

Mass Schedule

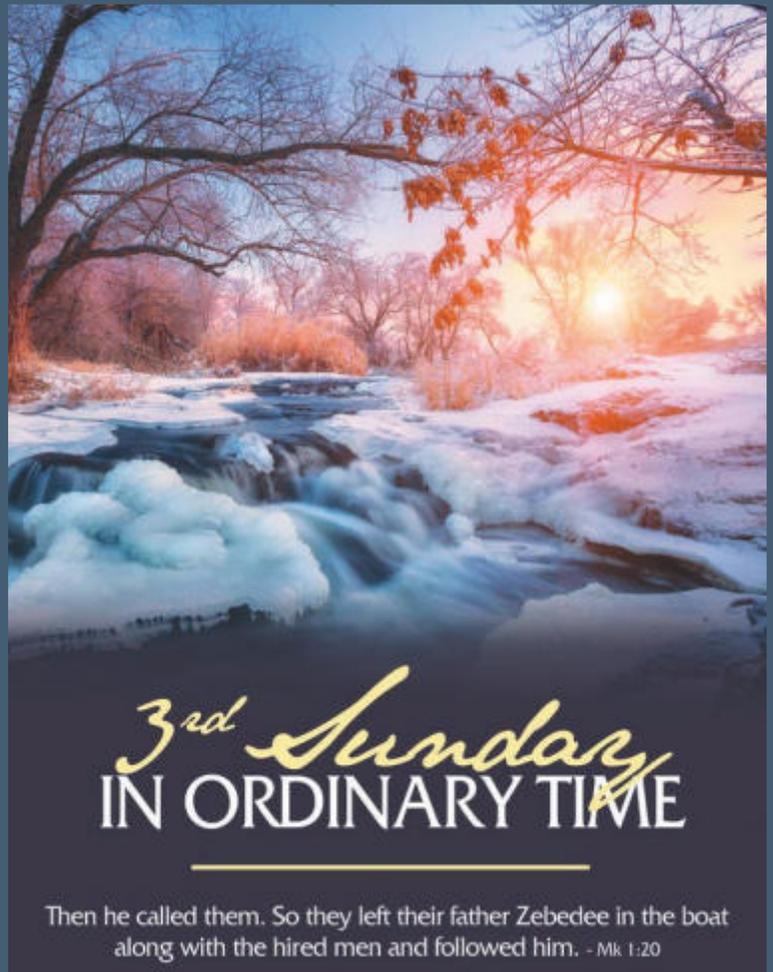
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
11:00 AM—Bilingual

Weekdays
Monday through Friday
9:00 AM
No Tuesday Mass

Holy Days
7:00 PM Vigil, 9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I **Jon 3:1-5, 10**

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

R. (4a) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior. R.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. R.

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice
and teaches the humble his way. R. .

Reading II **1 Cor 7:29-31**

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Alleluia **Mk 1:15**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel **Mk 1:14-20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Gospel Meditation

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change. We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help! We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

III Domingo Ordinario

Primera Lectura Jon 3, 1-5. 10

En aquellos días, el Señor volvió a hablar a Jonás y le dijo: “Levántate y vete a Nínive, la gran capital, para anunciar ahí el mensaje que te voy a indicar”.

Se levantó Jonás y se fue a Nínive, como le había mandado el Señor. Nínive era una ciudad enorme: hacían falta tres días para recorrerla. Jonás caminó por la ciudad durante un día, pregonando: “Dentro de cuarenta días Nínive será destruida”.

Los ninivitas creyeron en Dios, ordenaron un ayuno y se vistieron de sayal, grandes y pequeños. Cuando Dios vio sus obras y cómo se convertían de su mala vida, cambió de parecer y no les mandó el castigo que había determinado imponerles.

Salmo Responsorial 24, 4-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9

R. (4a) Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos.

Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos, guíanos con la verdad de su doctrina. Tú eres nuestro Dios y Salvador y tenemos en ti nuestra esperanza. R.

Acuérdate, Señor, que son eternos tu amor y tu ternura. Según ese amor y esa ternura, acuérdate de nosotros. R.

Porque el Señor es recto y bondadoso, indica a los pecadores el sendero, guía por la senda recta a los humildes y descubre a los pobres sus caminos. R.

Segunda Lectura 1 Cor 7, 29-31

Hermanos: Les quiero decir una cosa: la vida es corta. Por tanto, conviene que los casados vivan como si no lo estuvieran; los que sufren, como si no sufrieran; los que están alegres, como si no se alegraran; los que compran, como si no compraran; los que disfrutan del mundo, como si no disfrutaran de él; porque este mundo que vemos es pasajero.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio Mc 1, 15

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

El Reino de Dios ya está cerca, dice el Señor. arrepíentense y crean en el Evangelio.

