

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21, 2018

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.

— Mark 1:15

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out “Repent!” before he calls his new followers. “Come after me,” Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today’s Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$2,109.00	\$1,254.00
Number of Families contributing	101	85
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (2 Weeks)	\$6,399.00	\$6,436.00
Received to Date	\$3,997.00	\$2,753.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$2,402.00	\$3,683.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$161.00	\$296.00

Twenty-four ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$178.00
Amount Outstanding	

Five people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$110.00	\$135.00

Three people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$4.00.

18 **CHILDREN** contributed \$82.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$74.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 50, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 150 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 110.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A woman interested in helping handicapped children took a group of them—some blind—some deaf—to a circus.

On the way home she asked if they had enjoyed themselves. A blind boy sitting next to her quietly remarked: “I certainly did, but I feel sorry for those deaf children. They couldn’t hear the band play or the lions roar or the clapping of the crowd. They couldn’t even hear the elephants clump by!”

This child, by showing concern for the problems of others, had lightened his own burden.

Those who suffer the most in this life never lose the power to love others. The more all of us make an effort to transmit the love that God has put in our hearts, the fuller and richer our lives will become.

You can do much to help those who are depressed or suffering from mental and nervous disorders by encouraging them to take a loving interest in others who are suffering.

For the cause that lacks assistance,

For the wrong that needs resistance;

For the future in the distance,

And the good that I can do.

—George Linneus Banks

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Skully’s in loving memory of Skully’s Pat on the 5th Anniversary of his death and Bonnie on the 11th Anniversary of her death;
2. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend will be for the *Church in Latin America*. Please be generous.

DIVINE CHILD JESUS NOVENA

will be held in the Church for nine Sundays. The Church on Sunday will open at 2:00 P.M. and Novena will begin after the Divine Mercy Rosary.

MASTER’S TABLE

The Society of Mary Immaculate is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master’s Table in Augusta on Thursday, February 1st. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ned’s Priscilla.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, “How many women can a man marry?”

“Sixteen,” the boy responded.

His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. “Wow! How do you know that?”

“Easy,” the little boy said. “All you have to do is add it up, like the priest said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer.”

THANK YOU

and a member for their donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

WHEN WE PRAY

**When we pray, God hears more than we say,
Answers more than we ask,
Gives more than we imagine...
In His own time and in His own way.**

CHOICE

If you have choice, then *choose the best*.

If you have no choice, then *do the best*.

FOR OTHERS

Forget your own unhappiness by creating a little happiness for others...

BECAUSE...

When you are good to others you are best to yourself...

JUST REMEMBER...

The things that you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday: St. Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope

Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales

Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Friday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Saturday: St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the souls of Tommy McGuire on his 49th Birthday and Edward Straightener O'Hara on his Birthday.

Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Popeye on his Birthday.

Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.

Thursday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

Friday: For the repose of the soul of Duggan on his Birthday.

GOD IS OUR HIDING PLACE

***Our strength is small, but God, You are mighty,
Mighty to rise and come to our aid.
Many are the battles we're facing,
Battlefields we so often have made.***

***You provide shelter in times of trouble,
A hiding place from the tempest's wrath.
Beneath Your wings we find calm assurance,
Precious to You is a soul in distress.***

***Your mighty power, living within us,
Gives us fresh courage, helps us to pray.
Perfect Your vessels, created for glory,
That our life honors You, day after day.***

READERS

Sat. Jan. 20th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina &
Natalie

Sat. Jan. 20th, 7:00 P.M.
Jay &
Mary Melissa

Sun. Jan. 21st, 10:00 A.M.

Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph

Sat. Jan. 27th, 4:00 P.M.
Sable &
Mary Martha

Sat. Jan. 27th, 7:00 P.M.
Carolyn &
Mary Regina

Sun. Jan. 28th, 10:00 A.M.

Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Taniel
Tuesday	Theresa Maria Cat
Wednesday	Natalie
Thursday	Christina
Friday	Fallon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	January 20th
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Saturday 7:00 P.M.	January 20th
Front	Jay
Cup	Johnny Jay's Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

January 21st	January 28th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Bibbie's Catherine Ann
Friday	Bridget Ann

DECISIONS

Good decisions come from EXPERIENCE. But experience comes from BAD DECISIONS. This is life...So don't worry for any mistake. Go ahead and learn from them.

PRAYER CORNER

MORNING OFFERING

O God, through the hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, I offer Thee all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for the intentions of the Sacred heart of Jesus, the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the conversion of sinners, world peace, and the avoidance of the punishments which Thou dost justly threaten the world. Amen.