

ST. MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
STAR CITY

3346 University Ave. Morgantown, WV 26505 • 304-599-3747

January 24, 2021 • 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sundays, 8:30am, 11:00am

Daily Mass*: Mon. 6:30pm Tue.-Thur. 9:00am *please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations.

Radio broadcast at 8:30am on 1300AM WCLG & 92.1FM, and TuneIn channel Morgan 92.1



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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Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday

Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at stmarystarcity.com

For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

Sacraments

Baptism: (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please call Kathy 304-225-1163 for information.

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

Order of Christian Initiation: Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA please contact Please contact Kathy Kerzak (304) 225-1163 /kkerzak@comcast.net for information

Marriage: Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound: When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request and communally as scheduled

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday@Noon, email or written copy please,
no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

Email: stmaryschurch@comcast.net

Subject line: attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

Spirituality of the Readings – Listening



In our readings this Sunday, certain people get a direct invitation to do God's will.

Wouldn't it be wonderful for you and me if we had such a straight invitation? Instead of going about in a fog and trying our best to remember how to live, maybe how to pray once in a while, and to get to Mass on Sunday when possible, wouldn't it be great to be caught up by a command that focused everything in our lives, drew us on like a far-shining star?

Maybe.

But in the First Reading Jonah was quite repelled by the call God gave him. And in the Gospel the disciples surely had no idea what they were getting themselves into when they dropped everything and followed Jesus. Would they have been so trusting if they had known about the crucifixion?

God says to Jonah, "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and preach against it; their wickedness has come up before me" (First Reading). Jonah, like a house cat, does exactly the opposite of what he is asked. He drops everything and runs in the opposite direction. He goes to the town of Joppa, finds a ship to Tarshish and gets on board, trying get as far from the task as possible.

Maybe you know the famous story. A terrible storm arises. Fleeing the command of God, Jonah tells the sailors to throw him overboard in order to save themselves—since by sea-superstition he is the cause of their trouble. So they toss him over the side and the sea quiets down.

Jonah is swallowed by a "large fish," usually referred to in tradition as a whale. Residence in a whale's interior gives Jonah ample time for thought. God does save him and tells him a second time to go to the great and sinful city of Nineveh to announce the Lord's message. Jonah submits at last and the whole city is converted.

Why in the world didn't Jonah just follow God's command instead of running the other way? Because he already had his own prejudice in place. Jonah did not want the pagan city, Nineveh, to convert and be saved because this city was an enemy of the Hebrews. Better for it to perish in flames than to repent in ashes and sackcloth?

As for the apostles, they decided to follow Jesus for their own understandable but perhaps skewed reasons (Gospel). Issues of livelihood and the excessive tax system surely helped prompt them to follow this charismatic man whose reputation had preceded him. Were they following their noses to some kind of political action?

In any case, these are direct invitations from God. Are we kidding ourselves that our life and following our call will be placid, satisfying, and without ambiguity?

We all already have prejudices in place about what we want and how things ought to go. In fact, any of us who pray occasionally actually might find ourselves asking God to do our will, rather than the opposite.

Let's grow, just like Jonah and the apostles did. Let's listen in quiet, and then, by following, come to learn what we have heard.

John Foley, SJ

Giving Summary

Last Sunday's Offering
\$1,448.00

Online Giving
\$1,466.35

Attendance: 146

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!

Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

1/31—Church in Latin America



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Keep a safe distance



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THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

January 24, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm For the People
 Sunday, 8:30am Deceased Members of the Lucci Family
 Sunday, 11:00am In honor of First Communicants

Monday 1/25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
 6:30pm For those suffering from injustices

Tuesday 1/26 Sts. Timothy & Titus
 9:00am Intention of Celebrant

Wednesday 1/27 Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9:00am For the Sick

Thursday 1/28 St. Thomas Aquinas
 9:00am For Students

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled

January 31, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm For the People
 Sunday, 8:30am Intention of Celebrant
 Sunday, 11:00am In honor of Michael Aldridge



The Bread and Tabernacle Candle the week of January 24 are in honor of **George & Ada Bucklew** from Jeffrey & Mary Mihallik.



