

Third Sunday
In
Ordinary Time
25 January, 2015



SAINT JOHN PAUL II PARISH

2697 Caniff, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212

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As Christians we have to view the world with urgency. Anything holding us back from being faithful followers must be set aside and our full attention must be given to our life in eternity. The readings today all allude to the fact that time is running out. We are here now, perhaps healthy, without a care other than working toward our own happiness. But in merely a second, God might be calling us to Himself. Are we ready to leave this earth at a moment's notice? Listen to the readings for today, and take them to heart.

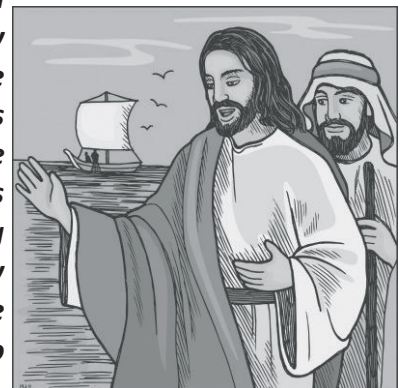
The **FIRST READING** from the Book of Jonah recalls the warning to the people of Nineveh. God gave them only forty days to repent. Behind the scenes, the prelude to this reading was the fact that Jonah refused to carry God's message to the Assyrians, and boarded a ship to a different country in the opposite direction. But God will not be slighted. He caused a large storm at sea to overtake the ship and Jonah was carried overboard by a huge wave. After the whale swallowed him, he remained for three days in that creature's belly (time enough to meditate on his refusal to carry out God's command)! After he was spewed onto the shore, Jonah ran to Nineveh to relay God's message to the inhabitants of that country. Of course we remember that they did repent and were therefore saved.

The **SECOND READING** plainly spells out the fact that "the time is running out" (1 Corinthians 7:29). In this letter of Paul's, he addresses the concerns of the Corinthians concerning the laws of marriage. In addressing the issue to them, Paul also cautions them that time is quickly coming to an end and the issues they are concerned about will soon be obsolete. With the final coming of Jesus, the reign of God will come to fullness and the present reality of life will be completely changed. As today's **GOSPEL** opens, John's arrest signals the beginning of Jesus' ministry. We hear Jesus preaching "... the kingdom

of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:14). Afterwards, Jesus began selecting His Disciples, noting the urgency of spreading His message. The newly called apostles literally left what they were doing, likewise their families and friends, and without looking back, immediately followed Jesus.

In looking back at this weekend's readings, we see how the early church believed in the message of the imminent arrival of God's Kingdom. What does this mean for us today? Is it still true for us that the world in its present form is passing away? While Christians in the first century might have presumed that Jesus would return and God's coming would be established in their lifetime, are we supposed to share that presumption? Are we also to forgo the normal elements of human life such as marriage and mourning? Jesus and His apostles gave us a sense of how we are to believe. It is less about *when* the kingdom will arrive as it is about believing that in Jesus the kingdom has *already* arrived, and that now our priorities must be reordered. Anything that holds us back from becoming Jesus' followers must be left behind so that we can be free to follow Him when He calls.

How would I live my life if I knew Jesus was coming for me tonight? What prevents me from responding to Jesus' call with the immediacy of the apostles in the Gospel? Give us eyes to see. Lord, that the world as we know it is even now passing away, and the new world that your grace creates is coming to birth in our lives. Amen.



EVENTS

St. John Paul II Closet Sale. March 21 and 22, 2015 is our annual Closet Sale. Still looking through those drawers; getting all the way to the back of those closets? How about the attic? Keep on collecting and boxing up those treasures. We'll let you know when and where to bring them.

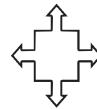
Sixth Annual Dinner for Life is Friday, February 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please join the seminarians at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in support of the pro-life movement. Kimberly Han, Catholic apologist and author, will be the keynote speaker. Mass starts at 6:00 p.m. with The Most Reverend, Allen H. Vigneron – Archbishop of Detroit, followed by dinner. Cost is \$25.00 per person.

All donations will be forwarded to Project Hope, a pro-life initiative of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. For more information, visit www.shms.edu/DinnerForLife.

Married Enrichment Evening for Young Married Couples: "The First Years and Beyond." Saturday, February 14, 2015, Valentine's Day, is a special Valentine's marriage enrichment evening for young marrieds in their first 10 years of marriage. Begins with 4:00 p.m. Mass in the beautiful St. John's Chapel, followed by a fun and uplifting marriage enrichment talk by marriage expert couple Randy and Theresa Cimer, an elegant dinner-date, then uplifting DJ music, dancing and fellowship! Give your marriage the gift of this special Valentine's Day evening! Location: The Inn at St. John's. Plymouth, MI. Price: \$70.00 per couple.

