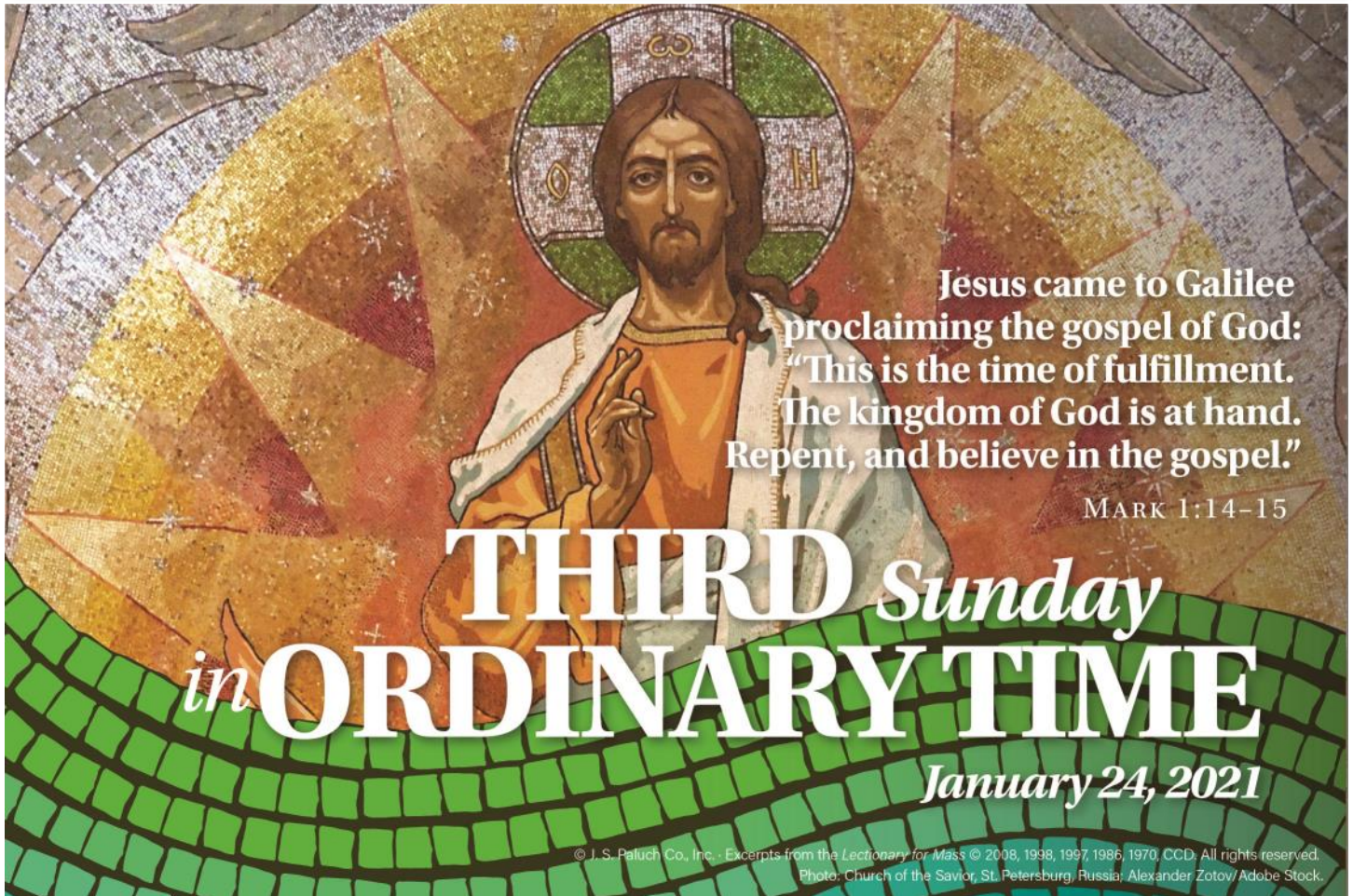




Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church Of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."