We will have The Blessing of the Throats directly following all three Masses the weekend of January 30/31



With the rising cases of COVID-19 in our area, St. Ursula really needs volunteers in less at-risk age groups for several jobs, especially sorting donations of clothes and toys.

Call (304)599-3822 to speak with Ginny or Sr. Rachel. Thank you!



St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:

**** Soup and Cereal****

Baby & Toddler Program needs:

***Diapers** (All sizes, but especially 4, 5, 6)

***Toddler-sized Winter Clothing** (Especially 3T, 4T, & 5T. No other children's clothing is being accepted at this time)

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

Sunday, January 24

8:30/9:30 Religious Ed. (Refer to schedule)
 11:00am Rite of Enrollment for First Communicants (at Mass)
 1:00pm NA Meeting

Tuesday, January 19

6:30pm NA Meeting

Sunday, January 31

Pastoral Council Selection
 No Religious Ed.
 1:00pm NA Meeting

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass
(Mon.-6:00pm, Tue.-Thur.-8:30am)

*times may change based on any changes to the weekly Mass schedule



Adults who have yet to be Confirmed are invited to join our spring preparation classes, which begin February 7th. Please contact Kathy Kerzak for more information at kkerzak@comcast.net, or (304) 692- 8881.

A Pendant was found in the St. Mary Church parking lot. If you are missing one, please call the Parish office and describe it to claim.



Memorial Donations for Bread and the Tabernacle candle are now being accepted for the year 2021.

The requested donation is \$40.

Please call the Parish Office if you are interested. 304-599-3747.



Mass intentions are now being accepted for 2021.

The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend, \$10 for a weekday. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747.

Please note that any Masses cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a global pandemic, inclement weather, or a funeral, will be moved to the next available 'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tuesday moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.



Parish Council Responsibilities

On January 31st we will be selecting 7 new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) members who will join with two current PPC members to form a new 9 member PPC.

As I mentioned in my Christmas letter I want to form a committee to create a 5 year plan for St. Mary. The PPC will play a major role initially of helping to plan and make recommendations on who should be on that committee. Once the 5 year plan has been finalized it will be the PPC that will make the objectives and goals of the plan come to life and hold the pastor et al. responsible for implementing the plan.

Once we get past the initial phase of implementation the council will meet every other month on a Monday evening following the daily Mass. At those regular meetings the council will be given several sub-committees to report on at the meeting as well as receive information regarding all the endeavors of the parish such as St. Ursula, Faith Formation and financial updates. Additionally, other matters of current interest will be brought up for discussion. All of the efforts are designed to come up with good advice for the pastor.

As with the selection process the members length of office will be determined by drawing their names from a hat. Three will be on for three years, three will be on for two years, and three will be on for one year.



Donations for St. Ursula Food Pantry and Outreach may be **placed in** the labeled bins in **the church**, or **dropped off in the baskets in the CFC entry.**

THANK YOU!

Appreciations:

I want to express my great appreciation for Carmen Riotta DeMasters, our office and business manager, who has decided to resign and pursue other challenges in life. During the whole transition of myself into being the pastor and again when we made the move of the offices to the Christian Formation Center Carmen leaned forward to ensure as smooth a change as possible. For those of you who have known her for longer you already know the value she has added to the running of the parish over the years. Carmen's last day will be later this month so I encourage you to reach out with your own appreciations.

I also want to express my gratitude to Ginny Aultman-Moore who for more than twenty years has devoted a considerable portion of her life to helping those most in need through our community outreach ministry at St. Ursula Food Pantry & Outreach. Her dedication to those in our midst struggling with financial burdens is worthy of our greatest appreciation and fulfills one of our core Christian tenets of care for those the rest of society would just as soon ignore. We cannot ignore the impact Ginny has made over her many years of ministry and so I encourage you to reach out with personal appreciations as well. Her last day will be in March before she moves into retirement phase.