Priestly Vocations Day of Discernment Featuring Archbishop Vigneron. Is Jesus calling you or someone you know to become a priest? Consider attending the Day of Discernment with Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron on February 21 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. The Day of Discernment is for anyone aged 17 to 55 seeking a better understanding of their vocation to the Lord. Visit our website for more information: www.detroitpriest.com. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter at Detroit Priest.

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MASS SCHEDULE: Week of January 31 & February 1, 2015
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TIME	WORSHIP SITE	CELEBRANT	LECTOR(S)	E.M.E.	SERVER(S)
Saturday, January 31, 2015					
4:00 p.m. (Eng)	St. Ladislaus	Fr. Wesley Deacon Paul Stevens	D. Uchalik	D. Uchalik	A. Ruzycski
Sunday, February 1, 2015					
11:00 a.m. (Pol)	Transfiguration	Fr. Krol	I. Zuckowska		P. Borowski R. Foksinski
10:30 a.m. (Eng)	Transfiguration	Fr. Wesley Deacon Paul Stevens	N. & M. Dolphin		J. Dolphin J. Tanner
11:00 a.m. (Pol)	St. Ladislaus	Fr. Flis	S. Murawski		

MASS INTENTIONS 2015	PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK																																		
<p>Requesting Mass Intentions: Call or visit the Parish Office (313) 305-7394.</p> <p><u>Transfiguration Church, 10:30 a.m. Mass:</u> If you have a Mass Intention listed below, and wish to participate in the Offertory Procession, please sign-in with one of the ushers <u>before</u> Mass.</p> <p>Saturday, January 31, 2015 4:00 p.m. St. Ladislaus (Eng) + Kathleen Uminski (Anniv.), <i>Husband, Mark</i></p> <p>Sunday, February 1, 2015 Transfiguration 9:00 a.m. (Pol) - Health & Blessings for Eric Dinan + Helena Dabrowska + Cyndi Dinan</p> <p>Sunday, February 1, 2015 Transfiguration 10:30 a.m. (Eng) - Health & Blessings for Cathy & John Dillon + John & Jean Dinan + John Paul Dinan + Joseph Pozniak, <i>Tom & Jenny Pozniak</i></p> <p>Sunday, February 1, 2015 St. Ladislaus 11:00 a.m. (Pol) For the Parishioners of St. John Paul II Parish</p>	<p align="center">Newly added names are in <i>italic</i>.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Mary Antoncew</td> <td>Ann Mienaltowski</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dorothy Brzozowski</td> <td>Krzystof Murawski</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leona Busch</td> <td>Angeline Ostrowski</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Veronica Carten</td> <td>Frank Ostrowski</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Janina Chalicka</td> <td><i>Margaret Skawski</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michael Crecca</td> <td>Eryka Pelinski</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dolores Dave</td> <td>Diane Pettine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beatrice Ellis</td> <td>Bro. Robert Ruffing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gloria English</td> <td>Roseanne Snapke</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jolanta Iwank</td> <td>Elizabeth Sobczak</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Helen Karpoff</td> <td>Helen Soto</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theresa Lawson</td> <td><i>Tom Sullivan</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theresa Makowski</td> <td>Helen Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Jo Marasovich</i></td> <td>Sophia Zembrzusi</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ruth Ann Mathena</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tom Matusz</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mary Meyers</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Mary Antoncew	Ann Mienaltowski	Dorothy Brzozowski	Krzystof Murawski	Leona Busch	Angeline Ostrowski	Veronica Carten	Frank Ostrowski	Janina Chalicka	<i>Margaret Skawski</i>	Michael Crecca	Eryka Pelinski	Dolores Dave	Diane Pettine	Beatrice Ellis	Bro. Robert Ruffing	Gloria English	Roseanne Snapke	Jolanta Iwank	Elizabeth Sobczak	Helen Karpoff	Helen Soto	Theresa Lawson	<i>Tom Sullivan</i>	Theresa Makowski	Helen Williams	<i>Jo Marasovich</i>	Sophia Zembrzusi	Ruth Ann Mathena		Tom Matusz		Mary Meyers	
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May Our Hearts Be Filled With God's Love and Peace:
Prayers and thoughts of love for Margaret Skawski and her family.

<p>SAINT JOHN PAUL II PARISH Parish Center and Office 2697 Caniff, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212 Phone: (313) 305 7394 Fax: (313) 305 7397</p> <p>OFFICE HOURS Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>NOTE: THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS</p>	<p>PARISH MINISTRY TEAM Fr. Andrew Wesley, Pastor Deacon Paul Stevens Sister Angelica Zajkowski, CSFN, Pastoral Associate</p> <p>GUEST PRIESTS Fr. Felix Alsola Fr. Stanley Flis Fr. Bill Krol Fr. George Rutkowski</p>	<p>SACRAMENTS Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick Please call the Parish Center: (313) 305 7394</p> <p>Reconciliation Every Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. St. Ladislaus</p>
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