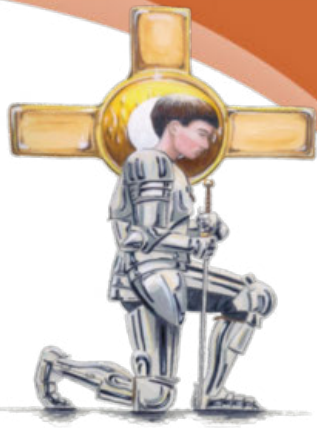




SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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. - Mk 1:19-20

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
in the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open:
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

OCIA: Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



The Missing Christmas Gift Bag: I was a complete loser when it came to getting Christmas gifts for my family this year. Most years, I'm on top of my

game so I'm not frantically trying to buy stuff a few days before Christmas. But this year was different for some reason. Even my mom constantly warned me about the last day to shop to get things in time for Christmas.

Most years, I will buy some religious Christmas Tree ornament on top of other things Santa may want to fill those gift bags with. I try to hunt down unique or different religiously themed ornaments.

As you may know, our family gathers on Christmas Eve at the Parish Center immediately after the 4 PM Mass, and then we gather on Christmas Day in Allenton. Our immediate family will do our gift exchange on Christmas Day, and then the rest of the family will start showing up for dinner, games, and chit-chat that often fills that night. Then we do it all again on New Year's Day with family and extended family for another big party. Every year, the desserts and some hors d'oeuvres, first found at the Parish Center on Christmas Eve, find their way to our Christmas Day gathering, and then those leftovers find their way to our New Year's Day Gathering. We have it down to a science!

On Christmas Day, long after our gift exchange, I noticed the same Christmas Tree ornament I gave to my niece McKenzie was on J.J. and Kerry's Christmas Tree. I did a double-take but thought Kerry may have bought the same ornament for their tree. I didn't think anything more about it until later that evening when we discovered that little June (a 3-year-old) was joyfully going through the Christmas gift bags, saw the ornament, and put it on J.J. and Kerry's tree. So it WAS the ornament I gave McKenzie! Little June was doing a little re-gifting herself!

But then the mystery deepened. Later that evening, long after most started the journey home, text messages started flying to figure out who may have taken the gift bag into which McKenzie consolidated all her gifts. It happened to be the bag I gave her with the ornament. People checked the stuff that went home with them, but the bag

was nowhere to be found. A few texts continued throughout the week, hoping to find the missing gift bag. But the bag was missing in action, and we figured the only person who may have known what happened was little June, and that 3-year-old wasn't saying much! A full-scale investigation ensued.

The mystery was finally solved on New Year's Day. As the boxes of all the desserts, cookies, and candies from Christmas Day were being brought out and placed on our most popular New Year's Day dessert table, the infamous missing bag was found; it had been placed with the boxes of food that would travel to our New Year's Day Party! My hunch is that little June decided to decorate the Christmas Tree, grabbed the gift bag, got distracted, and went and grabbed a cookie or something on the dessert table! But I'm surprised all this happened without me knowing it, as I'm often, and this may come as a complete shock to you, "guarding" the dessert table with great intensity! But then again, little June is probably one-tenth my size and simply went under the radar screen ... or I was too busy "inspecting" rather than "guarding" the delicacies on that table!

A Day of Prayer and Penance for Life: Monday marks the anniversary of the infamous ROE vs. WADE and DOE vs. BOLTON decisions that rocked the foundation of human life in our country. With those two decisions, a woman's right to "choice" outweighed an innocent child's right to life. It's incredible to think of how many abortions have taken place in our country alone (visit www.numberofabortions.com to see the staggering numbers). With the annual observance of these Supreme Court decisions, tens of thousands of people gather in Washington, D.C., for the annual MARCH FOR LIFE, which took place on Friday this year.

I remember quite well how surprised I was by the sheer number of people who gathered in Washington and equally surprised by the age of those who gathered for this annual event. This event and the two masses at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception surrounding the March for Life were always highlights for me while I lived in our nation's capital. Talk about people witnessing to their faith. Talk about dedicated people! I often thought it was an aging crowd that gathered at these events. Was I wrong! The March for Life, both Masses for Life at the Shrine and the Youth

Rally are full of people of every age, with the younger people in the crowd being a majority. It was always a great celebration of the Church and a great time of year to witness to our faith! The Right to Life movement continues to be strong and active.

