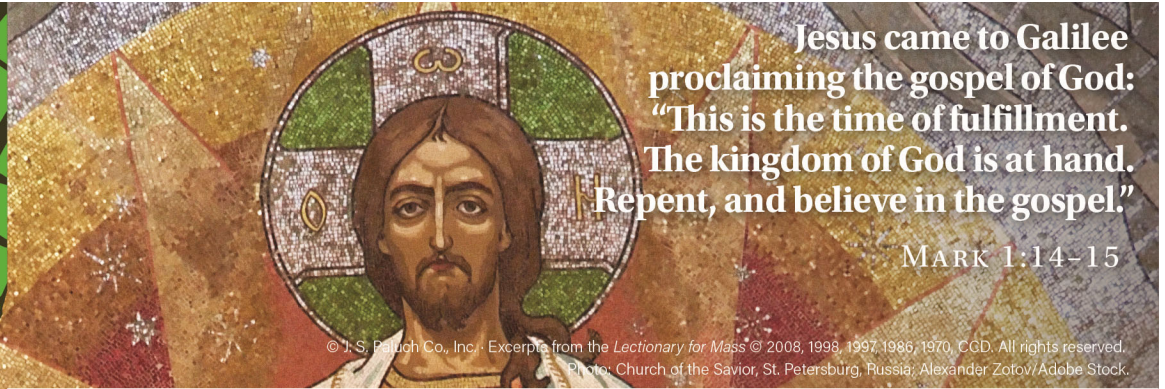


THIRD Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2021



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THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND MINISTRY TO THE SICK & ELDERLY

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament of healing, expressing love of God and our Church for the sick, our shut-ins and the elderly. Please call for more information.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Weekdays: Monday through Friday: 7:15 am, 9:00 am

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:00 pm Other times by appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call for further information.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Sacrament of Matrimony is celebrated for parishioners. The couple are to contact the priest at least **six (6) months** prior to the ceremony. Please call for more information

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY-January 23, 2021

5:00 Mary Sheridan req. by the Labroschiano family

SUNDAY- January 24, 2021

8:00 John Kunert by Teresa Broadway

10:00 Alejandro Troya req. by Carolyn Walters

12:00 Bob Sorrentino req. by Eleanor Sorrentino

MONDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Richard Saponara & Billy Martin req. by Joyce Saponara

TUESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 A Special Intention

WEDNESDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Deceased members of the Lipka family req. by Eleanor Cornett

THURSDAY

7:15 The Parishioners of Transfiguration

9:00 A Special Intention

FRIDAY

7:15 A Special Intention

9:00 Sofia Siragusa (living) req. by Maria Gallo

SATURDAY

9:00 (Video) A Special Intention

5:00 John & Mary Kunert req. by Marry Ann Kunert

SUNDAY

8:00 A Special Intention

10:00 Susan Sandstrom req. by Virginia Carboni

12:00 A Special Intention



The Sanctuary candle burning in the Church this week is in memory of Robert Saldis req. by Joan Malone

The Sanctuary candle burning in the Chapel this week is the new White House administration.

The Shrine candle is burning this week is in memory of Betty Mcquire req. by Anita

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.
— *Mark 1:15*

Readings for the Week

Sunday: **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Monday: **The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: **Ss. Timothy and Titus**

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: **St. Angela Merici;**

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

Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: **St. Thomas Aquinas**

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: **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week**

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FAMILY INFLUENCE

Disorder in the society is the result of disorder in the family.—St. Angela Merici

7 Thoughtful Ways to Reach out to Others This Year

BY ELIZABETH MANNEH JANUARY 8, 2021

When the time for making New Year's resolutions rolled around last year, I focused on some self-improvement goals – eating better, exercising more (never easy for me!), and committing to more spiritual development. And I did make some progress! But this year, rather than embark on another quest to improve my own life, I feel God is challenging me to help improve the lives of others.

A recent survey revealed that loneliness in the U.S. has reached “epidemic levels,” with more than half of Americans saying they feel lonely. It's a sad statistic, but it's also a big opportunity. We can reach out to friends, acquaintances, and even strangers with simple acts of kindness that show we care. Here are some practical ways to demonstrate our love this year.

Be observant

It's easy to miss signs of loneliness, so keep an eye out for those on the fringes who might benefit from words of welcome, a friendly conversation, or a kind gesture.

The youth group in one church I attended had a community rule – they didn't talk to their friends before checking for new people. They always talked to visitors first, and many people said it was the most welcoming church they'd ever attended. So, try to notice new faces, offer to sit with them if they're alone, and strike up a conversation after Mass. Show them where the restrooms are and where to get coffee!

Carry yourself with kindness

Treating others with a positive attitude can make a huge difference in someone's day. Smile and say hello to the supermarket cashier, the bank teller, or the senior citizen in line for the bus.

