



# ST. OWEN CATHOLIC CHURCH JANUARY 24, 2021

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> 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

**THIS WEEK AT ST. OWEN**

	<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	<b>SCRIPTURE READINGS</b>	<b>CALENDAR EVENTS</b>
<b>Saturday, January 23</b>	<b>Donald Ducey</b> Req. by Joel Brown	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Mk 3:20-21	<b>St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM</b> 4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass
<b>Sunday, January 24</b>	<b>9am Mass</b> <b>Elias &amp; Norma Denha</b> Req. by Linda Shaya  <b>11am Mass</b> <b>Gordon Johnston</b> Req. by John Johnston	Jon 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass
<b>Monday, January 25</b>	<b>Richard Jacobs</b> 1st Anniversary of Death Req. by Diana Jacobs	Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18	<b>The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle</b> 9:00am Mass and Rosary following Mass
<b>Tuesday, January 26</b>	<b>People of St. Owen Parish</b>	2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 3:31-35	<b>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</b> 9:00am Mass
<b>Wednesday, January 27</b>		Heb 10:11-18 Mk 4:1-20	<b>St. Angela Merici, Virgin</b>
<b>Thursday, January 28</b>	Intentions of <b>Doris McQueen Byrne</b> Celebrating her 90th Birthday Req. by Byrne Family	Heb 10:19-25 Mk 4:21-25	<b>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> 9:00am Mass and Rosary following Mass
<b>Friday, January 29</b>	<b>John Anticoli</b> Req. by Steinmetz Family	Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34	9:00am Mass
<b>Saturday, January 30</b>	<b>Sammy Denha</b> Req. by Linda Shaya	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Mk 4:35-41	<b>BVM</b> 4:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass
<b>Sunday, January 31</b>	<b>9am Mass</b> <b>Jerry Leedom</b> Req. by Family  <b>11am Mass</b> <b>Faithful departed of St. Owen.</b>	Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass

**ST. OWEN VISION**

*We strive to be an open, welcoming and caring Catholic community of believers who are called to share, celebrate, renew and grow in faith, love of God and one another. We embrace Jesus by living His teachings and values and put our faith into action through service, tithing and outreach.*



## A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

Who is coming after us? A question we might not ask often enough or even begin to answer. In these days of pandemic we look around our worship space and wonder where everyone else is --- but the readings this weekend remind us that God's plan is beyond our imagination.

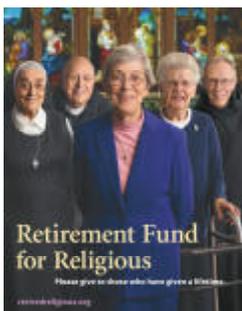
How do I live my life in service of others? Another question we probably don't evoke often enough. The occasional act of charity is one thing, but do I realize that as a disciple I am called to live in service of others. My everyday life is made real when I can recognize that someone else needs me and they recognize that we need them.

Like Jonah in today's first reading, we cannot hide from God's call -- we are accountable due to our baptism. I thank God daily for my vocation to the priesthood and I suspect most of you also recognize your vocation to marriage or the single life.

Those who come after us will bear the gifts of what we sow.

Fr. Mike

## Retirement Fund for Religious



Thanks for giving! "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's second collection.

## SUNDAY'S READING

### First Reading:

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. (Jon 3:10)

### Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

### Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away.  
(1 Cor 7:31)

### Gospel:

The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mk 1:15)

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At each St. Owen Mass, one special intention is offered. We are scheduling throughout 2021. AOD's suggested donation is \$10. Call us at 248-626-0840 or email [parishoffice@stowen.org](mailto:parishoffice@stowen.org) to reserve a Mass intention. We have a selection of cards for occasions to express your sympathy or intention and communicate that a Mass will be offered.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

For obvious reasons, the youth group has had an absence of social activities. The social activities truly help bond our group of teens from so many different high schools and help prepare us to spend a week together in the summer on our mission trip. We miss our planned events but are exercising patience and creativity in this difficult time. So in December, we executed a virtual Escape Room with the theme from *A Christmas Carol*. It was certainly not as much fun as attending a Christmas Party or other events, but several gathered online and successfully accomplished our escape! Below is the last clue to solve and escape the room. Can you figure out what the message says with the letters provided?

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Clue can be found in the text below!

William Barclay, Church of Scotland minister, said:

*“Here’s a great eternal truth. Life cannot be divided into compartments, some of which God is involved, others in which He is not involved. There cannot be one kind of language in the church and another kind of language in the office. There cannot be one kind of conduct in the church and another in the business world.”* So if I’m going to live an integrated life, a life of integrity, then the discussion has to start with a focus in here - inside, it must be related to my soul and my character. Integrity is first and foremost an inside job. That means I have to pay attention to the development of my character. Character is a moral compass for my life. My relationship with Christ is like spiritual GPS that helps me navigate through the minefields of life's decisions. Christ is the true north.

So my relationship with Christ is what brings clarity about what’s right and then it leaves me the will to do what’s right in the right way no matter what it costs me. It tells us what we stand for and what we won’t stand for. It informs you and people around you what you value most. It means being the same person whether everybody’s looking or whether nobody’s watching. Character does matters. A good and fulfilled life is a life full of integrity, a life that is integrated with purpose and values. The good news is that with God, it’s never too late to start paying attention to your character. It’s never too late to start living a life of integrity. David DeVel from Faithlife Sermons

Ask yourself what can you make right this week?



**CAN DRIVE** is an annual fundraiser which proceeds go toward our mission trip. With no trip in sight for this summer, the teens have decided to continue with the CAN DRIVE but designate half of the proceeds toward the Twinning Parish in the Dominican Republic and half set aside for a future mission trip. Please drop donations of clean returnable bottles/cans outside the Teen Room door **morning of February 7**. Thank you for your support!



