



St. Mary's Catholic Church



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

1/25: Malta - To Be Announced

1/26: Malta - 5:30 PM: Repose of Don Ereaux ^{r/}_b Bruce and Darlene Cummings

1/27: Malta - 8:30 AM: Repose Dave Broadbrooks ^{r/}_b Bruce & Darlene Cummings

1/28: Malta - 8:30 AM: Special Intentions ^{r/}_b Lana Fortin

1/29: Malta - 8:30 AM: Poor Souls ^{r/}_b Lana Fortin

1/30: Malta - 4:00 PM: Repose Michel Perraut ^{r/}_b Helen DePuydt

1/31: Saco - 8:30 AM: Children & Grand Children ^{r/}_b Julie & Gary Howell

Malta - 10:30 AM: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—12:30 PM: Special Intentions ^{r/}_b Lana Fortin

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00,**
Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon; and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.



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Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

1/24: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; John 3:1-5, 10; Psalms 25:4-9; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

1/25: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Psalms 117:1- 2; Mark 16:15-1

1/26: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Psalms 96:1-3, 7-8,10; Mark 3:31-35

1/27: St. Angela Merici, Virgin: Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalms 110:1-4; Mark 4:1-20

1/28: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church: Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalms 24:1-6; Mark 4:21-25

1/29: Friday in the 3rd week of Ordinary Time: Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalms 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mark 4:26-34

1/30: BVM: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-75; Mark 4:35-41

1/31: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35/Mark 1:21-28

NOTICE: MASS TIME CHANGES—STARTING JANUARY 3RD 2021

Saturday Evening 4:00 p.m. No Change

Sunday—Saco—8:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Dodson—12:30 p.m.

New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Sarine Venerble, Dallas Green, Missy Boos, Corrine Hould, Ann Clouse, Chayten Pippin, Jim Niebur, Hi-Line Retirement Center, Terry Idler, Marshal Kline, Paul LaBrie, Jacob LaBrie, and those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Dale Bruckner, David Broadbrooks, Jack Lind, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 or Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

Everyday Stewardship

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

Thank you for all your prayers and financial support! Although we're not "passing the basket", we still need your generous donations. You can drop off your donations at the baskets in the front of the church, mail them to Box 70, Malta, MT 59538.

***There is no longer online giving. Direct deposits from your account into your parishes account is available at Bank of Malta and FSB . Please contact Mariah or Brenda for routing numbers* 301-0936, 654-1311**

Pope Francis' Intention

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Fr. Felix

III SUNDAY (B) JNH 3: 1-5, 10; I COR 7: 29-31; MK 1:14-20

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, the main theme of today's readings is God's call to discipleship, with the response of repentance, conversion, and renewal of life. Those who are constantly being reformed by the Spirit will be able to follow, as true disciples, wherever God leads. All three readings today underline the absolute necessity of such repentance and ready response to God's call.

The first two chapters of Prophet Jonah describe how God responded to Jonah's flight from His call and the mission He had assigned the prophet, exposing him to a deadly storm and a painful experience in the belly of a whale. At God's second call to preach repentance in Nineveh, Jonah obeyed –and he was disappointed seeing the ready response of that evil city to God's message of repentance and a change of life. Jonah had not even finished the first day of his preaching journey before the people had totally turned around– doing visible penance while asking and hoping for God's love, reconciliation, and forgiveness. Contrary to Jonah's expectations, the pagan peoples of the city "believed in God" and "renounced their evil behavior." But perhaps the greater change, the more radical turnabout, happened in Jonah himself. Jonah had been an arrogant, prejudiced, narrow-minded prophet. But he finally realized that God's love is not limited – God's forgiveness is not to be contained – God's offer of salvation is for all – and we had better not prevent it.

The second reading urges us to be converted and to accept the "Good News" preached by

Jesus. St. Paul had to be strict and detailed in his moral teaching to the Christians in Corinth because Corinth was a rough port with a typical set of ethics and some very strange philosophical ideas. Hence, he spent all of chapter 7 on marriage and sexual morality. He told the Corinthians to live in total freedom and detachment because nothing they had was permanent. Whether life is very good or very bad, nothing lasts except the fundamental values of truth, love, freedom, and justice. In the end, it is what we are, not what we have that counts. Hence, let us ask to have the freedom to follow the call of God and to be ready to go wherever Jesus is asking us to go.

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus came to Galilee and began preaching, challenging people to "repent and believe in the Gospel." Just as John did, Jesus also called for repentance, meaning a change in one's mind or in the direction of one's life, setting new priorities. It also meant hating sin, not just being sorry for the consequences of one's sins. Believing in the Gospel demanded from the hearers a resolution to take Jesus' words seriously, to translate them into action and to put trust in Jesus' authority. Jesus preached the Gospel, or Good News, that God is a loving, forgiving, caring and merciful Father who wants to liberate us and save us from our sins through His son Jesus. By describing the call of Jesus' first disciples, Andrew, Peter, James and John, today's Gospel also emphasizes how we, sinners, are to respond to God's call with total commitment by abandoning our accustomed style of sinful life. .

