



**SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY**  
Roman Catholic Church

**January 24, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

***“Come after me, and I will make  
you fishers of men.”***

**-Mark 1:17**

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# STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

## Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

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## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

## STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2020

	This Week	2020	2019		
Sunday Offertory -1/17/21	\$14,315	\$25,945	\$26,795	<b>2020 CSA Goal:</b>	\$265,510
Online Offertory	\$8,289	\$3,328	\$3,206	<b>Pledges:</b>	\$351,856
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$22,604</b>	<b>\$29,273</b>	<b>\$30,001</b>	<b>Cash Receipts as of 1/17/2021:</b>	\$341,829
Poor Box - Shade Tree Shelter	\$110	\$447	\$574	<b>Participating Families:</b>	566

### Electronic Giving

Our parish relies on your consistent financial support to better plan for yearly expenses. There are currently three forms of electronic giving to create easy opportunities for regular giving:

1. Give online by going to our website and clicking on the "Online Giving" link on our homepage.
2. Give via the GivePlus Church App by going to your App Store and downloading the free app.
3. Give via text by texting the dollar amount to 702.935.1246 and following the instructions.

***We thank you in advance for your consistent support.***

## They Left Everything and Followed Him

The message of the First and Second Readings are encapsulated in the call of Andrew, Peter, James, and John by Jesus in the Gospel. The same call is equally extended to each one of us today and never has this been so important. With the rise of secularism, moral depravity, fear, anxiety, a leadership crisis, and the current global pandemic, the call to repent and return to God cannot be overemphasized.

The word "repent" comes from the Greek word *metanoia*, which means to change one's direction. As we begin a new year, the liturgy this weekend is a clarion call to each one of us to turn our lives around. We are invited to drop all the **baggage** of 2020 and follow the Lord with all our hearts and minds.

Though the Ninevites were the archenemies of the Jews, Jonah was sent by God to preach a message of repentance to them. They were touched by his message, repented, and did penance for all their sins. The Lord took pity on them.

St. Mark gives us his account of the call of the first disciples of Jesus, Andrew, Peter, James, and John. They were all fishermen, but the Lord called them all to follow Him. Having been touched by the invitation of this 'stranger', they abandoned their boats and their source of livelihood, and followed Jesus. Though they had no idea who Jesus was, his invitation was irresistible. It captured their hearts.

The Lord continues to call each one of us every day to deepen our relationship with Him. We too are invited to be fishers of men and woman. Do people find our witness of life inviting? How are we spreading the beautiful fragrance of compassion today in our families, in our offices, and in the community? How are we promoting the savoring balm of justice and peace? What does Jesus challenge us to give up today in order to become his disciples?

*"As they looked on from their boats, they saw a stranger approaching. His charming words swept their hearts away. His friendly and warm invitation to them was simply irresistible. Dropping everything, they followed Jesus. Even James and John could not turn down his invitation. The radiant beauty of his eyes caught their attention. His kind words pierced their hearts. Lord, you have called us to be your disciples. Help us to follow you with all our hearts. Make us instruments of positive change in the world."*

-Rev. Fr. Mark Thomas Ameh, MSP

### Scripture Readings

#### Today, Sunday

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalms 25:4-9; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

#### This Week

**Monday:** Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16; Psalms 117:1-2; Mark 16:15-18

**Tuesday:** 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalms 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mark 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalms 110:1-4; Mark 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalms 24:1-4b, 5-6; Mark 4:21-25

**Friday:** Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalms 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mark 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-75; Mark 4:35-41

#### Next Sunday

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

## Weekly Gospel Reflection for Families

### The Good News

Jesus continues to call disciples to come and follow him. Simon and Andrew left their nets to follow him. James and John left their nets, their father, and their hired men to follow him. Jesus' presence and Jesus' words moved these men to leave everything behind, even though they did not fully understand that to which they were being called.

