

Jesus said to them,

**“Come after me, and I will make you  
fishers of men.”**

Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.

Mark 1:17-18

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 2024

### CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Rosary Prayed in Common

Tues & Thurs: 5:40 pm  
Wed & Fri: 8:10 am  
Saturday: 5:15 pm  
Sunday: 7:15 am & 12:15 pm

## P.E.R.A. (Perpetual Eucharistic Reporative Adoration)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. following the 8:30 AM Masses and will be reposed at 9:00 PM on Wednesdays, Thursdays at 5:45 PM before the 6:00 PM Spanish Mass and Friday at 9:00 PM. The "Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to make amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. "Please call Mary Rangel @ 936-419-9024

## Second Sunday Collection

Regular Collection	\$ 2,827.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,212.00
Children Offerings	\$ 40.00
Online Giving	\$ 514.00

## DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023

2023 Parish Goal..... \$ 26,000.00  
2023 Total Paid  
(activity thru 12/31/23) \$ 25,203.00  
Difference Goal vs. Paid \$ 797.00

## PARISH REGISTRATION

To our new parishioner, we welcome you to Christ Our Light Parish. Please register at the parish office or ask one of the Hospitality Ministers to help you. For parishioners moving out of the parish or changing your address or phone number, **please** notify the parish office: 936-825-3920 or by email: admin@christourlight.org

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

English Baptism preparation is completed via an on-line video class. Spanish Baptism Classes will be held in person. Please call for Rosa or Felisa for class dates and times. All Documents, forms and classes must be completed prior to the next upcoming scheduled Baptism date, turned in, and approved by the Pastor.

The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration; therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated at Christ Our Light.

For English Baptism, contact Susan Pilger at 979-219-1360. For Spanish Baptisms, contact Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974 or Felisa Paz at 979-255-4361.

## MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Candle Stands are electrical. Anyone wanting to light a candle may do so by pressing the red button and give an offering. The candle will burn for 12 hours. Memorial Candles burning for one year are \$150.00 each. Come by the parish office to schedule and pay your offering of \$150.00 for your Memorial candle.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### JANUARY

SUNDAY  
Third Ordinary  
Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31  
Mk 1:14-20 (68) Pss III

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MONDAY

22

Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children  
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10  
Mk 3:22-30 (317)

TUESDAY

23

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr  
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin  
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19  
Mk 3:31-35 (318)

WEDNESDAY

24

Saint Francis de Sales,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20 (319)

THURSDAY

25

The Conversion of Saint Paul the  
Apostle  
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22  
Mk 16:15-18 (519) Pss Prop

FRIDAY

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Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops  
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)  
Mk 4:26-34 (321)

SATURDAY Saint Angela Merici, Virgin; BVM

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2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17  
Mk 4:35-41 (322)

## PASTOR:

Rev. Giovanni Hùng Nguyễn

## Permanent Deacons:

### English Mass:

Garry Janota  
Russell Pasket

### Spanish Mass:

Jose Lauro Huerta  
Rafael Millet

## Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm  
Sunday: (English) 8:00 am  
Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00 pm  
Sunday: (Vietnamese) 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass:

First Saturday 9:00 am  
Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 am  
Tuesday 6:00 pm (English)  
Thursday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

## Reconciliation Confession

Tues, Thurs

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays

5:00 – 5:45 pm

Confession by appointment:

Parish Office

Tel: 936-825-3920

### Confesiones

Los martes, jueves y el segundo  
y cuarto sábado a las 5:00-5:45 pm  
y por cita 936-825-3920