We must continue to pray for a greater respect for human life in all stages, not just during the March for Life but throughout the year. I hope and pray you will take the opportunity on Monday to make it a day of prayer and penance for life! I hope you will take the time to look through the prolife material on the United States Conference of Bishops (USCCB) website (uscbb.org) and help teach and catechize your family about the importance of being a people dedicated to the Gospel of LIFE!

Project Rachel: We also need to pray for those many people who somehow were touched by an abortion experience and are now seeking healing and reconciliation with God, themselves and/or their families. Project Rachel is a beautiful healing ministry within the Church for people in these situations. If you have been touched by an abortion experience and seek healing, please call the Project Rachel Hotline (888-RACHEL5 / 888-722-4355) for confidential assistance or information. You can also send an email to projectrachel@aod.org. More information about Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard can be found at aod.org/project-rachel.

End of the Year Tax Statements: With the many changes in the tax laws, itemizing deductions does not benefit as many people as in the past. As a result, many people do not need or benefit from the usual end-of-the-year tax statements we once generated. Please consult with your tax preparer to determine if you still need a contribution statement from SJA. If you need a contribution statement for your 2023 income taxes, please complete the online form at sjasc.org/tax-statements. We will generate a statement for you toward the end of January. Those who contributed \$2,000 or more will automatically receive a contribution statement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Center at 586-777-3670 or info@sjasc.org.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 21, 2024



Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



The Conversion of Saint Paul

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.

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Read Your Bible!

This weekend we celebrate “Word of God Sunday.” A reminder for us of the necessity of reading Sacred Scripture. When we see the Bible as God’s love letter to us, wouldn’t we want to read it, reflect on it, and live it? Here are five reasons to read the Bible.



1. Get to know God. The Bible is not really a book; it’s a library. Its 73 books were composed over the course of many centuries by a variety of authors with different backgrounds, personalities, and purposes. Each book explores who God is from a slightly different point of view. As readers of Scripture, we discover new truths about God at every turn. Some of these truths will resonate with us more than others, and some will strike us more profoundly at various times during our lives.

The variety in Scripture serves us well as we come to know our God, who is both eternally simple and utterly complex. Here in his word, God speaks through human beings, telling us what he most wants us to know about himself. Just as in our human relationships we spend time with others to get to know them better, in Scripture we are given the opportunity to spend time with God and, in doing so, become his friend.

2. Get to know yourself. St. Gregory the Great wrote that Scripture “is set before the eyes of the mind like a mirror, that we may see our inward

person in it; for therein we learn the deformities; therein we learn the beauties that we possess.”

The more time we spend with the Bible, the more we will discover ourselves within its pages. We will recognize ourselves as made in God’s image; we will see our own impatience in the rebellions of God’s people; we will experience the emotions of the psalms; we will stand by while Christ is crucified; and we will rejoice to find him risen. We must never make the mistake of thinking that the Bible is simply a book about God. It is more accurately a book about God and human beings.

3. Improve your relationships. Because the Bible reveals both God and humanity, it is a precious tool in our lives as we navigate relationships both human and divine. Relationships are the foundation of human life. They give life purpose, they bring us meaning, and they have the potential to remain anchors for us in a world that is constantly changing. The wisdom of the Scriptures can guide us as we learn to sacrifice, forgive, and love one another. (You can find a wonderful example in Colossians 3:12–14.)

4. Be comforted. As the centuries pass and the words of Scripture become ever more ancient, the comfort they bring to believers never changes. Whether it is the proclamation of the psalmist that God is near (see Psalm 139) or the promise of Christ that even every hair on our heads has been counted (see Luke 12:7), the words of Scripture proclaim to us a God who will never leave us nor forsake us (see Deuteronomy 31:6), hides us faithfully in the shadow of his wings (see Psalm 17:8), and will finally wipe every tear from our eyes and declare an end to death, depression, disease, and all the things that plague us (see Revelation 21:4).

