now, in this and every moment. The Kingdom of God is near because Jesus is near, and for the baptized, the King is enthroned in our hearts. Then Jesus goes on to say, "repent, and believe in the Gospel." While these might seem like two separate things, they are actually one. The Greek word for "repent" is *metanoia*, and means that we awaken and come to our senses. We see the error of our ways, and begin to walk in God's light. To believe in the Gospel (that is, the good news) is to live by the teachings of Jesus Christ as His disciples.

The result of repentance is the forgiveness of our sins. The Greek word for "forgiveness" is *aphesis*, which means to set free, to let go of, or to send away. It is fascinating that when Jesus called Andrew and Simon, they left their nets immediately and followed Him. What do nets do? They entangle and hold fish in captivity. The Greek text actually uses the root word *aphesis* when it refers to the abandoning of the nets by Andrew and Simon. In a sense, they were "forgiven" of their nets, that is, of the things which had ensnared them, and by following Jesus, they were truly free. Likewise, James and John left their father and the hired men to follow Jesus. Here again, we find the root word for forgiveness (*aphesis*): they let go of, or were set free of, their earthly father, and the work of hired men. From that time on, by following Jesus, they were sons of God, doing the work of the Kingdom. And what is that work? It is to draw souls to eternal life, not against their will, but by setting souls free from all that ensnares them.

In the call of Jesus to the first disciples, and to us, we see a setting down, and a taking up. We set down, or leave behind, what entangles us, and we take up that which sets us free, namely, the teachings of Jesus. The word for "believe" or "faith" in Greek implies a letting go of fear and doubt so that one trusts fully in God and His love. The life of a disciple of Jesus is a life of faith. But what does it look like? First, let's look at an entangled life which has not been enlightened by the Gospel. Such a person is ignorant, in the sense of not knowing the higher truths of God. If we do not know God, we can never know ourselves, and can never understand fully the world around us, which was created by God. Without the teachings of Jesus, our lives will always be in some way undisciplined. Notice the word "discipline" comes from the word "disciple." If we are disciples of Jesus, we will

Thoughts from Fr. Roberts

live just as He lived on earth. A life devoid of the Gospel is a selfish life, in the sense that it will always feel the need to take in all it can from the world, for it has no hope of eternal life or of anything greater than this passing world.

The life of a true disciple is the opposite: a disciple of Jesus is enlightened by the Gospel and understands higher truths. Such a soul is dignified and disciplined, transformed in the image of Jesus; such a soul lives in love for God and neighbor. A disciple of Jesus is generous, even to the laying down of one's life in service to God and others. Such a soul is free. This is the life St. Paul describes in our second reading: a life free of entanglements and of all which holds us captive. Paul does not mean that men should ignore their wives, or that we should not rejoice in the many blessings of life. Instead, we are to live in a way which remains free, regardless of the circumstances around us, so that nothing masters us or holds us captive. Instead, we live as sons and daughters of God, enjoying the same freedom as our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now is the time to be free, Jesus says, for the Kingdom of God has come to us. We can only become aware of it, and enjoy our new life, if we let go of the nets which entangle us, and embrace the freedom which comes from following Jesus as His disciples. Time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God is near; repent, and believe in the Gospel!

Fr. Roberts

From ***The Heart of the New Evangelization, A Parish Manual for the New Evangelization*** by Fr. Guy Roberts.

Sometimes, in our zeal, we overlook what Christ is placing at our feet because we are looking too far over the horizon. Often, an opportunity for evangelization is not "out there," but "right here."
P. 48.

St. Joan of Arc Parish Mission Statement:

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church is a community gathered in Jesus Christ. We welcome all people and provide them opportunities to know God, grow in faith, and use their gifts to serve others. Through Word, Sacrament, Prayer, and Service, we honor our tradition as we extend our ministry to each new generation.



Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOAN OF ARC

Weekly Prayer Petition

The hymns and readings for today's Mass can be found on page 7 of this bulletin.



Parents of children who have already registered to make their First Communion this year are reminded that there will be a **Parents Meeting** in the church at 6:00 PM (following the 5:30 PM Mass) on February 3. Please contact Kyle Murphy if you have any questions regarding this event: kmurphy@sjoa.org or 317-283-5508 x 1124.



Discover the SJOA difference! St. Joan of Arc is now enrolling preschool through 8th grade students. If you are seeking a rich, faith-based education for your children that centers around Catholic teachings, social-emotional learning, leadership, and opportunities for service-based learning in a diverse and welcoming school community, look no further. The school administration would love to meet you and schedule an in-person tour so that you can learn more. For additional enrollment information or to schedule a tour, please contact Patsy Johantges in the school office at pjohantges@sjoa.org or 317.283.1518 or visit <https://www.sjoa.org/student-application-and-registration> to apply.