MARK 1:14-15

THIRD *Sunday* in ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2021

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Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturdays—4PM or by appointment

Baptism

Class required for parents and godparents held the last Friday of month. Call the parish office two weeks prior to schedule. Baptismal sacrament given the last Saturday of the month at 11AM or by arrangement.

Marriage

Please contact Fr. Basile Sede at least 6 months before the desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

The primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which a person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of serious or prolonged illness. Please call and email the parish office to request anointing.

Please sign up on our website for Mass

Mass Schedule **INDOOR**

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

*Tune into our website on Sundays
for Mass with Father Basile Sede*

Parish Office Hours M, W, F 9:00-2:00

Pastor: Rev. Basile Sede
Secretary: Colleen Kudela / Beth Pisano
Maintenance: Joseph McGuire
Music: Erick Massey & Michelle Wylie

PARISH NEWS

Sunday Mass will meet at 9:00 AM in the Parish Life Center, please pre-register during the week on our website.

Bible Study will meet virtually Sundays at 9:45 am and Mondays at 7:00 pm

Parish Council Meeting and Finance Council will meet virtually January 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Liturgical Commission will meet virtually January 28, 2021 at 7:00PM.

RCIA will meet virtually Wednesdays at 7:15 PM.

The Young Adult Ministry will meet virtually on January 29, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Ministry leaders should utilize Zoom platform for video conference for meetings. Please email the office with any questions.

Please remember to register on our website to attend Mass. Space is limited to a specific number due to Covid-19 restrictions. Please be kind to your neighbor and pre-register.



If you are interested in our newly formed Prayer Line, please check out our website at www.ourladyofconsolation.org to sign-up . The Prayer Line meets virtually on the 4th Thursday of each month at 12:00 Noon.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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— Mark 1:15*

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;
Tu B'Shvat (Jewish new year of trees)
begins at sunset

Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, January 23, 2021**

*For the Repose of the Soul of George Lewis
requested by Thelma Lewis*

Sunday, January 24, 2021

*For the Repose of the Soul of Marie Dioh and
Marie & Francois Diouf requested by the
Diouf Family*

*Birthday Blessings for Trinity Nwatchou
requested by the Nwatchou Family*

Thursday, January 28, 2021

*For the Repose of the Soul of Marie Dioh
requested by the Diouf Family*

Friday, January 29, 2021

*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory requested by
Stan Fri*

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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Attention Eucharistic Ministers and Readers!

In order to schedule Eucharistic Ministers and Readers for this liturgical year, we need to update our listings. Current lists will be emailed to all members of these ministries. Please update your contact information by January 31, 2021. To set up a regular schedule, please indicate if you would be willing to serve NOW as a Eucharistic Minister or a Reader. Training is available if needed.

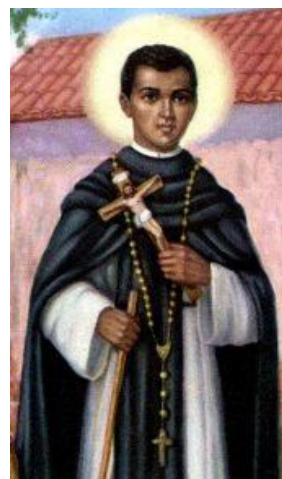
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Please contact Tony Barnett, Susy Tilley or the church office for more information.

PRAYER LIST

Larry Bass
Deborah Bond
Mr. Josesph Castro
Mrs. A. Connors
Florine Dennis
Robert Douglas
Iona & Thomas Franklin
Doris Givens
Fr. Jim Goode
Theresa Greenley
The House Family
Alan W. Jones
Cassandra Lambert
Sammuel Lambert