# PARISH LIFE

## MASS INTENTION

1-21-24	1-21-24
8AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE	10:30 AM- 12 NOON
1PM JESUS NAVA + & REYES NAVA +	CCE GRADES 6- 12 , SPH
1-22-24 NO MASS	1-22-24
1-23-24	4 PM
6PM BEN BLEILIER +	SP LEGION OF MARY CH, CRY ROOM
1-24-24	5:15 PM
8:30 AM RAY LOPEZ +	ADULT BIBLE STUDY, SPH
1-25-24	1-23-24
8:30 AM DORIS PILGER +	5:15 – 5:45 CONFESSIONS
6PM JESUS ORLANDO SAGRERO+	7:30PM CHOIR PRACTICE
1-26-24	1-24-24
8:30 AM	6PM -7:15 CCE GRADES 1-5 , SPH
REV. REGINALD AHEARN, CSSR	1-25-24
1-27-24	12 NOON
6PM NINA ROTTELLO+	ENG. LEGION OF MARY, CH CRY ROOM
1-28-24	5PM – 5:45 CONFESSIONS
8 AM CECIL WILDE+	7PM SP CHOIR PRACTICE
1 PM FOR THE PEOPLE	7PM RE BOARD MEETING SPCC
	1-26-24
	6AM TMIY MEN'S GROUP
	1-27-24
	II COLLECTON BISHOP'S FUND FOR LATIN AMERICA
	1-28-24
	10:30AM -12 NOON CCE GRADES 6-12, SPH

Bulletin & Weekly Announcement  
Deadline  
10 days in advance for new layout.  
Monday before noon for rush  
announcement.  
Email: admin@christourlight.org

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**PRAY for THE CONTINUING RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF**  
the infirmed and  
homebound members of  
our community:

Retired Deacon:  
Gregory Jelinek  
Sarafina Alo  
Andrew Castillo  
Braxton Castillo  
Jo Ann Clepper  
Frank Crouch  
Elizabeth Culmer  
Eva Estrada  
Liz Estrada  
Lois Finke  
Fabryna Hitchcock  
Liz Johnson  
Rachel Kammel  
Mary Ann Knowles  
Liz Kubricht  
John Lawrence  
Christian Mills  
Leslie Mills  
France Munoz  
Primitivo Zamorano  
Anita Olguin  
Julian Olguin  
Matthew Oliver

Angelina Petersen  
Wallace Petersen  
Irene Ramirez  
Lucila Rivera  
Zek Rueda  
Rosalinda Salazar  
Josh Sechelski  
Sherrie Shiflett  
Lydia Torres  
Jessie Torres  
Polly Uilkie  
Jessie Valadez, III  
Crystal Winkler  
Steve Avendano  
Trần Thị Tuyết Mai  
Kim Sechelski  
Dawson Shiflett  
Phyllis Failla  
Steve Avendano  
Mary Ramirez  
Panchita Reyes  
Carol Woehler  
Steve Seymour

Call the parish office  
when a member of our  
community has a need to  
be remembered in prayer,  
936-825-3920. Also, if  
you have added a name to  
the prayer list, please call  
to let us know when to  
remove the name from the  
list. Thank you.

## CONGRATULATIONS

*On your wedding*

LAURA & DANIEL (Feb 10)

ANNA & MIKE (Feb 17)

LIZ & JESUS (Mar 2)

FROM CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH



## He called them. (Mark 1:20)

What did Jesus actually say to James and John when he “called them” (Mark 1:20)? Did he just approach them, as he did with Simon and Andrew, and say, “Come after me” (1:17)? Or was there a longer, more involved conversation? Whatever happened, we know that this encounter had a powerful effect on these two fishermen. They “left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him” (1:20).

How did Jesus call you? It doesn’t matter whether it happened at a specific point in time or over many years. What matters is that like these first disciples, Jesus called you, and you chose to follow him.

The first call we hear is Jesus calling us to himself. He is the One who shows us the way to the Father and who fills our hearts with his love, mercy, and grace. As it did for these disciples, our relationship with our Lord becomes the foundation for our life and for everything else we do.

Jesus also calls us to mission. Whether we are called to marriage and family, to the priesthood, or to the religious or single life, we are all given a mission, a specific way he wants us to serve him. He may even call us to be missionaries like the first disciples.

But we can also receive multiple callings in our lives, and our calling can change or expand over time. Maybe in one season of life, we are called to focus mainly on the needs of our family. In another, God might be asking us to spend more time meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters, perhaps by teaching the faith or caring for the poor.

Spend some time at Mass today thanking Jesus for the ways he has called you. It’s not always easy to say yes—we know that following Jesus will inevitably involve hardships as well as joys. But there’s no greater honor or privilege we could ever hope to have!

“Jesus, I am forever grateful that you have called me to follow you.”

Jonah 3:1–5, 10 Psalm 25:4–9 1 Corinthians 7:29–31



## The free supermarket funded by coins from Trevi Fountain

Solidarity Emporiums, supported partially by coins thrown into the Trevi Fountain by tourists, have helped more than 40,000 people struggling to make ends meet.