How do I respond to poverty and injustice? What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer? **Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response** explores God's call to respond to poverty in our local communities, equipping participants to take action in effective and sustainable ways. To participate in Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response (part of the JustFaith Catholic series), join a small group that will meet virtually for 8 weeks beginning on February 8 from 7 - 9 p.m. Space is limited on this program. Contact Lauren Rush to register: lauren.e.rush@tmail.com or 317-767-5789.



our minds .

Father Almighty, as we celebrate the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle this week*, we pray that we will always be open to hear your word in our hearts and in
*January 25

Please Pray For: Leslie Ashburn-Nardo; Kevin Beaty; Adeline Beining; Sam Blandina; Nancy Bogeman; Katie Bender (Holly O'Neil's sister); Kim Bourque (Kathy Caparo's Sister); Agnes Brake; Mable Brown; Frederick Bullard; Cathy Chamberlaine; Ronerik Christie and Marvin Colbert (brother & brother-in-law of Yolanda Christie); David Colby; Kelly Colen; Ella Comer; Maureen Cox (d-i-l of Judy Cox); Ian Craig (son of Libby); Alison Croker; Judd Cromer; Ellie Davis; Lyla DeArmond; Mary Ellen Diemer; Gregg Dwyer; Dee Enrico-Janik; Marcia Fasbinder; Barbara Finch; Brian Gaddie; Rita Gatzemeyer; Donna Gesell-Stuart; Gail Gerlach; Joyce Geske (Ed Pritchard's mother-in-law); Larry Grein; Owen Griffith; Sara Hanlon; Betsy Harvey; Noreen Hazeur Williams; Polly & Carl Henn, Susie Hoffman (mother of Erin Kelly); Doris Hogan; many members of the Irwin Family; Harley Janssen; Dalaena Johnson; Judith Jones; Rod Kramer, Jim Laidlaw; Charlie Lane; Tom & Marie, (Catherine Hayes brother and sister); Rick Mahaffey; Kovan McCauley; Peggy McClellan (friend of Dee Enrico-Janik); JoAnn McDaniel; Betty McKillip; Sherm McMurray; Sharon Montieth; Buffy Moosbrugger; Kathleen Naghdi; James Neal; Teresa O'Connel (daughter of Alison Croker); Rob Ohlemiller; Kidney Patient; Steve Pavicich; Sharon Pence; Angee Poe (friend of Margaret Graves); Mike M. Pointer; Barb Rainbolt; Charles Randall; Devin Ryan; Beth Salmon; Frederick Selm; Helen Setmeyer; Christina Shedrick; Karen Sommer, Bob Sparks; The Thornburg Family; Jeanetta Torence; Mary Strigari Vish; James Vodde; Sr. Rita Ann Wade; Joe Wainscott; Drake Williams (son of Kyle and Abby); Carole Williams; Gary Williams; Valorie Woods.



We grieve over the death of long time parishioner Carl Henn Jr., age 99, whose wife Polly and 9 children remain; and also for parishioner Eric Smith whose father, Ray Smith passed. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

JANUARY 19-17 COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$49,897
Weekly Contributions	\$12,474
Faith Direct	\$32,582.35
Weekly Shortage	(\$4,840.65)
Yearly Shortage	(\$16,041.00)

****2020 Contribution statements will be mailed late this week. Please call the parish office if you do not receive yours by February 8th.**



50/50 Club: Envelope #2523 was drawn and that household did not participate this week. The pot for next week remains \$645. ICG#2454



This weekend is the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' collection for the **Church in Latin America.**

Funds from this collection are used to underwrite and enliven the faith formation

and spirituality of seminarians, religious and lay persons as well as youth through out many countries in central and South America. Archbishop Thompson asks for your support both financially and in prayer.



Many Right to Life activities occurred this past week. There are still many ways you can contribute toward the movement here in Indianapolis. Here are a few opportunities but more may be found at <https://archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/volunteer.html>. The Birthline Office is

looking for volunteers to answer inquiries. You can work from your own home by answering the Birthline Helpline, providing a listening ear, and scheduling appointments for pregnant women and new moms to receive material assistance. If you prefer to have a more active position, this organization seeks help in preparing layettes and sorting donations. Another opportunity is to be a Pro-Life/Family Intercessor. Training is provided for all of the above activities.



Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Greetings and welcome to enrollment season! Funny to think of it that way, but really, that's what it is. It's the season to showcase the school to families searching for the personal formation we are called to offer.