5. Be challenged. If we don’t feel challenged in our lives, one possible solution might be to read more Scripture! In both his word and our consciences, God prods us forward. He asks more of us than we thought possible. He loves us just as we are, but at the same time, he challenges us to be more.



If we aren’t feeling that push, that challenge, on a regular basis, we can open our Bibles and sincerely ask God to speak to our hearts. Try reading the Sermon on the Mount (see Matthew 5–7) from start to finish; there is certainly something here to challenge every reader!

Fortunately, the challenge of Scripture goes hand in hand with all of its benefits, including knowing God better, knowing ourselves better, improving our relationships, and being comforted by God’s word. Let’s open our Bibles and read. We can do this!

Blessings,

Fr. Adam

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10 | 1 Cor 7:29-31 | Mk 1:14-20

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Sometimes I feel like I need a Jonah in my life: someone who will come along and shake things up; someone who will nudge me and say, *hey, you're doing it wrong!* No one wants to be criticized, but I know I need loving guidance to help me when I am not at my best. It's easy to get caught up in the swirl of life and neglect (even if unintentionally) what's important. Jonah was given the unpleasant task of pointing out to the people of Nineveh their failings. Unlike many communities who resisted God's words, by the end of the first day of Jonah's anticipated three-day trek across the city, "the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth." For all the evil they had done, and the rebellion they had demonstrated, the people there weren't irredeemable. They simply needed Jonah to point out how they had gone astray, and the grace of open ears and hearts to receive the message. Who has the Lord placed in our lives in the role of Jonah? How has he blessed us with the ability to receive, and repent where necessary?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We don't seem to have obvious prophets like Jonah nowadays, but that doesn't mean God has left us without guides. We have the Church, Christ's body on earth, and the ever-present help of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus selected his first followers: men who would become the Twelve Apostles, anointed to spread his word and speak in his stead even after Jesus left the earth. We know that there were other followers: men, women and children who became his disciples; Jews and Gentiles who were baptized. We are part of that apostolic tradition, each one of us baptized into the common priesthood "exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace – a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit." (CCC 1547) The call to holiness can be hard to hear in the din of today's busy and secular world, but it is not impossible. We can pray for the grace to hear how God is asking each of us to live out his commands and proclaim the Good News to the world.

PRAY Today's psalm (Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9) is a wonderful way to ask God for this favor. Make it part of your morning or evening prayer for the next week. "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths."



Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 28 B

Reading One – Dt 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire anymore, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

Responsorial – Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading Two – 1 Cor 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Alleluia – Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia.

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him. "His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.



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St. Joan of Arc
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Thursday, February 1
OPEN HOUSE



5:30-6:30 PM - NEW VISITOR TOURS

6:30-8 PM - ALL FAMILIES

LEARNING FAIR & WINTER FUN

LIGHT A CANDLE AT 7-8 PM HOLY HOUR IN THE CHURCH

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WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

the RESCUE project



Coming back to St. Joan of Arc
Beginning January 23

in-person or online

For trailer, information & to register
online go to sjascs.org/rescue

MEAL | EPISODE | DISCUSSION
All Adults and Teens are welcome!

The adventure you were born for beckons

Announcements



St. Joan of Arc will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, January 28th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

If you are a regular donor, we thank you and hope to see you there. If you've never given before, it takes a little over an hour to donate and can save many lives.

The American Red Cross will not be taking walk-ins and you must have an appointment.

To make an appointment, log on-to RedCrossBlood.org
(sponsor code: stj JoanBloodDrive)

or

call John Staperfenne at 248-789-8274.

Please help save a life and become a Red Cross Blood Donor!

Light of the Spirit Prayer Group

Meets on the 2nd and 4th
Wednesday of each month
at St. Joan of Arc from
6:30-8:30 pm in the
Sr. Carol Center.

Join us!

Play Cards!
1ST & 3RD TUESDAY'S at 11:30am
In the St. Peregrine Room at the SJA Parish Center

Join us this month on
February 6th & 20th.
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Save your can tabs!

Spread the word! We're collecting can tabs again.

Let others know that those little pop and food can tabs make a big difference for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Drop off donations in the buckets in the church or at the Parish Center during business hours.