Every year thousands of tourists toss coins into the Trevi Fountain in Rome. While they are hoping for good luck, they are probably unaware that those coins eventually make their way to the local Caritas, a Catholic charity and aid agency. One of the initiatives this money supports is the “Solidarity Emporiums,” points-based supermarkets located across the Italian capital, where people who are struggling to make ends meet can obtain food and other necessities for free.

Since the initiative first began 15 years ago, the Emporiums have helped nearly 40,000 people and distributed over 5,000 tons of food, according to Caritas Rome’s 2023 report. Beyond the numbers, these markets have become a welcoming space, where those who come can re-find their footing, starting from an act as simple as food shopping.

### 100 Families access the Emporium per day

The Casilina Emporium was the first to be founded in 2008 to try and help people struggling in light of that year’s economic crisis. Today it has three full-time workers, the manager, and 40 volunteers and is open everyday. Mothers with babies in arms, old men huddled in their coats, Italians and foreigners alike, waited patiently in front of the glass doors to the dark orange building, as the volunteers let them into the 500-square-meter space (nearly 5,500 square feet), filled with shelves stacked with food. Currently the Casilina Emporium is serving around 100 families a day.

“There are many foreigners who come here. After the COVID-19 pandemic we saw an increase in Italian families. There are also many elderly, as often their pension is not enough,” said Lucia Montebello, the manager of the Casilina Emporium. “I have seen families that do have electricity or gas or are temporarily living in their car. We see that they only take dried products because they cannot cook them or do not have a fridge.”

## Los llamó. (Marcos 1, 20)

¿Qué fue lo que Jesús les dijo a Santiago y a Juan cuando “los llamó” (Marcos 1, 20)? ¿Se acercó a ellos como lo hizo con Simón y Andrés cuando les dijo “Sígueme” (1, 17)? ¿O hubo una conversación más larga e interesada? Sea lo que sea que pasó, sabemos que este encuentro tuvo un efecto poderoso en estos dos pescadores. Ellos “dejando en la barca a su padre con los trabajadores, se fueron con Jesús” (1, 20).

¿Cómo te llamó Jesús? No importa si sucedió en un momento específico o a lo largo de muchos años. Lo que importa es que, al igual que estos primeros discípulos, Jesús te llamó y tú decidiste seguirlo.

El primer llamado que escuchamos es cuando Jesús nos invita a ir a él. Jesús es el Único que nos muestra el camino hacia el Padre y que llena nuestro corazón con su amor, misericordia y gracia. Como sucedió con estos discípulos, nuestra relación con nuestro Señor se convierte en el fundamento de nuestra vida y de todo lo que hacemos.

Jesús también nos llama a la misión. Ya sea al matrimonio y la familia, al sacerdocio, a la vida religiosa o a la soltería, todos hemos recibido una misión, un modo específico en que él quiere que lo sirvamos. El Señor incluso puede invitarnos a ser misioneros al igual que lo fueron los primeros discípulos.

Pero también podemos recibir múltiples llamados en nuestra vida, y nuestro llamado puede cambiar y aumentar con el tiempo. Quizá en una temporada de nuestra vida, seamos llamados a concentrarnos principalmente en las necesidades de nuestra familia. En otra, Dios puede pedirnos que pasemos más tiempo atendiendo las necesidades de nuestros hermanos, quizá enseñando sobre la fe o cuidando de los pobres.

Por eso, dedica un momento a dar gracias a Jesús por las formas en que te ha llamado. No siempre es fácil decir “sí”, sabemos que seguir a Jesús inevitablemente implicará dificultades así como alegrías.

“Señor, te estoy eternamente agradecido por haberme llamado a seguirte.”

Jonás 3, 1–5. 10 Salmo 25 (24), 11–14. 1 Corintios 7, 29–31. *The Word Among Us*.

According to Caritas Rome’s 2023 report, 51% of those who accessed the Emporium since 2008 were Italian and the other half represented 98 different nationalities. The second biggest population to access were Nigerians, counting for 4,7%, followed by Romanians, amounting to 4,6%.

