

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the “day of Midian.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.



Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be “fishers of men.”



For the Week of January 26th through February 2nd

Sunday

Is 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

Monday

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

First Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 25th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, January 26th

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Jerry Peterson

Monday, January 27th

8:30 a.m. Emily Basener

Tuesday, January 28th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 29th

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 1st

4:00 p.m. Vivian Seymour

Sunday, February 2nd

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Benson Geiser

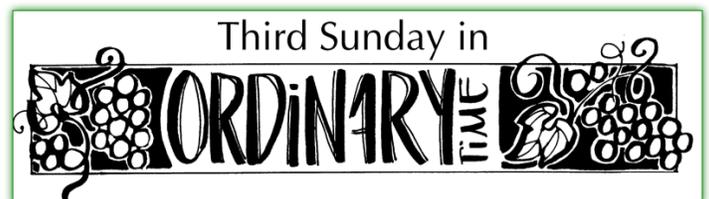


REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Angela Wilmer, Faith King,*

Eugenia Brooks, Alicia Bourne, Tom Blum, Betty Ann Strong, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.

NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.



PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



Bringing the Gospel Home

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Matthew 4:12-23

Reflection for Parents

There are few people in the world who understand the immediacy of today's Gospel like a parent does! The demands of the day are genuinely important, from the first stirrings of the morning, into the commitment-filled day, to the evening and bedtime routine. A huge part of our day requires a "stop-on-a-dime" reaction from us. Many things we "stop-on-a-dime" for are important, but have we thought today how the urgency of our day-to-day decisions compares to the urgency of Jesus calling his disciples? With what urgency do we call our children to discipleship? How do they recognize us as disciples of Jesus?

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Following the evening meal or when your family gathers for bedtime prayers, share one thing about your day that indicates you are a "fisher of people." Encourage all members of the family to think about how they are disciples for Jesus—how they carry the Good News into the neighborhood, their school, or their work.

Discussion Starters

1. Other people (especially my family members) know that I follow Jesus when . . .
2. One of the most important reasons I follow Jesus today is because . . .
3. Like the fishermen, one thing I find uncertain about following Jesus is . . .



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"Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Sheepish Question:

What recent occurrences have lifted your spirit and hope?

JANUARY SAINTS



January 27 – Angela Merici

Would you ever say "no" to the pope? Probably not, unless you thought a higher power than the pope was calling you. Angela Merici knew in her heart that God wanted her to teach the poor. That is why, when Pope Clement VII asked her to head up a group of nurses, she had to tell him "no." She followed God and her heart and founded the Ursuline Sisters.

Angela was born around 1470 on a farm in Desenzano, Italy. She had three older brothers, an older sister, and a younger sister. The older children and Angela's parents had all died before Angela was an adult. She and her younger sister were cared for by an uncle, but he died when Angela was a young woman.

People knew Angela really loved God. She spent a lot of her time praying. She was especially fascinated by St. Ursula.

After her uncle died, Angela went to Brescia, Italy, where a wealthy family helped her open a school for young women. She had been concerned that education was not an option for women who were not wealthy. At the school, Angela taught the girls about God.

Around this time, the pope, Clement VII, asked her to head a group of women nurses. Angela believed God wanted her to do something else. She had a clear understanding of her dream: many people in Italy were poor and sick. They lived in pitiful conditions. Angela saw that the wealthy were doing fine, but these poor people had no one to care for them.

In November of 1535, she gathered a group of women to help take care of the city's poor. They called themselves Ursulines, because they believed St. Ursula would protect them. They divided Brescia into sections, and the Ursulines went out in groups to help take care of and teach young women.

Since that time, almost 500 years ago, the Ursuline community can be found throughout the world teaching and caring for those who will hear the Good News. They were the first teaching order of women religious.

PARISH NEWS

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Offertory – Week Ending January 19th - Week 30

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John's are made possible. "Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 01/19 Wk. 30	\$3,734	\$894	\$6,635	-\$2,007
YTD Wk. 30	\$150,447	\$52,742	\$199,050	\$4,139



"We can never elude the urgent appeal that Scripture makes on behalf of the poor. Wherever we look, the word of God points to the poor, those who lack the necessities of life because they

depend on others. They are the oppressed, the lowly and the downcast. Yet, faced with countless throngs of the poor, Jesus was not afraid to identify with each of them: 'Whatever you did to one of the least of these my brethren, you did to me' (Mt. 24:40). If we refuse to make this identification, we falsify the Gospel and water down God's revelation. The God that Jesus came to reveal is a Father who is generous, merciful, unflinching in his goodness and grace. He gives hope especially to those who are disillusioned and lacking in hope for the future" (Pope Francis, *Message for 3rd World Day of the Poor*)

Poverty by Age

Children in Poverty

In 2018, 16.2% of all children (11.9 million kids) lived in Poverty USA—that's almost 1 in every 6 children.



In 2015, the National Center on Family Homelessness analyzed state-level data and found that nationwide, 2.5 million children experience homelessness in a year.

Seniors in Poverty

Though the official census data gives seniors a 2018 poverty rate of only 9.7%, the Supplemental Poverty Measure, which accounts for expenses such as the rising costs of health care, raises the senior poverty rate to 14.1%.



Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

- Sudden Numbness
- Difficulty Speaking
- Severe Dizziness
- Loss of Coordination
- Sudden Loss of Vision
- Sudden Intense Headache
- Brief Loss of Consciousness



Protect your health by participating in the Life Line Screening health screenings that will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on **Thursday, February 13, 2020.**

Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.**



~WEEKLY COFFEE SOCIALS~

are held in the front foyer of Sacred Heart Church each Sunday morning, following the 10:00 AM Mass.

Come socialize with other parishioners and parish guests over coffee, tea, and pastries.

Additional Parishioners are needed to serve as hostesses and hosts. To learn more about this program and/or to sign up to serve, contact Frank Creegan (fcreegan2@washcoll.edu) or 410-778-4830.