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, January 22nd

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM Confirmation Class
7:00 PM Walking with Purpose - EH

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
5:30 PM Rescue Project - Emmaus Hall

Wednesday, January 24th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Funeral Mass for Robert McNally
12:00 PM Knitting and Crochet Ministry

5:00 PM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, January 25th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
7:00 PM Holy Hour

Friday, January 26th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, January 27th

11:00 AM Reconciliation
4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, January 28th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
8:00 AM American Red Cross Blood Drive
10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

Jan. 21, 2024 – What Next?

Who knows, really, where this still-new year is going to take us? Perhaps there will be difficulty, disaster, crisis. Perhaps there will be emerging peace, prosperity, and calm. Or perhaps, like most years, there will be some combination of the two. That, of course, seems like the most likely scenario.

But that doesn't mean there aren't any number of so-called experts in the world who would suggest they already know the answer. Some of them, to be sure, are professional analysts who, for example, study the areas of macroeconomics or geopolitical conditions. And others are, perhaps, less reliable sources.

Some media reported a few weeks ago on the predictions included in an almanac that 2024 will be what they called "a tumultuous year."

What does that mean?

The publishers suggested that could mean problems like last year's Canadian wildfires will repeat. In addition to natural disasters, they said, man-made problems could be more intense, such as car accidents.

Clearly, almost anyone could predict a bit of almost anything and, in retrospect, find instances in which they turn out to be correct. But one might suggest it would be foolhardy to base one's life decisions on the predictions of less-than-scientific, less-than-expert sources.

After all, in the final analysis, it's worthwhile to note that it's only our orientation to the supremacy of God that will ensure we live by the truth and obtain the real peace and happiness he provides.

"Teach me your ways, O Lord," we pray in today's psalm response. "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."

And if we follow that sage advice, it's reasonable to predict that this year – and the entirety of our lives – will be rightly ordered.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	January 22, 2024 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (White/Purple)
7:00 am	Zenaida de Leon
Tuesday	January 23, 2024 Weekday; Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin (Green/Red/White)
7:00 am	Lee Dunn
Wednesday	January 24, 2024 Saint Frances de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder and Doctor (White)
7:00 am	Pedro Silva
6:00 pm	George J. Bugarin
Thursday	January 25, 2024 The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle (White)
7:00 am	Mary and Frank Fleming
Friday	January 26, 2024 Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops (White)
7:00 am	Special Intention for Father Rich on his 65th Birthday
Saturday	January 27, 2024 Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
4:00 pm	Bonnie Batche, Joe Basirico, Thomas Michael Kotas, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank.
6:00 pm	Angeline and Joseph Calus
Sunday	January 28, 2024 The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 am	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 am	Guido Regelbrugge
12:00 pm	Bert Dygert, Hugo Calisi, Duane Gore, George J. Bugarin, the deceased members of the Urso & DeFazio Families, Larry Minnie, Shirley Curcuro, John & Bernadette Frankland, Ben, Becky and Ann Wickard, Thomas Egan, and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank.

Daily Readings

Monday, January 22

2Samuel 5:1-7, 10
Mark 3:22-30

Friday, January 26

2 Timothy 1:1-8
Mark 4:26-34

Tuesday, January 23

2Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19
Mark 3:31-25

Saturday, January 27

2Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17
Mark 4:35-41

Wednesday, January 24

2Samuel 7:4-17
Mark 4:1-20

Sunday, January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

Thursday, January 25

Acts 22:3-16
Mark 16:15-18



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

Richard Coatney
Richard Francis Colombo
Fr. Janusz Iwan
Robert McNally
Fr. Ramon Dompke
Fr. Richard Yost



“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”



Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.



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Beginning **January 8th**, the **7 pm evening group** will start a 22-week program: *Discovering our Dignity*. Women of the Old and New Testaments were as flawed and broken as we can be, yet the power of God worked in their lives. *Discovering Our Dignity* will allow you to learn from their experiences and uncover ways to deal with unwanted circumstances and deferred hopes.

On January 22nd, the 10 am morning group is starting an 11-week look at *Fearless and Free*, a Bible study based on the book of Ephesians. This study is ideal for those who long for wholeness of heart and are in need of freedom from past wounds. So many of us are wrestling with the reality that life isn't easy, even when we are doing the right thing.