### How it works

Once Caritas determines that a family or individual is eligible to shop, they are given a card with 90 points per two-person family unit. The points last four weeks and can get them whatever products are available at the Emporium. For example, a box of pasta is worth between 1 or 2 points. Families with children under two can also get an additional 45-point card for items such as powdered milk or baby food.

“For families, this is a big aid because you can find many different things, especially for those with children. Saving money on diapers, for example, is already a huge help,” said a mother of three who was shopping at the supermarket with her youngest strapped to her chest. She explained that most of her salary goes to paying rent, leaving her with little left over.

The Casilina Emporium currently has 500 active cards and since 2008 has distributed over 9,000. The cards have a duration of three months and can then be renewed, based on the situation the beneficiary finds themselves in. Several entities donate food and products to the Emporium, including the European Union. Through its Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD), it provides large quantities of essential foods annually, such as pasta or sauces. Various Italian food companies also donate, such as Central milk plant of Rome, which delivers 250 half-liter bottles of milk every day.

Aleteia.org.



## BIG NEWS AT OUR PARISH

With much anticipation & prayer, on January 9, 2024, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo has officially appointed Deacon Jose Huerta to serve at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, Navasota under the supervision of Fr. Giovanni Hung Nguyen effective January 11, 2024. Deacon Jose Huerta has previously assisted the Spanish 1:00 pm Mass at Christ Our Light during the past year. Please join us this week in welcoming Deacon Huerta and his family to his permanent home here at Christ Our Light Catholic Church.

*“Ask and you shall receive”  
Luke 9:11*





### ***St. Francis de Sales –Feast Day: January 24***

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

Besides his two well-known books, the Introduction to the Devout Life and A Treatise on the Love of God, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in The Introduction to the Devout Life: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

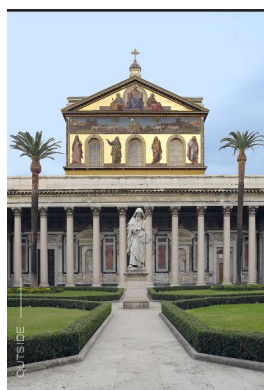
In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

#### **Reflection**

Francis de Sales took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." As he said himself, it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper, but no one ever suspected he had such a problem, so overflowing with good nature and kindness was his usual manner of acting. His perennial meekness and sunny disposition won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint."

***"Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight.  
It enables us to see God in all things  
as well as all things in God."***

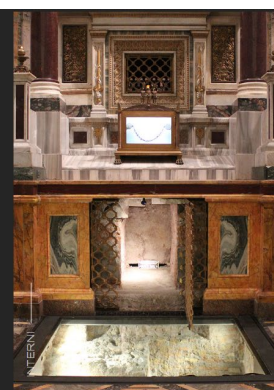
*— St. Francis de Sales*



The Quadriportico



The Nave



Tomb, Papal Altar, Triumphal Arch



The Apse



The Transept and the Chapels



Cloister and Archaeological Area

## **BASILICA PAPALE DI SANPAOLO FUORI LE MURA**

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History of Saint Paul– Apostle of the Gentiles. Conversion of St. Paul: January 25  
Outstanding theologian and indefatigable founder

The dynamic life of Paul and his imposing status as apostle of Christ are known through the Acts of the Apostles of St Luke, and through the letters Paul wrote to the various Christian communities he founded. His letters are the earliest Christian works of theology and provide the first witness to how the earliest Christians were organized.

Saul–Paul

Born in Tarsus of Cilicia in modern Turkey, he received the Hebrew name of Saul because he belonged to the tribe of Benjamin, which was the tribe of Saul, first king of Israel. He also had the Roman name of Paul, because his father had acquired Roman citizenship and wished to thank a member of the gens Pauli.

By land and sea

At the beginning of his career Paul was a zealous Pharisee, observant of the Law of Moses and a persecutor of the followers of the Nazarene. One day, however, while travelling to the synagogues of Damascus where he intended to arrest Christians and take them in chains to Jerusalem, he had a vision of the risen Christ. This vision transformed his life. He realized that Jesus of Nazareth was the key to the Scriptures and the fulfilment of the promises made of old. By dying and rising from the dead, Jesus had brought redemption. Paul then threw himself into tireless evangelization journeying through much of the Roman world.