### Reflect

In Catholic parishes throughout the world we continue to see in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) children, youth, and adults who are answering the call to follow Jesus. They come to the Church curious about who Jesus is, what he teaches, and what following him means in their daily lives. We are a part of the community that encourages and guides them on their journey of conversion. But conversion, the turning of our minds and our hearts and our lives to God, is something we are all called to. Today is a good day to think about where we need to turn to or turn back to God. What do we hear him calling us to do? To change? To be?

### Share

Lead a fun discussion about all the things each family member did today. Conclude by saying (in an exaggerated tone), "Whew! We were busy!" Then invite family members to think about where—in all the busyness—they took time to listen to the voice of Jesus. When did they pray? How did they serve him by helping or serving someone else? Challenge family members to take extra time for Jesus each day in the coming week. You may wish to make this a point of sharing each evening at dinnertime or at bedtime.

### Talk

1. To me, following Jesus means . . .
2. Something I would find hard to leave behind to follow Jesus is . . . because . . .
3. One way I can be a fisher of men is . . .



## Updated Mass Information

We are open in a **limited capacity**. Currently, we are able to take **250 people per Mass**. Our Mass Schedule is Monday-Friday (8:00 AM), Saturday (8:00 AM, 4:30 PM), and Sunday (8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 2:00 PM).



We are also able to offer Confession by appointment. **Reservations are required for all Masses. To make a reservation for Mass, You can sign-up online using the links on our homepage ([www.stjosephhom.org](http://www.stjosephhom.org)) or call the parish office during business hours and speak to a member of our receptionist team.** Per Diocesan policy, we are required to lock the doors once Mass begins. We ask that those with reservations arrive 25-30 minutes early so that everyone can be well-checked and seated on time. Thank you for your help in this matter.

This week the parish office is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, and Saturday from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. During this time the church is not open for prayer outside of the Mass. Masks must be worn at all times while on our property. Everyone is required to pass a temperature check. We look forward to welcoming you!



## Watch Sunday Mass Online

We have returned to very limited Mass capacity, but you can still worship with us online. During this time, we are streaming the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass **on our YouTube channel**. To get notifications of these live streams, please “Like” our channel at [www.youtube.com/channel/UC4tXYzcgG5aWCTqdmP0ozYQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4tXYzcgG5aWCTqdmP0ozYQ). We look forward to celebrating with you!

## Join the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center for a Virtual Feast

Hear Ye! Join the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center **January 28-30** to celebrate their patron saint in a feast in the medieval fashion and created as an event for the Las Vegas community. This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, for the first time ever they will be hosting a VIRTUAL FEAST over THREE DAYS! This feast is in honor of the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center’s Building Capital Campaign fund in order to build a new sanctuary on campus for Catholic students at UNLV. Register for the virtual event including an exquisite silent auction, adventurous contests and raffles, and a royal Livestream celebration by visiting [www.Feast2021.givesmart.com](http://www.Feast2021.givesmart.com).

## Mass Intentions for 2021

Mass Intentions for remaining available dates in 2021 can be scheduled in the Parish Office **Monday-Thursday** between **11:00 AM – 3:00 PM only**. The book will not be available on weekends or evenings. We will honor up to (3) Mass requests per family and only (1) Mass request may be scheduled per month. **Forms will be accepted in person ONLY on the days/times above, with one form per person.** Do not leave your form with a staff member, as those requests will not be honored. Please fill the form out carefully and clearly, with your parish registration number on the line provided. The names will be printed exactly as they appear on the form.

## Food Pick-Up: Community Food Assistance Program

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary and our Outreach Ministry is joining with the Culinary Academy to distribute food on Thursday, February 4 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. This will be a drive-through contact-less distribution. All Clark County residents in need of assistance qualify for this program. Each box contains 40 pounds of assorted essential food items. There is a limit of 1 food box per vehicle. If a family does not drive, then another individual can pick up their food box for them. This individual needs to provide the following information for the other person/family: name, phone number, number in the family, and their zip code. If you need home delivery, please call 702.227.8842 to request individual home delivery. An order number will be provided and a delivery date will be scheduled.



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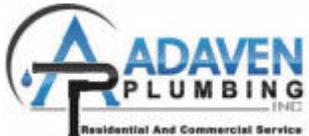
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