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio Mc 1, 14-20

Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía: “Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepíentense y crean en el Evangelio”.

Caminaba Jesús por la orilla del lago de Galilea, cuando vio a Simón y a su hermano, Andrés, echando las redes en el lago, pues eran pescadores. Jesús les dijo:

“Sígueme y haré de ustedes pescadores de hombres”.

Inmediatamente dejaron las redes y lo siguieron.

Un poco más adelante, vio a Santiago y a Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, que estaban en una barca, remendando sus redes. Los llamó, y ellos, dejando en la barca a su padre con los trabajadores, se fueron con Jesús.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Creer para cambiar, es el secreto para no destruirnos. Recuerdo, al inicio de la pandemia, que muchas personas no creían la magnitud y alcance del virus. Hubo quienes hasta que lo vivieron en carne propia creyeron. Y luego comenzaron a decir: “Yo no creía esto, pero les digo cuídense, no se expongan, guarden la distancia, lávense las manos”. En la primera lectura, los ninivitas no creyeron hasta que Jonás predicó que la ciudad sería destruida. Sin embargo, ellos escucharon el mensaje y creyeron en la advertencia del peligro. Ayunaron e hicieron penitencia. ¡Hubo cambio del corazón, hubo conversión!

El Evangelio narra que Jesús llama a sus cuatro primeros discípulos, y proclama la Buena Nueva de Dios. Decía: “El tiempo se ha cumplido, el Reino de Dios está cerca.

Renuncien a su mal camino y crean en la Buena Nueva” (Marcos 1:15). Observemos, que, después del anuncio viene la invitación al seguimiento. La similitud entre las lecturas es muy parecida. Jonás proclama, la gente de la ciudad responde. Jesús, anuncia la Buena Nueva y llama al ministerio a sus discípulos. Llamado, conversión, y misión están entrelazados. Lo principal en todo es creer, sin ese detalle del corazón, no puede darse respuesta. Ahora, se sigue proclamando la cercanía de Dios de muchas maneras, los caminos se abren al seguimiento, a darnos la mano unos a otros, a luchar hasta el cansancio por la salud de los demás. ¿Lo has visto o vivido así? Yo creo que sí. La conversión, sin duda es ablandar el corazón y el compromiso viene del mayor hasta el menor.



Mass Intentions, Prayers & Sacraments

Saturday January 23

4:30 PM Joseph Barca r/b Joe & Anna Marie
D'Alessandro & nephews

Sunday January 24

9:00 AM Sr. M. Carmelita Sammuti
r/b The Franciscan Sisters

11:00 AM Joseph Barca r/b Nick & Betty DeStefano
Julia Soto r/b Kathy & Sal Alibrando

Monday January 25

9:00 AM Sandy Carnuccio r/b Kathy & Sal Alibrando

Tuesday January 26

9:00 AM **No Mass**

Wednesday January 27

9:00 AM Joe Barca r/b Kathy & Sal Alibrando

Thursday January 28

9:00 AM Nicholas Joseph Specian
r/b godfather Andrew Specian

Friday January 29

9:00 AM For the People of Our Parish

Saturday January 30

4:30 PM Sandy Carnuccio r/b Joe & Anna Marie
D'Alessandro and nephews

Sunday January 31

9:00 AM Sr. M. Raimonda Mistrh
r/b The Franciscan Sisters

11:00 AM Arthur Camiolo on his 99th Birthday
r/b his daughter Diane
Evelyn King r/b John & Kathleen Capitanio

PRAYER LIST

Lynda Bancroft, JoAnne Carothers,
Julia Rivera, Maria Genovese,
Louis Hill and Bill Van Dusen

We are starting a new prayer list, which will be updated every three months. Please call the Parish Center at 856-881-2753 to have your name put on the prayer list. Thank You.

If you wish, you may receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Contact the Parish Center at 856-881-2753 to make an appointment with the priest.

We pray for the safety and the Lord's protection of our men and women in the military, especially Colonel Eric Baus; Anthony R. Brown, Jr., USANG, Major Matthew Lisa, USAF; Ensign William Stephens, USCG; Sean Patrick Stailey, USN and Luke Wible, USMC.

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you or someone you know need the blessing of prayer? That's why the St. Bridget Prayer Chain is here for you. Please contact Annadora Shipley, Coordinator, at 856-589-0334, and prayers will begin for you.

ATTENTION VETERANS!

Having problems? Need help?

The NJ Veterans Helpline might be your answer. This is a 24-hour service manned by veterans who counsel callers and direct them to a wide range of services. Call 1-866-838-7654.

PRAYER FOR THOSE

WHO HAVE DIED FROM COVID-19

Merciful Lord, In your earthly life, you showed great compassion to the sick and by your own suffering and death, you won for us everlasting life. You know that the world is suffering from the coronavirus and that this dreaded virus has claimed countless victims – people of every age, of every nation, and of all faiths.