Apostle of the whole world

Paul travelled in Asia Minor and Greece and throughout the Mediterranean proclaiming the gospel to Jews and gentiles, to men and women, to slaves and free, establishing Christian communities and inspiring co-workers. He is called the apostle to the gentiles. By obeying the call of Jesus, he surpassed the love of the Law and allowed himself to be seized by Christ's law of love: "Christ loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). Thus he brought the good news of Christ to the peoples of the known world.

Martyrdom

Paul was arrested in the temple of Jerusalem and transferred to Caesarea. Being a Roman citizen he exercised his right to appeal to Caesar and to be judged in Rome. Later vindicated, he emerged a free man. He was again in Rome during the persecution of Nero. Arrested and condemned as a Christian he was beheaded ad Aquas Salvias, just outside the city in about the year 67.

A living testimony

He was buried in the necropolis beside the ancient via Ostiensis. His tomb rapidly became a place of pilgrimage and has remained so ever since. In the early fourth century the emperor Constantine ordered the construction of the first basilica in his honour.



## The importance of the Basilica Saint Paul's Tomb

The sacred building we are about to describe was constructed outside the walls of Rome to honour the mortal remains of the apostle and martyr St Paul, to preserve his memory and to celebrate his cult. With the Edict of Milan in the year 313, the persecution of Christians ceased and the emperor Constantine had a basilica built over the tomb of the apostle of the gentiles who had been beheaded in the year 67 and buried in the necropolis near the Roman Via Ostiensis.

The Constantinian basilica, entered from the east, quickly proved inadequate. It was replaced by the grandiose second basilica (known as "the basilica of the three emperors") inaugurated by Pope Siricius in the year 390. The new basilica faced towards the river Tiber. Embellished down the centuries it lasted until 1823 when it was largely destroyed by a great fire.

On 10 December 1854 Pope Pius IX dedicated the third and current basilica, a monumental building in the neo-classical style rebuilt with the same dimensions as the previous one. The architect responsible was Luigi Poletti.

In the complex of St Paul's visitors will encounter traces of different periods: early-Christian, Byzantine, Gothic and Renaissance. It is hoped that the beauty of this sacred edifice dedicated to St Paul may continue today to serve the universal mission of proclaiming salvation in Christ. Of that salvation the apostle himself was an untiring messenger.

Between 2 May and 17 November 2006 a delicate archaeological excavation took place in the area under the high altar ("the altar of the confession"). This led to the opening of the place where the sarcophagus rests. Since 2007 it has been possible to go down and pray before the sarcophagus of Paul, now partially visible.

**The SARCOPHAGUS** The sarcophagus of the apostle (2.55 m by 1.25 m; height, 0.97 m) in unpolished marble, is in the place where the emperor Constantine had the first altar built. Archaeological research and the excavations of 2006 brought to light the great sarcophagus that had been hidden by masonry. In addition they revealed the Constantinian apse of the year 324 hidden by the Theodosian construction of 395.

**The ANCIENT APSE OF CONSTANTINE** (visible under a sheet of glass) was at the west end of the first basilica and contained the tomb. With the increase in the number of pilgrims at the end of the fourth century, the emperor Theodosius decided to construct a larger basilica. The tomb was left in its original position but the orientation of the building was reversed (see the section "History of the basilica").

**A MEMORIAL SLAB OF THREE PIECES OF MARBLE** (2.12 m by 1.27 m) dating from the fourth century with the dedication PAVLO APOSTOLO MART(YRI), to Paul Apostle mart(yr), is positioned horizontally within the papal altar about 40 cm above the sarcophagus. A grating on the east side of the altar enables it to be seen. There is a copy of the stone in the pinacotheca.

It has three holes, possibly connected with the ancient practice of pouring perfumes into tombs or with the custom of lowering objects to make contact with the sarcophagus, thereby creating contact relics.

**The CIBORIUM (or BALDACHIN)** The ciborium constructed by Arnolfo di Cambio in 1285 rises over the papal altar. Standing on four columns of porphyry, it canopies the tomb of St Paul and lends dignity and beauty to the altar of the confession. In the four corners stand statues of Sts Paul, Peter, Timothy and Benedict. On one of the eight reliefs in the upper part of the ciborium is the image of the abbot Bartholomew who commissioned the work; he offers the ciborium to St Paul. The great Tuscan architect Arnolfo created a series of vertical lines that rise to God like perfumed incense (cf. Psalm 141:1). The precious materials employed express the glory of the life and death of St Paul who confessed Christ even to the shedding of his blood.

