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*January 24th, 2021*  
*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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**MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: 5 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.**

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 8 a.m.**

**Thurs.: 5:30 p.m.**

**Holy Day: 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. Holy Day Vigil: 5 p.m.**

**CONFESSION: Saturday 4-4:30 p.m. or by appointment**

**NOVENA: Wednesday 7:45 a.m.,**  
Our Mother of Perpetual Help

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN:**

At the 11 a.m. Mass, Sept.-June, children are dismissed to study the Scripture with a parish catechist.

**Religious Education:** Biweekly. Grades 1-5 Tuesday evenings 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.; Grades 6-10 Thursday evenings 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

**Baptism:** Baptismal preparation classes are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Parents or parents-to-be are asked to call the parish office. Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month during or immediately following the 11 a.m. Mass.

**Marriage:** Parishioners only may be married here, and must be active parishioners for 9 months prior to scheduling a wedding. Contact the parish priest at least 6 months prior to the ceremony to make arrangements. Weddings are celebrated on Friday evenings; Saturdays at 12 noon & 2:30 p.m.


**Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:** Call the parish office to make arrangements for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or to have Holy Communion brought to the home. Please notify the office of sick parishioners who are in the hospital.

**RCIA:** This process is designed for adults who are: 1) interested in becoming a Catholic; or 2) are baptized Catholics wishing to complete their initiation process by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. Interested individuals should contact the parish office.

**Letters of Recommendation:** A Letter of Recommendation to serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism and/or Confirmation can be given only to registered members of the parish who are confirmed, attend Mass and receive the sacraments regularly. If the requesting person is married, the marriage must have taken place in conformity with the laws of the Church.

**New Parishioners:** We warmly welcome you to our parish community. Please call the office to register.

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PAUL'S IN YOUR WILL**



*3rd Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:20

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### MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul's Parish is a Eucharistic community of baptized followers of Jesus Christ in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith. We promote spiritual and personal growth by challenging all to ongoing conversion. Led by the Spirit, we celebrate the presence of Christ in our lives by proclaiming the gospel, providing Sacramental life, and striving to discover the use of our gifts in loving service.

St. Paul's is a Respect Life Parish.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, January 24: Forth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.: The Parishioners of St. Paul's Parish

11:00 a.m. Karen Mondel, by her Mom &amp; Family

**Monday, January 25: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mary E. Kreher, by the Counters

**Tuesday, January 26: Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

8:00 a.m. Morris Lukowski by Barbara &amp; Rod Quebral

**Wednesday, January 27: Saint Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

7:45 a.m. Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

8:00 a.m. The Parishioners of St. Paul's Church

**Thursday, January 28: Weekday**

5:30 p.m.: The Parishioners of St. Paul's Church

**Friday, January 29: Weekday**

7:45 a.m.: Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m.: The Parishioners of St. Paul's Church

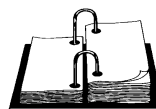
**Saturday, January 30: Weekday**

5:00 p.m. The Parishioners of St. Paul's Church

**Sunday, January 31: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mary E. Kreher, by Dennis &amp; MaryAnn Aure

11:00 a.m. Linda Goyette by Jane LaBelle

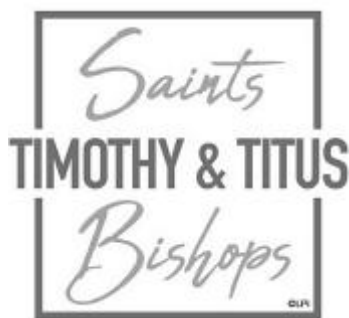


The Week Ahead

Sunday,  
Monday,  
Tuesday,  
Wednesday,  
Thursday,  
Sunday,

**IN YOUR CHARITY...**

Please pray for the sick of the parish, especially Joyce Bonadonna, Stephanie Merenda, Louis Mang, Katherine Limardi, Michael Raichel Sr., Michael Hanavan, Sister Maria Lugosi, Susan Czajkowski, Dolores Quagliana, Lenny Reco, Mellie Zuccaro, Angie Davide, Jeanine Gilligan, Don Osborne, Frie Family, Eric Glinski, Frances Simmons, Edna Kirksey, Pam Coniglio, Diane Lapp, Jo Christopher, Elaine Klee, Bert Cross, Frank Lucca and for the deceased. Also for the men and women in the service, for the peace in the world and for the vocations. *(Kindly notify the rectory when a name should be removed our list).*

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

...burns this week in loving memory of John Alberti by his wife.

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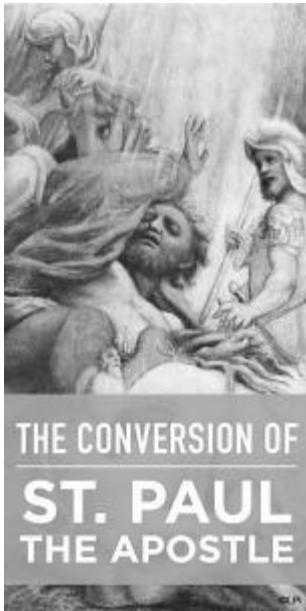


## FROM THE PASTOR

I will be holding a Eucharistic Minister training session in a few weeks. If you would like to become a Minister of Holy Communion to serve in the church or take to the home bound please call the office and give them your name and number. I will announce the date for the class in church and also in my bulletin messages.

God Bless,

Fr. Joe



## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 30 & January 31

### LECTORS

5 PM L. Bovino  
8 AM Rose Ann Martin  
11 AM Mark DellaPosta

### MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5 PM Pat Pike  
8 AM Deacon Parker  
11 AM M.E. Carver



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

## Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

*Sunday:* Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20  
*Monday:* Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18  
*Tuesday:* 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35  
*Wednesday:* Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20  
*Thursday:* Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25  
*Friday:* Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34  
*Saturday:* Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41  
*Next Sunday:* Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### 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.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"In your kindness remember me...". Psalm 25. Remember the needy in our area.

Give to the poor box and clothing bin. God bless you.

*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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## VOCATIONAL BLURB

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 24, 2021

St. Paul shakes up our world view in the 2nd Reading from 1st Corinthians 7. Let us tune out the world's noise and listen to the still, small voice of God. If you're being called to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 24, 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 flipantly 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.

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## REFLECTIONS

## Communion Wafer

Question:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

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## Upcoming Community Events

### DIOCESE OF BUFFALO

**Appeal 2021 is underway!** Bishop Michael Fisher, Appeal 2021 Chair Rick Cronin, and Deacon Steve Schumer launched the Appeal earlier this week and announced the \$10 million goal, as well as **HOPE for all seasons** as the campaign theme and St. Ignatius Loyola as this year's patron saint. Your donation to the Appeal can support Catholic Charities of Buffalo and the Fund for the Faith. Your donation stays in Western New York. Your gift helps those in our communities who are struggling to live, work and support families, and those who need spiritual care and support. You help provide **HOPE for all seasons**. And it couldn't be easier: visit [www.ccwny.org/donation](http://www.ccwny.org/donation) or call our Helpline at 716-218-1419 today!

## Kids Corner

### GOSPEL

Jesus will teach you to catch others for him. You can catch fish by putting food in front of them. People need soul food to be close to God. People want to go to heaven with God. Tell them that Jesus loves them and died on the cross for them. Tell them he wants everyone to do good. Then people will gladly come into his net. They will be at peace because Jesus will give them everything they need.

### PRAYER

Lord, help me stay hooked on you.

### COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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