It's a challenge, pretty much like everything is for all of us, as we continue to endure the restraints of convening. Because of that challenge, recent enhancements to the website can assist in demonstrating what we cannot reveal in person. If it's been some time since you visited the website, I invite you to explore there. It really is informative and engaging.

I would like to thank parishioner Sara Mitchell, who has remained involved and supportive even though she and her husband, Mike, decided to take a "pause" on their children attending this year. Sara continues to be active by helping with the website and an active, contributing member of school commission. We are thrilled to welcome the Mitchell family back in 2021-2022; they have been missed.

I wonder if there are other families interested in a return to SJOA? Please consider this an invitation to set up a time to visit or receive a personal phone call. That goes for returning parents and considering parents too. We would welcome the invitation to talk with you and even connect you to school families who choose SJOA for their families and who can best explain the experience.

Thank you for your prayers for SJOA and God's blessings to you,

Janet Andriole
Principal



In mid-winter it is easy to find oneself feeling as if the weight of the world is on your shoulders. If that describes how you feel, try a spiritual tonic to help you put that spring back into your step prior to the Spring season. The Office of Evangelization at the Archdiocese has offered a short study entitled **Rejoicing in Suffering With St. Paul**. This study is formatted so that it can be used with a small group (invite some friends to do it with you and zoom your discussion of it) or can be adapted to your individual prayer time. Visit www.archindy.org/catechesis/documents/ to locate the material.



Married couples wanting to hone their communication skills with their spouse are encouraged to view **The Third**

Option virtual marriage crisis/enrichment class that is presented bi-weekly through May 20 beginning at 7:00 pm. The next session is February 4. Viewing all the sessions is recommended but not required. There is no cost. This could be your answer to a best-ever date night! Log on to : carmelthirdoption.org/web and then click on the link at the top of the page. For more information contact Keith Ingram, kingram@aicinvest.com or 317-324-8446.



St. Vincent de Paul Indy has developed an idea for those who would like to contribute food to the pantry without the inconvenience of shopping/bringing it to church or to the pantry. The techies at SVDPIndy have a Virtual option for you to shop. Simply go to their virtual food drive at cut.ly/SVdPFoodOnline and help them restock one item at a time. When you have accumulated the groceries that you want to donate, you “checkout” . For more information, send an email to philanthropy@svdpindy.org.



The Athletic department announces that it is now time to sign up for Girls Kickball and Boys and Girls Soccer. To sign up, visit www.orgsonline.com. Either sign in to your account or create a new account (if you don't have one). The SJOA school code is 186SJOA-IN Go to the sports section and register. Parents and interested adults or near adults, we can sure use your help in the coaching department or as an assistant.



Bishop Chatard High School invites current students of the junior class to sign up for the SAT Prep Class which will begin February 2 and run for 6 weeks. If space permits, sophomores may register for the class, also. You may choose to attend in-person (space permitting) or virtually. Contact Mrs. Schaffner (kschaffner@bishopchatard.org) or Mrs. Hilton (khilton@bishopchatard.org)



Cathedral High School reminds you that Financial Aid applications can be submitted NOW to gocathedral.com/tuitionassistance. Apply now for the academic year 2021-2022.

SEEK21 **SEEK21** is a national Catholic conference that young adults eagerly look forward to every other year. This year, SEEK is being broadcast live throughout the country on February 4-7. Young adults here in Indy will be safely gathering virtually to partake in this opportunity of community, formation, and prayer. For further information, go to <https://indycatholic.org/seek21>.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Sgt. Dylan Barnett; P.O. 2nd class Matthew Collier, P.O. 2nd Class James Fisher, LCDR Kurt E. Davis; Maj Rocknee Gardner; P.O. 2nd Class Eileen Grosvenor-Jarp, LCPL Jonah Hollis, P.O. 2nd Class Kyle McClelland, CPT Jon Mecker, GySgt. Tom Mitsch; Marine Jonathan Price, CPT Kevin Zander.

January 16-17 Worship Aid

Processional: The Church's One Foundation (vs.1 & 2)

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord
She is his new creation
By water and the Word
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride
With his own blood he bought her
And for her life he died

Elect from ev'ry nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. (Refrain)

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. (Refrain)

For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father. (Refrain)

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Responsorial : Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 1:15
The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Communion Song: The Summons by John Bell (vs.1-3)

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same
Will you let my love be shown
Will you let my name be known
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me

Recessional: They'll Know We Are Christians 832

(vs.1, 2, & 4)

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land (Refrain)

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one (Refrain)

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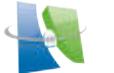


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