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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 21, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily
and Sundays.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

CHAPEL - Currently open every day
9:00am - 9:00pm.

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

- Mk 1:17

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him. ©LPi

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 22 • Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30 am Special Intention

Tuesday, January 23 • St. Vincent • St. Marianne Cope

8:30 am Antionette Johnson

Wednesday, January 24 • St. Frances de Sales

8:30 am All Souls

Thursday, January 25 • The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:30 am Louis Johnson

Friday, January 26 • Sts. Timothy and Titus

8:30 am Eula McMurry

Saturday, January 27 • St. Angela Merici

4:00 pm Melancon & Fisher Families, Christopher Nguyen, Jamie Brady,
Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, EJ & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty
Hymel

Sunday, January 28 • 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Catholic Schools Week

8:30 am Eula McMurry, Doris Beadle, Karen Angelo, All Souls, Chuong
Francis Xavier Nguyen, Tuat Anna Nguyen, Thi Yen Maria Tran,
Thi Nhien Maria Tran, Pham Van Trac, Lester Savoie, Br. John
Fairfax, FSC
10:30 am Ellis J. Torres
3:00 pm (en espanol) Religious Vocations
7:00 pm Our Parishioners



VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

In memory of Rory & Jourdan Growl

CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

Birthday Blessings for Linda Feucht

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

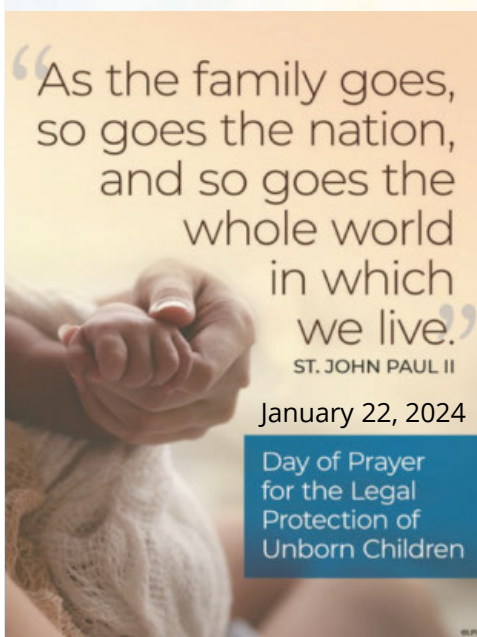
Answer: For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.



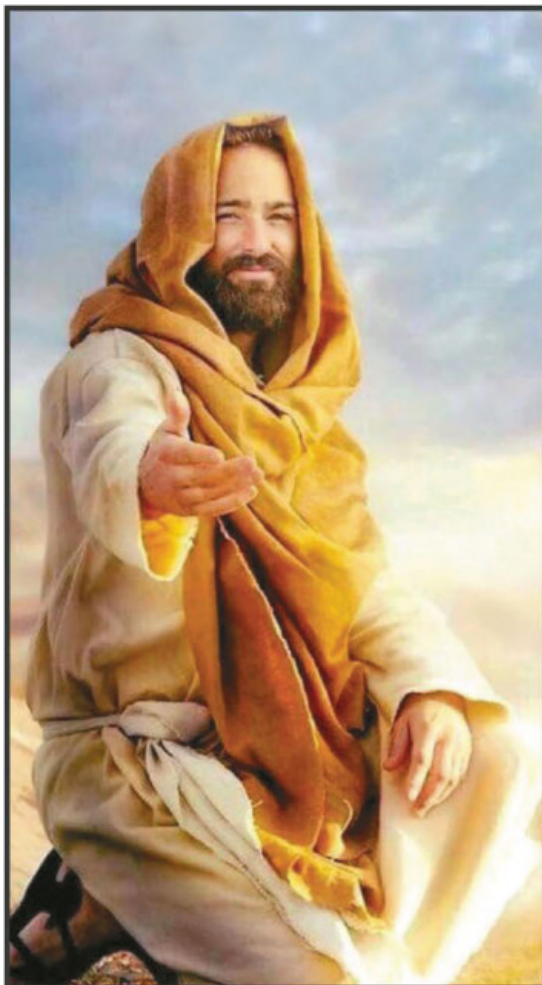
project rachel

Peace starts here

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com. ©LPi



AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church

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All are invited to attend a grace-filled evening,
March 6th with internationally known Catholic evangelist,

Mr. Alan Ames



Alan, who is from Australia and is known for his incredible gift of healing, has a close union with Jesus in the Passion and a mystical prayer life. He has shared his ministry globally for over 28 years in over 50 countries! His life changed from a violent, alcoholic, motorcycle gang member to a man of complete devotion to God. There are many documented healings, by the grace of God. Alan travels world-wide sharing his inspiring "Saul to Paul" story and powerful testimony of God's merciful love.