No previous experience is needed.

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Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

January 21, 2024

The Fish That Didn't Get Away

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today's readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also "call narratives." Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to bring God's mercy to others. This is a call to "catch" others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people.

Sunday Readings

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

The people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

I tell you, brothers, the time is running out.... For the world in its present form is passing away.

Mark 1:14–20

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. [Jesus said,] "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)."

In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God's mercy was stronger than Jonah's spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus' disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God's mercy? It is a free gift to all. †

***Jesus calls his followers
to launch into a life
of catching people
with the word of God.***



A Word from Pope Francis

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- Does the way you live witness to a merciful, loving God?
- Is there some change you should make?

Living Our Faith

Hosffman Ospino

There is not one exclusive way of living our relationship with Jesus Christ in the everyday. For some, the ideal model is that of monastic life in which men and women dedicate their lives to prayer and contemplation in a monastery, away from any distraction. For others, the ideal model is that of missionary life, bringing the message of the Gospel to distant lands in the midst of many challenges. Both models are attractive, and both continue to be sources of life for Christian communities around the world.

However, only a relatively small group of Christians are called to live their faith according to these two models. The majority of disciples of Jesus are called to give witness to our faith



somewhere in the middle, a point where contemplation and mission coincide in the here and now of ordinary life. For most Christians, this middle point is the daily experience of family life, work, and

social relations through which we hope to make the world a better place.

We discover there are many ways of encountering God and bringing others to participate in that encounter in the everyday. The wisdom of the Christian community has affirmed that each baptized person has the responsibility of living our faith mirroring the life of Christ in our own particular way. Consequently, Christian disciples embody the values of the Gospel according to the uniqueness of our circumstances. On the one hand, we share the same faith, believe in the same Lord, and await the same salvation. On other hand, we live our faith in the distinctiveness of our relationships and our decisions or states of life.

God continues to invite us to respond to the divine revelation with the gift of faith. We join Peter and Christians who have declared for generations that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. As we proclaim with joy at the Easter Vigil, "This is our faith! This is the faith of the Church! We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord!" †

From *Peter's Catechism* (pages 26–27; 39), available at Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "The Joy of Being Catholic" by Kathy Coffey

Answers from Catholics: What about the Church brings you joy?

- "Sometimes I can't sleep or I'm feeling blue. Then I remind myself that somewhere in the world, the Mass is happening. Bread and wine are being consecrated into the Christ's body and blood. Knowing that buoys me."
- "The faith offers us a healthy way to approach death. The ritual comforts us by saying, 'It's not the end; we'll see this person again.'"
- "The best thing is the companions—Jesus, the prophets, the desert dwellers, the saints, each other!"
- "I can find good people other places, but not this remarkable liturgy."
- "I think of the Catholic Church as a massive family. We're all welcome." †

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Faithful God, give us the grace to witness to your presence so that others may know you are a loving, merciful God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

January 22–27

Monday, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children:
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10 / Mk 3:22–30

Tuesday, Weekday:
2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19 / Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday, St. Francis de Sales:
2 Sm 7:4–17 / Mk 4:1–20

Thursday, Conversion of St. Paul:
Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22 / Mk 16:15–18

Friday, Sts. Timothy and Titus:
2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5 / Mk 4:26–34

Saturday, Weekday:
2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17 / Mk 4:35–41

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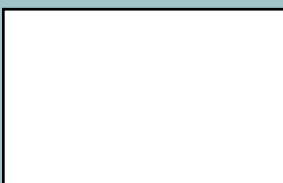
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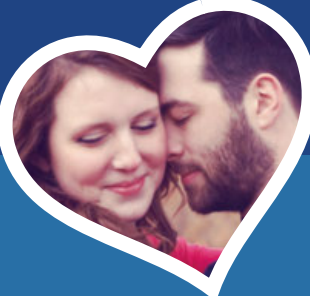
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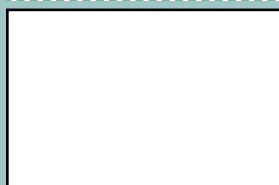
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