**Sunday, February 7**  
 Teen Liturgy, 11am Mass.  
 Education meeting, TBD  
 Can Drive!

**St. John Bosco Prayer Initiative**  
**January 29—February 5, 2021**  
 The goal is to engage 1000 intercessors to pray for youth and youth ministries in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Please help us spread the word by inviting 50 people from your communities and family! See [www.Boscoprayer.org](http://www.Boscoprayer.org) for information and to sign up.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Dear Friends in Christ,

***For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21.*** The notes of appreciation from the various groups we assisted over the Christmas season continue to arrive, I feel it is so important to share each one with each of you.

*Dear St. Owen Parishioners,*

*On behalf of the staff and guests of the Pope Francis Center, thank you so much for your generous donations through your Promise Tree. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give away more than 300 backpacks filled with essentials for our guests on Christmas morning. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you! Wishing you a peaceful and healthy Happy New Year! All the best, Maggie Blake*

*Dear St Owen Parish,*

*I want to express a sincere appreciation for the most generous gifts to the seniors of St. Rose this Christmas season. This year was like no other. Many of our seniors have been isolated from family and friends, so the thoughtful gifts from the generous parishioners of St. Owen was so special. For a number of the seniors the gift from your parish was the only gift they received, and the extra goodies added a thoughtful love to their holiday. Thank you so much for making this the best year for so many. You are all so appreciated. May 2021 be filled with blessings to the wonderful people of St. Owen.*

*Sincerely, Mike*

As previously stated in the bulletin at the very beginning of the year, I am hopeful that together we can continue to care for the less fortunate and neglected throughout the year with various drives. I am currently in contact with several groups working on plan so we may continue to support others and their basic needs. Stay tuned, more information will follow in the coming weeks.

## RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CHRIST



Our Prayer Line Ministry is still looking for volunteers! If you would like to join in this ministry, please contact Rita Lou Campbell (248) 851-0595 for more information for this on-going, most valuable ministry that provides great comfort of prayers to those in need.



Over the last several weeks I have had inquiries where one could donate medical supplies. Just in our backyard in Southfield, there is an organization that accepts all types of medical supplies, equipment, personal hygiene items and even some prescriptions. A list of acceptable donations can be found on their website at [www.worldmedicalrelief.org](http://www.worldmedicalrelief.org). I hope this is helpful if you have anything to donate.



Our pantry is currently beautifully stocked thanks to your overwhelming continued generosity. We have some space for spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, and instant boxed potatoes.

**God Bless!**

Michelle Novaco

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Offertory Contribution for week of January 17 \$7,955

YTD Actual Contributions: \$395,864.\*

YTD Budgeted Contributions: \$415,075.\*

**NEGATIVE Variance (\$ 19,211.)**

*\*Includes WeShare online giving and all Christmas giving.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The recently approved Covid-related Tax Act provides a special provision for 2021 that permits single taxpayers who do not itemize deductions to deduct up to \$300 for cash charitable contributions; married taxpayers filing jointly will be able to deduct up to \$600. Please consider St. Owen Parish for this tax-beneficial cash charitable contribution amount.

**Liturgical Minister Schedule  
January 30-31, 2021**

\*Substitute may replace a scheduled minister after publication.

Ushers: A&B	Altar Servers*	Lectors*
January 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m.		B. Lampertius R. Gumbleton
January 31 Sunday 9:00 a.m.		J. Kelly S. Peters
January 31 Sunday 11:00 a.m.		R. Hawkins N. Samona



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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Barbara Forte (Jan 2021)        | Pat Devine (Oct 2019)         |
| Paul Krass (Dec 2020)           | Sheila Callahan (Oct 2019)    |
| Harry Samuel (Dec 2020)         | Margaret Fuchs (Sept 2019)    |
| Peter Najar (Nov 2020)          | Mark Crawford (August 2019)   |
| Mary Lou Schmidt (Nov 2020)     | Elizabeth Ebisawa (July 2019) |
| Joseph Madden (Nov 2020)        | Polly Brennan (July 2019)     |
| Mike and Bev VonEnde (Oct 2020) | Norma Tioran (May 2019)       |
| Father James Cronk (Sept 2020)  | Fred Hillard (Feb 2019)       |
| Mike Donovan (Sept 2020)        | Jim Holden (Feb 2019)         |
| Ashley Colestock (Sept 2020)    | Donna Kelly (Sept 2018)       |
| Joe Mastromatteo (Aug 2020)     | Joann Holden (Aug 2018)       |
| Eileen Poth (Aug 2020)          | Sawyer Ziegelman (June 2018)  |
| Pam Biglin (Feb 2020)           | Armed Forces & Veterans       |
| Jozef Wyszynski (Jan 2020)      | First Responders              |
| George Fenton (Dec 2019)        | Missionaries                  |
| Jalila Kainaya (Nov 2019)       | Healthcare Personnel          |
| Betty Bright (Nov 2019)         |                               |
| Lila Fenech (Nov 2019)          |                               |
| Mary Lu Bennethum (Nov 2019)    |                               |



If you or someone you know is in need of prayers and would like to remain confidential, may we suggest you request prayers from the Prayer Line Ministry. Call Rita Lou at 248-851-0595.

**Prayer List:**

To add or make a change to this prayer list please call Angela in the parish office at 248-626-0840.

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**WEEKEND MASS**

**SATURDAY: 5:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

**WEEKDAY MASS**

**MONDAY: 9:00 AM**  
**TUESDAY: 9:00 AM**  
**THURSDAY: 9:00 AM**  
**FRIDAY: 9:00 AM**

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