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JANUARY 24, 2021

THIRD

Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME



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THEY ABANDONED THEIR NETS
AND FOLLOWED

Jesus.

MARK 1:18



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

DAILY MONDAY - FRIDAY

12:00 NOON

CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY: 11:30AM-12NOON

SATURDAY: 3:15 - 3:45 PM.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

12NOON ~6:00PM

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 24, 2021

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Mary & Joseph Donlan – Family
†Jonathan Thon - Family
†Dulce Quintero - Yoana Merida
†Gustavo Quintero - Yoana Merida
†Dena Metropoulous - Cathy McCaffrey

Monday, January 25, 2021

12:00PM †Margaret Risky– Edward and Susan Heil

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

12:00 PM †Cynthia M. Bane - BingZamar and Family

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

12:00 PM Intention of Manuel Balce, Jr. - MaryAllen Agbayani

Thursday, January 28, 2021

12:00 PM †Latonia Friend Grace - Judy Kenny

Friday, January 29, 2021

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Tumino & Demma Families - K & M Demma Families

Saturday, January 30, 2021

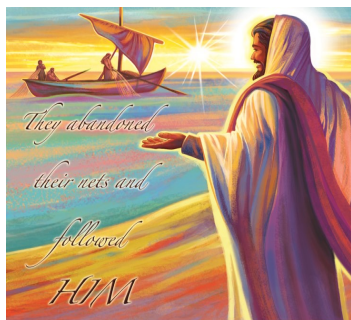
4:00 PM †Nancy O'Connell– Joan Salvato

Sunday, January 31, 2021

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Marie Cordero - Vilma Tionloc

† Denotes Deceased



Dear Padre,

Mark 1:15 quotes Jesus as saying, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Since the Gospels hadn’t been written yet, what was he referring to?

These days when we say the word *gospel*, we tend to be talking about one of the four written Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But the word *gospel* wasn’t originally tied to any particular written form of communication. In fact, the Greek word we translate to *gospel*—*evangelion*—simply means “good news.”

When Jesus says, “Repent and believe in the gospel,” he is basically saying, “Repent and believe in the good news.” For Jesus, the nature of that good news is clear: Jesus is announcing the coming of God’s kingdom, the initiation of the fullness of God’s reign on earth. Jesus preaches this good news in word and action and makes it real through his life, death, and resurrection.

After Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, many of his followers were inspired by the Holy Spirit to go into the world and continue Christ’s gospel proclamation. The apostles and disciples did this by word of mouth at first, but within a few decades they decided to commit the message of Christ’s good news to writing, giving us the Gospel books we know today.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
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SEMPER ON THE MOUNT BY CARL BLOCH-WIBERNA

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

In these, our troubled times, rent by the tragedies of war and menaced by the baneful tendency to accentuate differences and to incite conflict, may the Good News that in Jesus forgiveness triumphs over sin, life defeats death, and love conquers fear, be proclaimed to the world with renewed fervor.

LETTER RECOGNIZING MISSIONARY WORK, OCTOBER 22, 2017



Calendar

Monday
JANUARY 25
 Conversion of
 St. Paul the Apostle
 Acts 22:3–16 or
 Acts 9:1–22
 Mk 16:15–18

Tuesday
JANUARY 26
 Sts. Timothy and Titus,
 Bishops
 2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5
 Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday
JANUARY 27
 Weekday
 Heb 10:11–18
 Mk 4:1–20

Thursday
JANUARY 28
 St. Thomas Aquinas,
 Priest and Doctor
 of the Church
 Heb 10:19–25
 Mk 4:21–25

Friday
JANUARY 29
 Weekday
 Heb 10:32–39
 Mk 4:26–34

Saturday
JANUARY 30
 Weekday
 Heb 11:1–2, 8–19
 Mk 4:35–41

Sunday
JANUARY 31
 Fourth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 Dt 18:15–20
 1 Cor 7:32–35
 Mk 1:21–28

Parish News

*We wish to offer our
sympathy and a promise of our
prayers to family and friends on the
recent death of*



Esther Lugo



Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

If you or a family member are ill and would like to be placed on the Ascension of Our Lord Prayer List, please call the Parish Office. The name will be added for one month. Due to privacy issues, we will only honor requests made by you or a family member. The name will remain on the list for one month only!

**Please call the Parish Office at
630-629-5810 to add a name to the
"Pray for the Sick" list.**



Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Bob

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31- 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 - 10:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose

STEWARDSHIP

January 17, 2021 - \$3,744

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND
SUPPORT OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH.**



REMINDER:

**Annual donation statements for 2020
will be mailed by
January 31, 2021 Please contact the
Parish Office if you have any questions.**