Jesus started his public ministry immediately after John the Baptist was arrested. Jesus selected four fishermen, Andrew and his brother Peter with James and his brother John, right from their fishing boats. Jesus wanted these ordinary, hard-working people as assistants for his ministry because they would be very responsive and generous instruments in the hands of God.

Let us pray for the grace that we understand every one of us is called by God, both individ-

ually, and collectively as a parish community, to continue Jesus' mission of preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom in words and deeds. Our own unique vocation should enable us to become what God wants us to be. As St. Francis DeSales puts it, we are expected to bloom where we are planted, Amen.

5 Common Mistakes Catholics Make at Mass:

1. Do not—Sit before the Priests sits. Wait for the Priest to sit first.
2. Do not—Make the sign of the cross repeatedly in the Mass, especially after Holy Communion. The sign of the cross should only be made at the beginning and end of Mass.
3. Do not—Genuflect with the left knee. Always genuflect with the right knee.
4. Do not—Meet the priest for a blessing immediately after Mass. The priest has already made the blessing at the close of the Mass.
5. Do not—Leave the church before the priest has completely recessed out of the church.

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Gospel Meditation

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 flippant-

ly 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.

Join us in praying the Rosary before Mass.

Tuesdays at 5:10 p.m.

Wednesday—Friday at 8:10 a.m.

Saturday—3:40 p.m. K of C

Sunday— 10:10 a.m. Volunteers

Dates to Remember

February 9th: The next Liturgy & Worship Commission meeting is 5PM.

February 17th: Ash Wednesday

Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions



	Goal	Remaining	Past Due
Malta:	\$15,520.00	\$3080.00	\$92,145.91
Dodson:	\$3,204.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$2,525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Sacrificial Giving for 1-10-2021

	1-10	Needed	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$1,995.00	\$3,879.78	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$185.00	\$416.18	\$0.00
Saco:	\$260.00	\$470.96	\$0.00

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Please send bulletin announcements to office@SaintMarysMalta.org by Thursday Morning. Thanks!

Word of Life from the USCCB

“Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn’t go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and

forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”

Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

A Tragic Commemoration

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court, in the Roe vs. Wade decision, made its worst mistake in history. By declaring that children in the womb are not “persons,” it opened the door to tens of millions of abortions. Some 62 million children have been killed in the womb since then just in America. In fact, over 10,000 of these children killed

by abortion each year are at 21 weeks of development or beyond. Indeed, as we mark another Roe vs. Wade commemoration, it is time for all of us to get involved in the efforts to end abortion.

Visit

www.TenStepsToEndAbortion.com to learn what you can do.

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The Eucharist: Catholic Beliefs and Practices

The First in a series of teachings on the Eucharist

Bishop Michael Warfel



A Pew Research survey on religious views last year found that only 37% of regular Mass going Catholics accepted the teaching of the Church that Christ is truly and actually present in the Eucharist. The Teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church asserts that Christ is present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist species. While it is good news that 37% do accept this teaching of the Church, it is sad news the 63% of active Catholics do not fully accept it. A number of commentators quickly noted that the methodology used for the Pew survey actually measured catechetical knowledge more so than actual belief, but the results still are troubling. Even more troubling was that for self-identified Catholics under forty, who only marginally practice their faith, belief in the real presence was at 26%. In light of these findings and after discussing the survey with members of the Priests' Council, I decided to begin a series of monthly teachings on the Eucharist, brief in nature, that pastors could provide to parishioners by a medium that works best for each parish. This is a first of the series. Each will be posted on the diocesan website: www.diocesegfb.org.

Eucharist, a word derived from the Greek *eucharistia*, means thanksgiving. The early Christian community began to use the word to refer to the Last Supper meal of Jesus with his disciples. There are four accounts of the institution of the Eucharist in the New Testament, the earliest account being by St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 11:23-26). These early Christians gathered on Sunday in order to recall Christ's passion, death and resurrection from death because it was on a Sunday that he rose from death. Their coming together offered them time and opportunity to thank God for their redemption from sin and lasting death in and through his disciples to "do this in memory" of all that he would do for them in the following days through his death and resurrection. He connected everything he would experience through his passion, death and resurrection with the sacred meal they were sharing and which he instructed them to continue. It was more than a sacred farewell meal. It was participation in saving action. Through their continuing to gather and share this meal, they were able to join in his saving sacrifice by which he brought about the possibility of salvation for people once and for all.



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**"TO ACT WELL
IS ALWAYS TO
PRAY WELL."**

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