May God bless both Carmen and Ginny in their future endeavors.

Fr. John

Our New Address is:

3346 University Ave
Morgantown, WV 26505

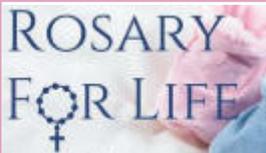
Please direct all correspondence to this new address. Our P.O. Box is now closed

The Parish Office has relocated to the Formation Center, room A.
We remain closed to in-person visits, except by appointment.
You may still contact us by phone or email.



Position Opening:

St. Mary is looking to hire a new business/office manager. While the person chosen will need a variety of skills, some of the basic skills and experience necessary will be a good understanding of financial accounting with a familiarity with Quickbooks online. Additional skills will be good communication with the broader public and with the parish staff and various groups within the parish. Basic computer skills are also a necessity. This is full-time 35-40 hours a week. Compensation will be determined by experience. Please contact the office if interested and to set up an interview with the pastor.



On the Vigil of the March for Life, join us for a **Holy Hour of Adoration** of the Real Presence of Jesus, including praying the **Rosary**

for Life. Thursday Jan 28 at 7pm in the St. John University Parish church. If you can't be there in person, you can join us via Facebook livestream @MountaineerCatholic.

Windows into Heaven

Timothy Fariss is an ordained Subdeacon for the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic who is studying for the priesthood. Come hear him speak about the rich & beautiful tradition of iconography & hymnody in the Eastern Catholic Churches. Learn how icons & hymns express the beauty, joy, history & doctrine of our Catholic Faith in a public & liturgical fashion. All are welcome!



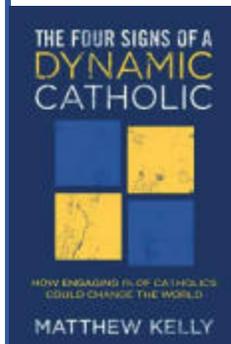
WINDOWS INTO HEAVEN

February 6th, 2021

St. John University Parish
Mountaineer Catholic Campus Ministry
1481 University Ave. Morgantown WV

9a - 10a - Mass
10a - 10:45a - Talk
10:45a - 11:30a - Prayer

Lenten Book Study



In preparation for our Five Year Plan, I will lead a book study on Matthew Kelly's book "Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" weekly during Lent. If you are thinking about volunteering to be on the Five Year Plan committee I believe this book

is a good introduction on some of the topics that will be covered in our deliberations.

The discussion sessions will be on **Tuesday evenings in Peace Hall**, where we can be socially distanced, on **February 16 & 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23**. They will start at **6:30 pm** and should be finished no later than 8:00 pm each night.

Please mark those dates on your calendars if this is of interest to you and I hope we will have a nice cross-section of St. Mary there to start the work of bringing our parish back to life after this pandemic. -Fr. John

Assistant Director Office of Evangelization & Catechesis

The Diocese has an opening for Assistant Director of the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis. This is a full time position.

This person will assist the Director in providing leadership for the ongoing development and success of Parish programs and services in the ministerial areas of Evangelization & Catechesis. This person will develop programs and processes that support and empower parishes to manifest a vision of life long formation. Areas of focus are ministries of Evangelization, Catechesis, Laity, Marriage, Family Life Youth and Pro Life activities. Person will be a resource to Parish personnel in the Various areas of ministries in order to grow and foster those ministries at the Parish level.

Qualified persons will have a Bachelor's Degree in Theology, Religious Education or related fields of study. Preference given to persons holding a Master's Degree. Three (3) or more years of experience in Catechetical Formation is preferred. Person must be a practicing active Catholic who adheres to the teachings and Traditions of the Catholic Church. Leadership abilities as well as organizational skills are essential to succeed in the position. Must be able to work flexible schedules at time As well as work evenings and weekends when position requires.