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

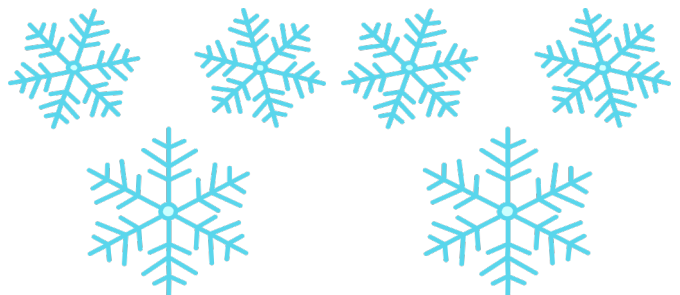
For those who desire the Eucharist but are not comfortable coming to Mass, Father Jose will be available on Tuesdays by appointment from 9am—2 pm (excluding the time of the Noon Mass) when he will come to your car to give you the Eucharist *and to give a blessing*. Please meet at Rectory garage. **Please call the office to schedule a time.**



BEREAVEMENT MASS TEAM

Consider joining our Bereavement Team. Team

Members help with setup before Funeral & Memorial Masses, help with seating, & clean-up after Mass. Volunteers would typically need to be available for 10am Masses when the need arises. Commitment is not needed daily. Please contact Vince Zaprzal for more information.



This Week's Calendar

MONDAY, JANUARY 25: MASS 12NOON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26: BLESSING & SPECIAL COMMUNION 9AM-2PM (REGISTER), 12NOON MASS, 6:00PM RE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27: 12NOON MASS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28: 11:30AM CONFESSION - CLASSROOM, 12NOON MASS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29: 12NOON MASS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30: 3:15PM-4:00PM CONFESSION - CLASSROOM, 4:00PM MASS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31: 8:00AM AND 10:00AM MASS



Today's Gospel

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

Adapted from: <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

IT'S COMING! WHAT TO WATCH FOR NEXT WEEK!

Lenten Adult Faith Formation Program on Zoom

Information on Ash Wednesday & other Lenten Devotions

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

INCOMES to OUTCOMES

The Fiscal/Budget Year for the St. Vincent de Paul Society runs from October 1 through the following September 30 each year. After compiling our budget and service outcomes these last months of 2020, we once again are happy to report both a growth in contributions and service funds which were even more in demand as we encountered the serious needs of families and individuals facing loss of income and benefits as the Covid-19 virus began to rage through our world. In reviewing the data to compile this report we were amazed as our donations rose seemingly miraculously as the needs of those we help likewise grew. In the April-June quarter the needs shifted from water & other utility bills to rental and mortgage help while jobs or hours of paid work continued to disappear for many. With the transfers of school-age and day care children back to their homes, even more requests for income help poured in. Many elderly found their lives threatened by the pandemic as their children and grandchildren sought refuge in their homes – again with limited household resources. A round of Stimulus Payments temporarily relieved some of the needs in mid-summer but by August the virus raged on while economic solutions were not at all available for most.

However, due to the benevolence of our parishioners, friends and the prayers of many, we moved through this pandemic period and continue to the present with the protection and confidence that this, too, will be resolved with the love and guidance of God.

Our Fiscal Year 2020 picture in more detail showed the following:

FUNDS: Available on Oct. 1, 2019: **\$11,265.**

Collected/donated during FY2020: **\$31,524.**

Distributed to recipients in Fiscal Yr. 2020: **\$32,957.**

FUNDS: Available on Oct. 1, 2020: **\$9,832.**

In next week's Bulletin, we will list how our funding was used both directly to clients for bills and their living expenses as well as the commodities and goods we provided directly to those in need. These included food, clothing, medicines, transportation, car repairs, fees for licenses, gasoline/fuel, etc. We continue to provide for the basic needs of the poor. All of us provide the prayers needed.



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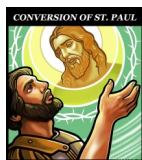
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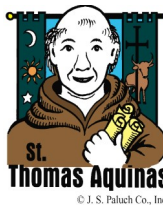


JANUARY 25: St. Paul the Apostle was the greatest of the early Christian missionaries. He first appears in the Acts of the Apostles under the name of Saul. Saul was raised in the Jewish faith as a Pharisee trained in the strict observance of God's Law. He believed the Law should be obeyed by himself and all Jews. Saul was upset by the early Christian Church, believing that the early Christians had broken away from their Jewish traditions.

Paul then traveled to Damascus to further persecute early Christians. On the road to Damascus Saul had an encounter with the Risen Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles 9:1-19, Galatians 1: 13-14). Jesus asked, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Paul replied, "Who are you, sir?" Jesus responded, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9: 4 - 5). Jesus then sent Saul into Damascus to wait for further instructions. Saul was shaken and blinded by the experience.

When a Christian named Ananias came and baptized Saul, his blindness went away. As a result of this encounter Saul became a follower of Christ. He was now convinced that fellowship with the risen Jesus Christ, not the observance of the Law, was all that was needed to receive God's promise of salvation. (Galatians 1:11-12; 3:1-5)

Taken from Loyolapress.com



JANUARY 28: By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually become abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. " He died March 7, 1274.

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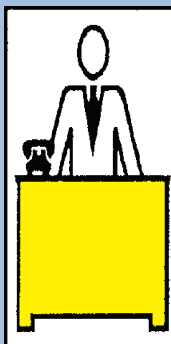
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