You won't want to miss his conversion story and healing service.

JESUS HEALS THE BODY AND SOUL - YOU JUST BELIEVE AND TRUST

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- + Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- + Mass will be followed by Alan Ames' conversion story
- + Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- + Healing Service
- + Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



Please note: there is no charge to attend this event; however, a Love-offering will be collected after Alan's talk.

For more information about Alan Ames, please go to alanames.org.



January 20-21, 2024

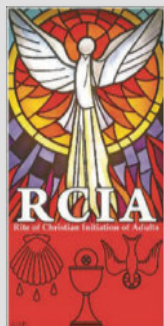
During this coming Legacy Sunday weekend,
discover your Catholic legacy and the impact
you can make on your parish.



It's St. Joseph Cookie time again!

The Altar Society is preparing to
start their annual St. Joseph
Cookie making and baking.

Donations of flour, eggs, cocoa,
powdered sugar, granulated sugar,
margarine, and pecans are greatly
appreciated and may be brought
to Piovan Parish Hall.



RCIA Class

Tuesday, January 23rd at 7pm
in the Parish Office

TOPIC: Law and the
Ten Commandments

Anyone interested in learning more
about their faith or curious about a
particular topic is invited to attend.



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PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, January 22

6:00pm Parish School of Religion - School

Tuesday, January 23

7:00pm RCIA - Parish Office

Thursday, January 25

8:30am School Mass - Church

Friday, January 26

9:00am Soldiers for Christ Prayer Group - Church

Saturday, January 27 • Team 4**Sunday, January 28 • Team 4**

Catholic Schools Collection - Catholic Schools Week Begins



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!

**The Adoration Chapel is
open every day from
9:00am to 9:00pm.**

Kids Corner

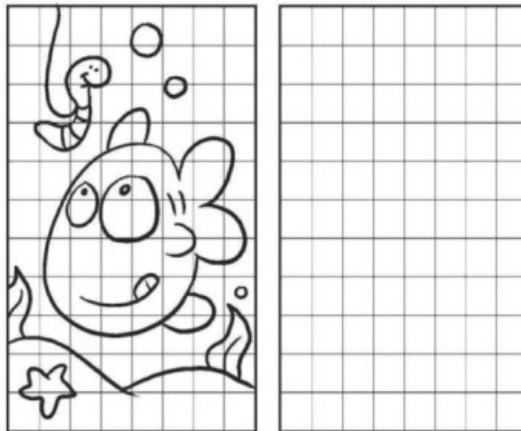
Prayer

Jesus, I thank you for
inviting me to spend time

Mission for the Week

Jesus wants you to come to
his home in heaven. Make a
party invitation from Jesus
to you. Use this invitation as
a bookmark in your Bible.

Copy the picture square by square

**Sharing the Gospel**

There's a colorful
envelope addressed to
you on the kitchen table.
You see it's from your
friend. You open it and
find a party invitation
inside. You parents say
you can go! When Jesus
invited Peter, Andrew,
James and John to come
along with him, they
were just as excited to
go. Jesus was the Savior
and a good friend. They
couldn't wait!

**Now color
the picture!**



**“He remains among
us until the end
of the world.”**

**Go to your Adoration
as one would to
heaven, to the
divine banquet.**

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptismal seminars
are held on the first Tuesday of
each month in the Parish Office
at 7:00pm. Please call the
Parish Office to pre-register.

WEDDINGS: Couples must
contact the priest at least six
months prior to the preferred
date of the wedding.

ANointing OF THE SICK:
Please call the Parish Office at
985-652-2615.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE
HOMEBOUND:** To be added to
the list, please call the Parish
Office.

FUNERALS: Family must make
arrangements with the priest
prior to making final arrange-
ments with the funeral home.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE - *Father John Muir*

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: **"Repent!"** We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies. ©LPI

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I *didn't* have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'" — Mark 1:14

LIVING OUR FAITH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/ Mk 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/ Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28

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