Interested persons should respond with Resumé and 3 letters of reference to:

Daniel Maul, Director, office of Evangelization & Catechesis, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, 1311 Byron Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

dmaul@dwc.org, *Position will remain open until filled*

PARENT INFORMATION REGARDING TUITION ASSISTANCE

PLEASE MAKE THIS INFO AS WIDELY AVAILABLE AS POSSIBLE

(parish bulletins, school & parish newsletters, school & parish websites, etc.)

2021-2022 DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS IS OPEN

For the 30th consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it for their children but who may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to the ongoing and genuine commitment of The Most Reverend Mark Brennan to the Catholic schools in our Diocese, funds have, once again, been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of financial assistance.

Applying for TAP through FACTS is easy and affordable. You are encouraged to apply if your child is already enrolled or has been accepted by one of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Who is eligible?** Any Catholic student accepted for the 2021-2022 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school (PK thru grade 12) and who belongs to a parish included on the drop-down list as part of the on-line application is eligible. Determinations are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants.
- How do I apply?** Applications are made on-line. Go to www.factsmgt.com, click on "Grant & Aid Assessment" and log in. If you do not have Internet access, contact your school office for assistance.
- Cost?** The application fee is \$35. The Diocese will pay \$17.50 and families pay the other \$17.50.
- Grants:** Diocesan grants for Catholic families who have completed their applications and show financial need will receive up to 50% of the child's tuition.
- Phase I Deadline**
April 30, 2021 In order to receive notification in late May, applications (including all required documentation and payment of the fee) are to be received by FACTS by April 30, 2021. Phase I is intended for families with children currently enrolled or already accepted for the 2021-2022 school year in any Catholic school in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.
- Phase II Deadline**
August 14, 2021 In order to receive notification in early September, all applications for 2021-2022 (including all required documentation and payment of the fee) MUST be RECEIVED by FACTS no later than August 14, 2021. This is a firm deadline. Phase II is intended for families new to the school or who have had a life-changing event (i.e. birth, death, loss of job, major illness). If an application was submitted during Phase I, please contact the school. Please do NOT submit a second application.
- Note 1:** No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless:
1. an application is completed in full (ALL questions answered) and submitted
 2. all required documentation is provided, AND
 3. the family portion (\$17.50) of the application fee is paid by the deadline.
- Note 2:** ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER FAMILY should be submitted per school year. If you made an error or had a life event change, please do NOT submit a second application. Contact your principal and your application can be updated by FACTS.

Questions? If you have questions, please contact the principal of your school.

Sunday, Jan 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrate, study, share

The timing seemed right. In September 2019, on the 1,600th anniversary of scripture scholar Saint Jerome's death, Pope Francis launched a new observance on the church calendar. Today's "Sunday of the Word of God" is deliberately placed within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All who follow Jesus are invited to unite around the happy gift of our sacred story contained in the Bible's pages. On this occasion, we celebrate, study, and spread these good words we never possess merely for ourselves. Enthroned the Bible in your home—and heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 (68). *"The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."*

Monday, Jan 25, 2021

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

Turn things around

It is arguably the biggest about-face in history: Paul goes from passionately persecuting Christians to converting to Christianity and becoming one of its most important champions. And it's a hard-to-beat conversion story: falling off a horse and encountering the risen Lord. But it's a story that happens in the hearts of Christians all the time: Life knocks you down while going the wrong way, and you're not ready, willing, or able to see the truth—and then somehow Jesus changes everything. By the grace of God, it happens to you again and again. Paul is proof that it's never too late, that you've never made too many mistakes, that you're never too far gone to keep turning yourself around.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). *"Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

Tuesday, Jan 26, 2021

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

Seek good companions for the journey

We honor Timothy and Titus one day after the conversion of Saint Paul. For Paul, once converted, wasted no time in spreading the gospel and relied on many to help with his missionary work. Few of his companions were as key—or as beloved—as Timothy and Titus. Paul gave them the toughest assignments, and his letters to them are the only ones addressed to fellow missionaries that are included in the Bible. In those epistles, Paul refers to them as "my dear child" and "my true child in our common faith"—reminders that all become brothers and sisters through Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 OR Titus 1:1-5; Mark 3:31-35 (520; Gospel 318). *"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."*