Recently, I came across a person asking for money in a cold London subway, and was tempted to avert my eyes and walk past quickly. But then I realized that I would be treating this person like he was invisible. So, I stopped and offered to buy him a hot drink and a sandwich (he opted for hot chocolate and a gingerbread man). It was a small act of kindness that only took minutes, but hopefully improved his day.

Give your time

Maybe somebody you know is struggling with a stressful job, coping with a personal crisis, or lives alone and doesn't feel like going out without a companion. Offer to take them for much-needed night out.

Taking someone to medical appointments is another way to give your time. A few years ago, my mother needed regular hospital treatments every day for three weeks, and the hospital was over 25 miles away. Her church made up a rotation of people who drove her there, chatted with her while she waited, and brought her home afterwards. She felt very loved, and grateful that she had good friends around her to support her at that difficult time.

There are always local organizations in need of people to volunteer at the local youth group, help with transport for seniors, or just lend a listening ear to someone. Volunteering in your area for a couple of hours a week could transform someone's life.

Remember to check in

Modern technology makes staying in touch very easy. A quick text, email or WhatsApp message can brighten someone's day with very little effort on your part. I've treasured messages when I'm facing a difficult day (such as when I'm awaiting test results), but I also value friends' messages that are simply touching base. Or of course, you can always just give them a phone call!

Open your home

In non-pandemic times, sometimes just knowing there's somewhere to drop in and find some company can be a great help to a lonely person. Hospitality is one of the greatest gifts you can offer to others, because it's a practical way to show God's love. Opening our homes is a way of opening our lives and giving ourselves to the needs of others.

Having an attitude of openness about your home can take dedication. Inviting people for a meal, or for coffee and muffins, is great. My parents went one step further, welcoming many of the local college kids, who would simply arrive and flop on the sofa to watch TV along with us!

If you want to do more, look into an organization like [Depaul](#) that offers short-term family accommodations to an at-risk student, or [Room for Refugees](#) that offers a temporary home to a refugee who may have lost their entire family.

Put your skills to good use

When I was a single parent, I dreaded facing household maintenance or repair jobs, and was overjoyed when our neighbor offered to fix our gas fireplace when the switch got stuck. For some, even a small job like repairing a leaky faucet is a task that can seem mountainous, but it's easy for the handy DIY enthusiast. Think about what needs you might be able to meet in your community.

I love to cross-stitch small bookmarks and pincushions to pass the time when I'm sitting in line for the bus or waiting at the mechanic's shop. I store them and slip them into a greetings card for friends. It's just a simple way to show I value their friendship.

Send a handwritten card

Snail mail is not dead! Sending cards is an especially good way to tackle loneliness. My mom was delighted when friends sent her a "saw this and thought of you" card with a painting of a rowboat on it — the boat boasted the same name as my mom. And my friend loved the sloth card I found, as she collects all things sloth-related.

Or why not dust off your pen and write a good old-fashioned letter? Many older people struggle with modern technology, but will keep and re-read a letter over and over again.

Get in touch with your local senior care facility and ask if there's a resident who doesn't get much mail or many visits. Sign up for an organization like [Soldiers Angels](#) that provides pen pals for service members, Operation Gratitude that sends thank-you letters to military personnel, veterans and first responders, or Amnesty International, which communicates with those fighting for human rights in other countries. Simple actions to help a lonely person could turn someone's life around. So why not make it your New Year's resolution to reach out to others and see what a difference you can make?

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Penitential Rite

Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins and faults and failings. But the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God's mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness. When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish—when he realizes who is in the boat with him—he falls at Jesus' feet with the words, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord's presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness.

The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional *Confiteor* or "I confess" to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words *Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison*—Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East, and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ.

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Please Pray for:

Our Military:

Anthony Correia, Nick O'Kelly

Our Essential Workers

Especially healthcare workers working on the front line of the pandemic.

Our Sick:

Justin Baker, Anne Duggan Baker, Vincent Bonsignore, Gary Cherico, Gerry Credendino, Evan Dalsass, Sabastian Dianora, David Disney Joao Domingues Coelho, Phil Engler, Jim Kane, James Keely, Michael Mahoney, Viktor & Valentine Podoprigrorov, Joan Rand, Frances Rea, Carolyn Roberts, Najole Ryka Benado Tran Quang Tinh and Mary Therese Nguyen Thi Lan Anh (Fr. Huy's parents) Luciano & Maria Volpacchio, Ann Walsh, Fred Welsh, Joyce Whelan, Anna Zambelletti, all those who are suffering from serious illnesses, especially the corona virus.

Our twinned parish in Soyapango

Our Deceased:

Angela Berstrom-Allen
Patricia Chepiga, Liz Lomopo
Emily Rochester, Lorenzo Sosa



