

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 2021

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

— Mark 1:15

A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah’s message (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 — Jesus proclaims, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week’s Collection	\$2,132.00	\$1,458.00
Number of Families contributing	105	83
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (3 Weeks)	\$10,576.00	\$10,590.00
Received to Date	\$6,089.00	\$5,109.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,487.00	\$5,481.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$181.00	\$553.00

Eighteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$9,660.00	\$47,550.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$139.00.

18 **CHILDREN** contributed \$69.00.

BAA totaled \$45.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“A Good Inspector and a Bad Problem” was the title of an article written about a University dormitory in a local city paper. Sixty students and seven dormitories came under inspection by the president of the colossal university after he received word that some 85,000 were bothered with lice.

“Through the use of soap and shampoo and special disinfectants,” he said, “the situation is under control.” You say, “ugh”; but check your own life and be sure you are not plagued with the parasitic infestation of sin before you pass judgement. The students knew how to stay clean and guard themselves from infestation by the lice, but even more so do we who know Christ know how to stay clean spiritually.

Watch out! The Inspector is watching. Stay clean.

Be sure your sin will find you out. —NUMBERS 32:23

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Tommy Newman in loving memory of “Popeye” on his 83rd Birthday;
2. the Duggan’s in loving memory of “Duggan” on his 81st Birthday;
3. the Wife and Family of “Shaft” in loving memory of him on the 2nd Anniversary of his death;
4. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

PRIEST RETREAT

Fr. Cherian will be attending a Priest Retreat this Monday, January 25th to Friday, January 29th. In his absence Fr. Raj will take care of the Pastoral needs.

THANK YOU

to a member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. John Paul II; a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, Precious Blood and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in honor of the Holy Spirit; a member for a donation in honor of St. Michael; a member for a donation in honor of the Infant of Prague for a special intention; and two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

BELATED THOUGHTS

As my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother’s hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, “I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often.”

SPECIAL COLLECTION

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

ALWAYS PRAY

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,
a heart that forgives the worst,
a mind that forgets the bad,
and a soul that never loses faith in God.

2020 TAX STATEMENTS 2020 Tax statements for donations made during the year were mailed to those who contributed. If you did not receive your statement, please contact the Church Office at 803-279-1837.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Two fathers were discussing their families and children and some of the incidents that arise in daily living.

“My three boys stick together,” said one. “When one of them gets in trouble, neither of the other two will squeal on him.”

His friend asked: “How do you find out the guilty one so that you can punish him?”

“That’s easy,” he replied, “All I do is send all three of them to bed without supper, and the next morning I thrash the one with the black eye.”

SIGNS IN FRONT OF CHURCHES

- ❖ **Will it take six strong pall-bearers to bring you to Church?**
- ❖ **Aspire to inspire before you expire.**
- ❖ **Where will you be sitting in eternity? Smoking or non-smoking?**
- ❖ **Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.**
- ❖ **Give God what’s right, not what’s left.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:* Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:* The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Tuesday:* Ss. Timothy and Titus
- Wednesday:* St. Angela Merici
- Thursday:* St. Thomas Aquinas

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:* For the repose of the soul of Popeye on his Birthday and for Brown on his Birthday.
- Tuesday:* For the repose of the soul of Duggan on his 80th Birthday.
- Wednesday:* In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and the Holy Souls.
- Thursday:* For the repose of the soul of Big A on his Birthday.
- Friday:* For the repose of the soul of Barney Pole on his Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Catherine Ann Pole on the 14th Anniversary of her death.

I OWE IT ALL TO YOU

*There are dark days ahead,
Bright and joyful ones, too.
No matter what the day may bring,
You always see me through.*

*You guide me on my merry way;
You lighten my heavy load.
No matter which way I go
You’re on that very road.*

*God, I lift my hands to You
In eternal praise.
I’ll sing to You forever
As my grateful voice I raise.*

READERS

- Sat. Jan. 23rd, 4:00 P.M. Reed & Cathy Lisa
- Sun. Jan. 24th, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Jersey
- Sat. Jan. 30th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
- Sun. Jan. 31st, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Marilyn
- Tuesday** - Mary Ashley
- Wednesday** - Julie Ann
- Thursday** - Dayna
- Friday** - Pamela

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** - Cathy Pole
- Tuesday** - Kim Gallon
- Wednesday** - Rosie Cat
- Thursday** - Mary Cat
- Friday** - Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **January 23rd**
- Front Mary Margaret
- Right Cathy Pole
- Left Kim Gallon

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

- January 23rd** **January 30th**
- Rita Weaver Mary Margaret

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

- January 24th** **January 31st**
- Rose Marie Rose Marie
- Mary Cat Mary Cat

LIFE TAUGHT ME

- **Not to complain about others.**
- **Change yourself, if you want peace.**

Because it is easier to protect your feet with slippers than to carpet the whole world.

TIME IS LIKE A RIVER

**You cannot touch the same water twice,
because the flow that has passed will never pass again.
Enjoy and thank God for every moment of your life.**

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~
A FAMILY PRAYER

*Give us new eyes, Lord, to see our lives in the light of Your love.
Too often our fear, anger, or hurt fogs our vision. Help us to see
Your providence in the glory of trees, lakes, and cloudless skies.
Help us to see Your generosity in the many gifts we enjoy each
day. Help us to see Your wisdom in the rhythm of the days, the
weeks, the seasons, and the years. Help us to see Your image in
the faces of everyone we meet and to know Your goodness in the
joy and love we feel for one another. We ask You this because
we know You love us. Amen.*