Wednesday, Jan 27, 2021

Never forget

On this day in 2005, the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp, the United Nations established International Holocaust Remembrance Day. With firm resolve to educate future generations about the horrors of the Holocaust, this annual event is a clarion call never to forget the Nazi atrocities that claimed the lives of 6 million Jews and millions more others. U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres warns that

it would be a "dangerous error to think of the Holocaust as simply the result of the insanity of a group of criminal Nazis." It happened because of the "millennia of hatred, scapegoating, and discrimination targeting the Jews." Pray today for grace to choose love rather than hate, to choose inclusion rather than discrimination.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalm 110; Mark 4:1-20 (319). *"Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool."*

Thursday, Jan 28, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Let your light shine

How apt that the gospel on today's memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas encourages us to let our light shine. This saint's light was his powerful intellect, and it still shines brightly today. His theological writings, particularly *Summa Theologiae*, continue to have tremendous impact on the church. One of his lasting insights is that faith and reason both come from God, and Christian doctrine is not at odds with rational thought. In honor of this doctor of the church with his relentlessly probing mind, take time to sharpen your own understanding of a faith-related issue.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25 (320). *"Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket . . . and not to be placed on a lampstand?"*

Friday, Jan 29, 2021

Make an offer

"Offer it up" is a phrase that seems baked into our Catholic tradition. Often it comes out at times when we are at a loss from the complexities and pain of suffering, which can leave us hopeless, scared, and lonely. After months of social distancing, mourning deaths, job and school closures, and holidays spent alone, we are all in a kind of personal and corporate space of suffering. We are invited to truly *offer*, that is, to *give* ourselves into the care of others and into the loving embrace of Jesus the Christ who also has known suffering intimately. What do you need to offer up and how can you lovingly embrace others' offerings of themselves?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321). *"We are not among those who draw back and perish, but among those who have faith and will possess life."*

Saturday, Jan 30, 2021

All that I have is yours

Inheritance is a big deal in the Bible. Not so much legal inheritance, though that is mentioned, but theological inheritance, the gifts God bestows on the community of faith—the people of Israel—and later, in the New Testament, to the followers of Christ. We all share in that inheritance, that "holy ground" promised so long ago to Abraham and his descendants. How will you put your inheritance to use? Will you pass it on to others, or will it end with you? How you invest your time, talent, and treasure will determine the answer to that question.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41 (322). *"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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PRAYING THROUGH LENT

Join us for a five-week prayerful journey
as we reflect on Henri Nouwen's,

Can You Drink the Cup?

- WHY:** This is an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' question to James and John, the sons of Zebedee, "Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?"
- WHO:** Anyone who wants to pray thru Lent with the book.
Can You Drink the Cup?
- WHAT:** Five-week Tuesday morning program facilitated by Denise Myers. Denise is currently a student in spiritual direction training at the West Virginia Institute for Spirituality in Charleston, WV.
- WHEN:** February 2 February 9 February 16
February 23 March 2 Time: 10-10:45 CST
This will be a Zoom meeting and the link will be sent out later.
- COST:** \$20.00 donation to WVIS. The book needs to be bought before first meeting. The book cost @ 12 dollars.
- CONTACT** Denise Myers at denisemyersjrt@gmail.com
304-669-1298 if you are interested in attending
or
If you have questions.



Happy New Year! As we start 2021, Mon Valley Habitat for Humanity has many opportunities for people to help in the Restore while maintaining social distance. Full and Part Time employee positions:

- Cashier
- Box Truck Driver
- Floor Organizer and Re-stocker
- Warehouse Attendant

A variety of volunteer opportunities are also available. You must be 16 to work on the Restore floor and 18 to work in the Restore warehouse. Please contact the affiliate office at 304-291-2991 for more information.



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Safe Environment Reporting

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Will or Estate Planning

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to:

"The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—Readings and Gospel

FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF JONAH

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.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

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.

The Word of the Lord.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

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.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



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