



THEY LEFT THEIR FATHER ZEBEDEE IN THE BOAT
ALONG WITH THE HIRED MEN AND FOLLOWED HIM.
- MK 1:20

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



4:00PM † Ken Olivan by Kathy Olivan
 † John McGill by Barbara O'Grady
 † John Ikenhoffer Jr. by By sister Nancy
 Stephen H. Truesdell (Birthday) (Living) by Family

SUNDAY, January 24

8:00AM † Rev. James Lefebvre
 10:30AM † Cynthia Gillette by Kathy Olivan
 † Daphne Joseph Cole by Children & Grandchildren
 12:30PM (Latin) † Holy Souls by Mary Dooley

MONDAY, January 25

7:00AM † Clair Oliveira by Deb & Andy Phelan
 † Frank Hendrick by Deb & Andy Phelan
 † Aaron Morris, Bee Keeper by A Friend

WEDNESDAY, January 27

7:00AM † Claire Oliveira by Joe & Jerry Teresi

FRIDAY, January 29

7:00AM † James Reilly by Joe & Jerry Teresi
 Sr. Donna Maria of the Holy Face of Jesus, OCD
 (Birthday) (Living) by By The Family
 † Jack Maloy by By The Family

SATURDAY, January 30

4:00PM † Kevin Kennedy by Bob Mackin
 † Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe by By Son's
 † Grace & Earl Cleveland by The Family
 † G & E Cleveland by Sheila Dufresne

SUNDAY, January 31

8:00AM † Joseph A. McGraw by Joe & Jerry Teresi
 10:30AM † Joseph Servidone by Arthur Sgroi
 12:30PM (Latin) † Michael Tommarello by Catherine Tommarello

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Due to the CoVid Pandemic and the precautions we must take until the pandemic is over PLEASE do not come to the rectory to schedule mass intentions. Instead—please call the parish office or email Holly at holly.hayes@rcda.org to schedule your intentions. If you are in need of a mass card immediately, please call the office so that Holly can have the card ready for you to pick up. Thanks you for your understanding and cooperation.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please complete and drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory Office:

Name: _____

Address: _____

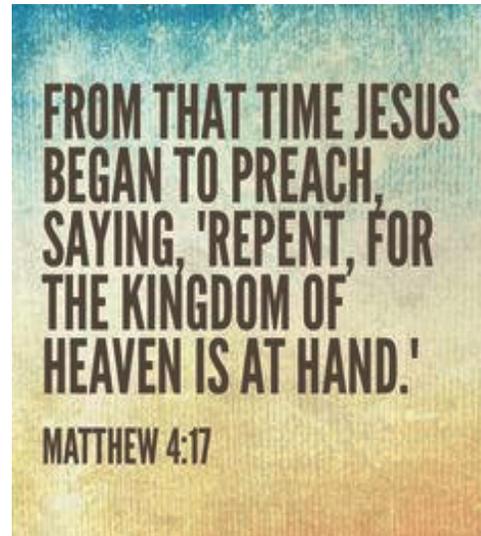
Email: _____

Phone: _____

Check one: **New registration** _____

Address change _____

Feel free to call the Rectory office at (518) 462-4254 with any questions.



The gospels indicate that Jesus was born, baptized and tempted by the devil.

We see how the life of Jesus is described as he begins his public ministry. Having gone from

his hometown to spend some time with John the Baptist and be baptized by him, Jesus, learning of John's arrest, returns to Galilee and settles near the Sea of Galilee. It would be this region where the apostles would primarily encounter Jesus after his resurrection.

What did the ministry of Jesus consist of? It has been summarized that Jesus went around Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and curing every disease and illness. It was also noted that he drove out demons.

It is said that Jesus began his public ministry after his baptism. So, by our baptism, we must be missionaries as well. Today we see Jesus call his first followers who were professional fishermen. The gospels almost always show us Jesus surrounded by an entourage. Today we see what the core of Jesus' message is. It seems to have been the same message as that of John the Baptist.