**The TRIUMPHAL ARCH** in honour of St Paul, "doctor of the nations" was begun by the emperor Theodosius in the year 386 and completed by his son Honorius. According to the inscription placed above: «TEODOSIUS CEPIT PERFECIT ONORIUS...» (Theodosius initiated and Honorius finished the Church). The mosaic was given by Galla Placidia, daughter of Theodosius, on the occasion of the restoration promoted by Pope Leo the Great following the earthquake of 442. The inscription on the arch reads: "PLACIDIAE ... PONTIFICIS ... LEONIS" (Placidia rejoices to see the work of her father shine forth in all its beauty, thanks to the zeal of Pope Leo).

### 100 d.c.

The simple construction erected by Christians in the first century

Around the year 67, at the end of the reign of Nero, the apostle Paul was beheaded outside the walls of Rome at the place called ad Aquas Salvias (today "the Three Fountains").

### 450 d.c.

The series of portraits of the popes, begun in the fifth century

The famous series of circular portraits (see section 2) begun by Pope Leo the Great (440-461) and re-established under Pius IX continues to this day and is the only one of its kind in the world.

### 1200 d.c.

Centuries of ups and downs...

The basilica survived centuries of difficulties: earthquakes (in the years 442 and 1349) and plundering (by the Lombards in 739 and by the Saracens in 847) that led to the construction of fortifications that would last for five centuries; there was the fire of 1115, the sack of Rome by the Lansquenets of Charles V in 1527 and the flooding of the Tiber in 1700. These are but some examples.

### 1931 d.c.

The reconstruction in the 19th and 20th centuries

Pope Leo XII appealed to the Christian world to help in the immense task of the reconstruction, of which the architect Luigi Poletti was the main protagonist. When the bronze doors of Antonio Maraini were mounted in 1931, the basilica was completed. Pope St John XXIII, visiting the abbey on 25 January 1959, announced his decision to summon an ecumenical council of the Church: the Second Vatican Council was born.

At the centre, Christ is surrounded by the living creatures that symbolise the four evangelists and by the twenty-four elders of the Apocalypse. On the left side of the arch St Paul indicates his tomb under the altar, and on the right is St Peter. These mosaics were damaged by the fire but restored in 1853. The arch is supported by two granite columns (14 m in height) surmounted by Ionic capitals. On the rear side of the triumphal arch are the remaining fragments of the mosaic by Cavallini (13th century) which was on the old façade of the basilica. At the centre are the words: GREGORIUS XVI OPUS ABSOLVIT AN 1840, confirming the completion of the first stage of the reconstruction and the papal consecration of the altar of the confession.

**The CHAIN** According to the tradition, bound St Paul to the Roman soldier guarding him during his house arrest while awaiting his trial. During that period he continued to teach and write. "Remember my chains!" (Colossians 4:18).

**The EASTER CANDELABRUM** Sculpted in 1170 by Pietro Vassalletto and Nicolò d'Angelo, the candelabrum is one of the finest pieces of Roman sculpture of the turn of the 12th and 13th centuries. It is a splendid example of the work of masters who initiated a particularly important sculptural tradition in Rome. Used to hold the paschal candle during the Easter Vigil, it is a monolithic marble column noteworthy for its dimensions (5.6 m in height) and the richness of its decorations. It retains some Latin inscriptions of varying legibility. Deciphered and translated, one of them proclaims the purpose of the candelabrum and of the paschal candle. The message is still true today: "as the tree bears fruit, so I bear the light and bring gifts; as Christ is risen I proclaim joy and place such gifts in homage". On a base where lions, rams, sphinxes and female figures alternate, the candelabrum rises in seven divisions. The first, fifth and sixth present arabesques of vegetation and are divided by three bands that illustrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. The candleholder itself is on the summit and is sustained by alternating lions and eagles that recall early Christian tradition and the Romanesque style. The candelabrum was completely restored in the year 2000



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## Come, follow Me...



If God asked you to come and follow Him right now would you be ready to drop everything and follow? In today's Gospel reading that's exactly what happened to Simon and Andrew and James and John.

They had been working at their fishing nets when Jesus walked past and called them to follow Him.