George Lewis
Vilma Males
Edward Marsh Jr.
John McDowell
Sr. Bessie McCarth
Patricia North
Robin Plummer
Julius Rose, Sr.
Janice Rucker
Lee Anne Rucker
Angela Smith
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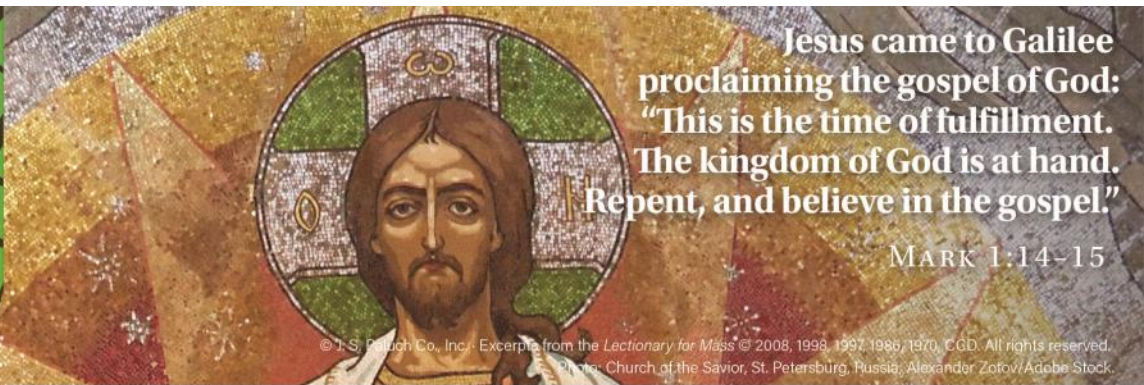
**Saint Martin de Porres
Outreach Ministry**

The food pantry operates two days per week giving food to those in need. If you need assistance with food, or know someone who does, please call 704-817-8813. We are open on Tuesday from 10:00AM - 12:00PM for appointments only.

Interested in joining the food pantry team? Please contact Deborah Wadsworth at 704-231-7956.

January 24, 2021

THIRD Sunday
in ORDINARY TIME



“KAIROS” MOMENTS

Our readings today speak of “Kairos” times, of God proclaiming new moments of opportunity of encounter with the Divine. From Jonah, we hear of God’s summons to the people of Nineveh to turn from evil. We hear Paul tell the church in Corinth that those who live in Christ must avoid clinging to anything transient, as all is secondary to God. And we hear of the beginning of Jesus’ ministry in Mark, as Jesus proclaims a moment of both opportunity and crisis. In these passages, there are no delaying tactics, no getting caught up in life’s distractions. Just a simple moment of choice. Perhaps we have had “Kairos” moments like these, or we may be facing one now. Sometimes, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our lives, clear choices emerge, and God asks us to choose. And our always patient and merciful God will accompany us in our choices.

THE INAUGURATION

Mark describes the beginning of Jesus’ ministry with his proclamation that the “kingdom of God is at hand.” The rest of Mark’s Gospel—all of Jesus’ preaching and healing, his death and resurrection—describes the inauguration of this kingdom of God. For Mark, the life of Jesus is the center point of history, where everything leads up to Jesus, and everything follows from Jesus. Mark then tells us that the first disciples follow Jesus immediately and wholeheartedly. They leave their work and family, all for Jesus. Because compared to Jesus and the life he offers, everything else is secondary. Perhaps our invitations from God do not entail such dramatic life changes. But all who follow Jesus are called to align our life and values with his ways of love. As we continue to mature in love and in faith, we might ask: What needs to be renewed, re-oriented, or discarded in light of our life in Christ?

JONAH AND NINEVEH

Jonah makes a rare appearance this week. The book of Jonah is a fascinating tale of God, stubborn Jonah, surprising Nineveh, and the famous fish (or whale). Please consider reading the whole book, just 48 verses, together with a good commentary. The book is read at Jewish services at Yom Kippur, as a profound reflection about God and about all of us.

Today’s passage takes place shortly after Jonah’s time in the fish’s belly. Jonah finally performs the task that God asks of him, to call the people of Nineveh to repentance. (Nineveh was notorious for its brutality.) Their sudden repentance is bitterly accepted by Jonah, as he resents God’s mercy for Nineveh. God reminds Jonah that the people of Nineveh are God’s beloved too. Like the parable of the Prodigal Son, the story hints at the vastness of God’s mercy, especially forgiveness of those who seem least deserving. We are reminded that all of us are sinners, and we are all in need of God’s mercy.

TODAY’S READINGS

Jonah 3:1–5, 10
Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9
1 Corinthians 7:29–31
Mark 1:14–20