We come before you to commend the souls of our faithful departed who have died from the coronavirus. When they struggled to breathe, you were there as their Great Physician, When they were separated from their loved ones, you assured them with your abiding Spirit, When they died without family at their side, you were there as brother and friend.

May they know the joy of seeing your face and feel the warmth of your loving embrace. Welcome them into your heavenly kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.



Bonnie Petroni returned to God our Creator. We pray for her and her family.

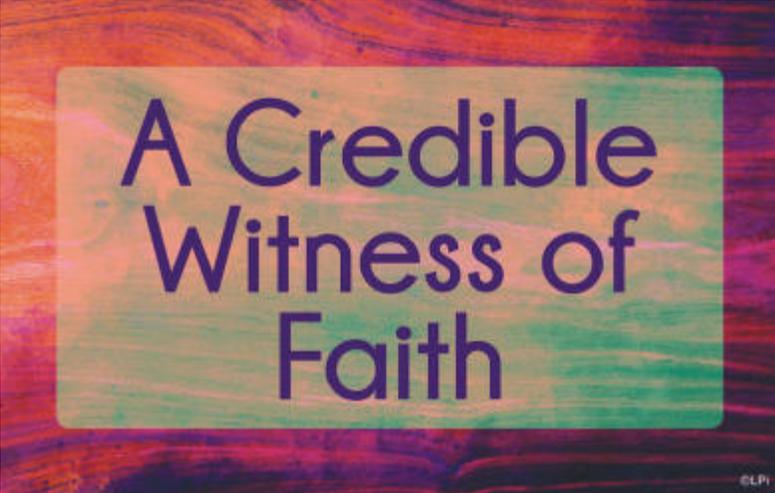
Stewards Follow

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”
- MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to “Follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good **stewardship** of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Apply for Energy Assistance: What is it? LIHEAP is a federally funded program that can assist families with their energy bill. **Who qualifies?** The applicant household must meet income eligibility to qualify and be responsible for heating or cooling costs, either directly or included in the rent. **How do I sign up?** Visit or call the Hispanic Family Center of Southern New Jersey (HFC) to get information or obtain an application. Energy Assistance Program, 21 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ. (856) 848-7150. Pick up your application today!

Samaritan Center

Did you know that most of the food and donations we collect on the first Sunday of the month go to support the Samaritan Center, located on High Street in Glassboro?

They **really** need donations of **tuna, jelly, juice, sandwich bread and snacks for children.**



The Samaritan Center of Glassboro is in need of donations of gently used (or new) winter clothing for both children and adults.

If you would like to volunteer to help, you can call Stacy at (856)863-9030.

Poor Box

If you cannot donate food, please consider dropping a food gift card or cash in the poor box in back of the church. As always, thank you for your generosity.



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Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Remember, once your child reaches 21, even if still living at home, they should complete their own registration form as an adult.

If you have not already informed the Parish Center about changes to your record, please let us know now. **Please call the Parish Center at (856) 881-2753 to update your information.**



Celebrate National Catholic Schools Week January 31- February 6



There is much to celebrate! Catholic schools in the Diocese of Camden have been open full-time for in-person and remote learning since September 2020. With the health and safety of students, faculty, administrators and staff as a top priority, South Jersey Catholic Schools continue to:

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Note: This announcement for Catholic Schools Week 2021 is intended for bulletins the weekends of January 23-24 and 30-31. Thank you!

Our Mission

St. Bridget University Parish in Glassboro is called to be a living church, a diverse Catholic faith community on fire with the love of Jesus Christ; passionate about what happens to one another, disturbed by injustice, and eager for the Kingdom of God.

Nuestra Mision

La Parroquia Universitaria de Santa Brígida en Glassboro está llamada a ser una iglesia viva, una comunidad diversa de fe católica encendida con el amor de Jesucristo; apasionada por lo que sucede en uno al otro, desconcertada por la injusticia, y ansiosa por el Reino de Dios.



Music

Sing a New Song

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Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

1. Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord. And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.
2. Rise, O children, from your sleep; your savior now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.



O Bless the Lord

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Refrain: O bless the Lord, the God of our salvation, rock of strength and a refuge sure! O bless the Lord, the God of ev'ry nation, over all the earth!

1. O bless the Lord, highest heaven above! Bless the Lord! Glorify his name! Sun in the day, moon and stars in the night, worship and praise!
2. Let all the earth sing with joy to the Lord, all the seas, creatures of the deep! Mountains and hills, birds and beasts in the fields, worship and praise!

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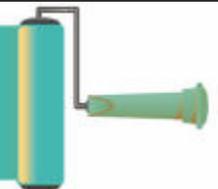
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