



CHURCH OF ST. ANN

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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PARISH LIFE



Monday 8:00am	1-25-21 Alice Barry rq by Loving Friend
Tuesday 8:00am	1-26-21 Jack McNiff rq by Pat Shoenfelder
Wednesday 8:00am	1-27-21 Ronald Lorenzo rq by Elena Lazzaro & Family
Thursday 8:00am	1-28-21 Joseph Munger rq by Elena Lazzaro & Family
Friday 9:00am	1-29-21 Purgatorial Society of St. Ann rq by Loving Family
Saturday 5:00pm	1-30-21 James Patrick Sidoti rq by Patti & Glenn Stott Thomas McCarthy rq by Loving Family
Sunday 8:00am	1-31-21 Barbara Puglisi rq by Keith & Jeanie Smith
10:30am	Gill Van Wagner rq by Loving Family
6:00pm	Richard T. Walker Sr. rq by Loving Family

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Alice Barry
rq by Loving Family

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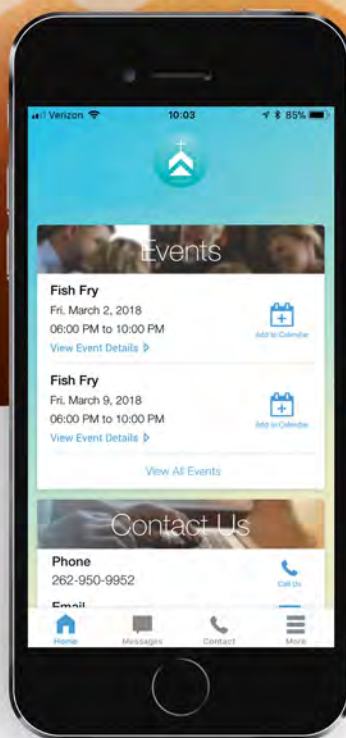
Church Hours Mon - Fri 8:30A - 12P.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

SUN 1/24	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
MON 1/25	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
TUE 1/26	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
WED 1/27	Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
THR 1/28	Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
FRI 1/29	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
SAT 1/30	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
SUN 1/31	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

Sunday:	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Tuesday:	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Wednesday:	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Thursday:	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	BVM
Sunday:	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

*Teach me
your
ways.*

— PSALM 25 —

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



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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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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 flippantly 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.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

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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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

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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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Although initially reluctant to be one of God's prophets, Jonah was ultimately successful in getting the Ninevites to repent of their sins. When do you find yourself resisting God's will?

Second Reading

In trying to awaken a sense of spiritual urgency, Paul taught the Corinthians that Christ's return was imminent and that, "time is running out." How can a sense of urgency aid one's spiritual life?

Gospel Reading

In Mark's account of the call of the first disciples, Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John immediately answer Jesus' call to follow him. How would you describe your response to Jesus' call in your life?

NOTHING
IS SO STRONG
AS GENTLENESS;
NOTHING
IS SO GENTLE
AS REAL STRENGTH.

—ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LITURGICAL LIFE

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation is a program of instruction through which Catholic adults who have not been confirmed (but have been baptized and received First Communion) are fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

The Adult Confirmation program is a preparation process for adults (over the age of 18) who wish to complete their initiation. The Rite of Adult Confirmation is conferred in our parish once a year during the Easter Season after an extensive time of preparation. Confirmation for those under the age of 18 can only be administered as part of the Catechetical Religious Education program.

To register for Adult Confirmation call the rectory.



*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."*

- Mk 1:16-17

**OUR ENTIRE GOOD
CONSISTS NOT ONLY
IN ACCEPTING THE
TRUTH OF GOD'S
WORD, BUT IN
PERSEVERING IN IT.**

- ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

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