The message of Jesus throughout his entire mission would be the one that we hear today: **Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.** To be effective in our mission we must seek to improve, to change our lives for the better. The fact that Jesus is "at hand" to us should make this possible. In the history of the Church, the saints have recommended a three-step process for this improvement: purging our weaknesses and sins, enlightening our minds with knowledge, illuminating our hearts with service and love.

BE A PRAYER PARTNER TO POPE FRANCIS

For those who have made the commitment to pray every day for the monthly intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis: - for January he asks that we pray for: **For Human Fraternity** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

INVITE OTHERS HOME TO CATHOLIC CHURCH

Are you, or someone you know considering the Catholic faith? Or do you have loved ones that maybe have lost faith and you'd like to help them re-gain it and help guide them back to the Catholic Church? Catholics Come Home is a wonderful website that will help answer questions and give insight for you both. Since its founding, Catholics Come Home has helped more than 500,000 people return home to the Church through the working of the Holy Spirit and with the cooperation of supportive Catholics invite others home. www.catholicscomehome.org

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

The U.S. bishops' annual novena, 9 Days for Life, takes place Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

SPIRITUALLY ADOPT A BABY TODAY

On January 22, 1973 a court decision was rendered which legalized abortion throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy. This decision, Roe v. Wade, is the reason over 1 million abortions have been committed in the U.S. each year. To help stop the anti-life push around the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that the one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

To help accomplish this, it was recommended an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of nine months.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Your prayers CAN make a difference between whether a baby will be born...or aborted. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both of the parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby.

NOTRE DAME—BISHOP GIBBONS HIGH SCHOOL

Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons High School, 2600 Albany St will host two in person open houses on February 2 and 4 from 5 to 6:30pm. Scheduling will be done in 15 minute increments. They will follow the current COVID protocols— masks, temperature check and completing a COVID questionnaire. To register, visit nd-bg.org, email lisa_gaffney@nd-b.org or call 518-393-3131 ext. 107.

A Simple Request

Please wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose at all times when you are in church.

Follow the ushers directions!

St. Mary's Senior Program

Please call our Parish Office if you know of a Parishioner who is sick, hospitalized or has moved to an assisted living facility or nursing home. Our Senior Program seeks to bring communion to the homebound or in health care facilities. They also have a telephone committee that checks in on the homebound as well as a committee that sends cards to these parishioners.

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to all who continue to make their donations. It is a HUGE help. Please do what you can to assist the parish financially during this pandemic crisis. Over the past 6 months our collections are down significantly. Please do whatever you can to assist. Even though some cannot meet on a weekly basis at church, the bills must be paid and payroll must be met. Your contributions may be sent to the parish office or you may participate by using our "on-line" giving program (located on our parish website: www.histmarys.org). Your help is greatly appreciated!

THIS YEAR'S BISHOP'S APPEAL IS DIFFERENT



What stays the same is our participation. Every parish continues to have a target goal (an assessment). Therefore we count on your generous participation to help us meet our goal. Every bit of your donation will

help St. Mary's since we must make up the difference at the end of the campaign. Please do your best to give what you did in past years. If you can do more— please do so, since a number of our parishioners have suffered financial loss and difficulties because of the pandemic. Parishioners should have received an appeal request. **We need your help—our goal is over \$143,000 and so far our donations total \$60,264.**

TAX STATEMENTS FOR 2020

Tax statements for 2020 will be mailed out in January. If you wish to receive a tax statement please contact Holly Hayes at 518-462-4254 ext 102 or email her at holly.hayes@rcda.org. Your tax statement will reflect exactly the amount you have indicated on your weekly envelopes. It does not reflect items like candle donations, mass intentions or sacramental stipends which cannot be used for tax purposes.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL— HAS OPENINGS

Blessed Sacrament School has immediate openings available for their 5 day in-person learning for grades Nursery through 8 Full day program 7:15am-3pm.—Aftercare to 5:25 Free breakfast & lunch—financial aid— call 518-438-5854.

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