We are all called to follow Jesus in some way. God wants some people to give up their lives for others like Jesus did, and some people He wants to look after the poor and sick. Some people are called to care for children and some to build things. Some people are called to be special followers of Our Lord as priests and religious.



Do you know how you can best follow Jesus? When you're young the best way to be like Him is to be kind to everyone and honour and obey your parents like the

Child Jesus did. Also, you can already start praying that when the time comes you will be know how to follow Our Lord in the way that you can serve Him best.



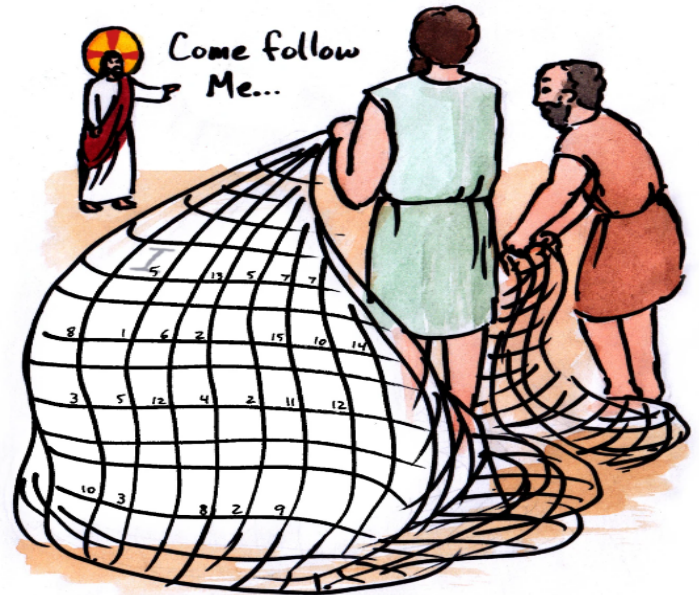
Answer to front page puzzle: I will make you fishers of men.  
2.false; 3.true; 4.true; 5.false; 6.true; 7.true; 1.true.

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## The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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What else did Jesus say when He called the fishermen?  
Find the letters that match the numbers in the net to fill in the spaces in the net and find out!



A E F H I K L M N O R S W U Y  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

## Saint Francis de Sales January 24

FRANCIS WAS BORN TO AN IMPORTANT FAMILY IN 1567 IN WHAT IS NOW FRANCE. HE WAS EDUCATED SO THAT HE COULD BECOME A MAGISTRATE.



IN SCHOOL HE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT PRE-DESTINATION THAT HE BECAME AFRAID.



BUT HIS FEAR LEFT WHEN HE PRAYED TO OUR LADY.



Don't be ridiculous!



AT LAST HIS FATHER AGREED. FR. FRANCIS PREACHED TO THE HERETICS.



SOON HE WAS MADE BISHOP. HE TRAVELLED TO TEACH THE FAITH AND WROTE BOOKS.



ST. FRANCIS HELPED ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL START A CONVENT FOR WOMEN WHO COULDN'T JOIN OTHERS.

BEFORE HE BECAME A PRIEST, ST. FRANCIS WORKED AT TRYING TO BE HOLY IN ORDINARY LIFE. HE TRIED TO SHOW PEOPLE THAT HOLINESS IS NOT JUST FOR RELIGIOUS MEN AND WOMEN BUT FOR EVERYONE. YOU CAN PRAY TO ST. FRANCIS TO HELP YOU BE HOLY IN EVERY DAY LIFE.

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## JONAH GOES TO NINEVEH: TRUE OR FALSE?

How well do you know the second part of Jonah's story?  
Which of these are true and which are false?

1. After Jonah's incident with being inside a whale for three days, God asked him to go to Nineveh again. True or false?
2. Jonah refused to do what God asked this time too. True or false?
3. Nineveh was only a small city, so Jonah walked across it in a couple hours. True or false?
4. Jonah cried out that in forty days the city would be overthrown. True or false?
5. The people ignored Jonah and went on with their lives. True or false?
6. All the people believed in God, proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth. True or false?
7. God saw what the people were doing and decided that the city would not be overthrown. True or false?





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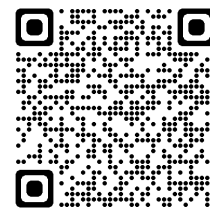
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