

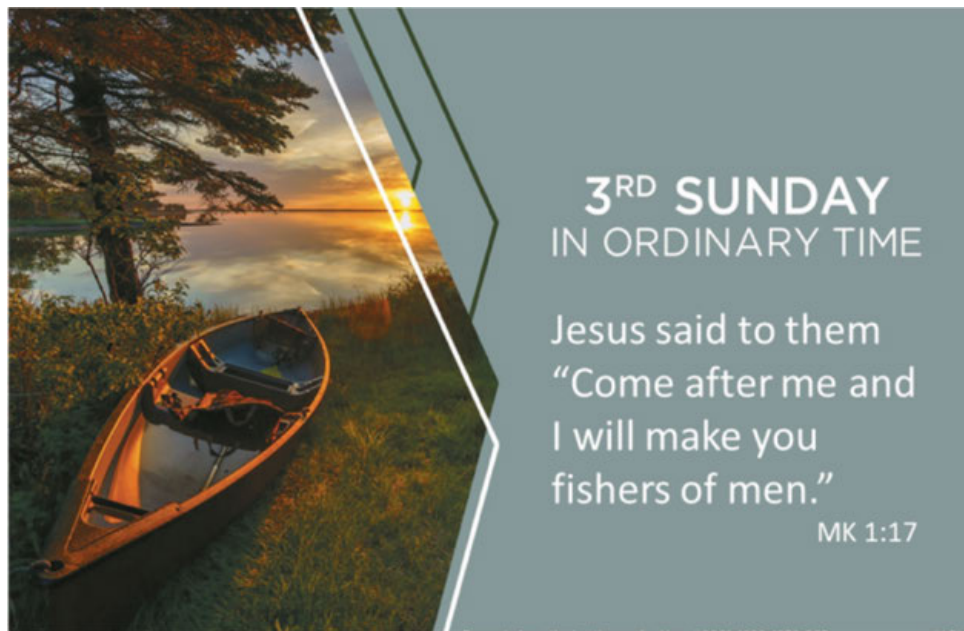


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January 21, 2024

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Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm - In Person

Sunday Masses:

9:00am

Live-Stream & In Person

11:00am & 5:00pm - In Person

Mon - Sat: 8:30am

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Live-Stream & In Person

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SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

In 2019, Pope Francis established the **Sunday of the Word of God** to be celebrated each year on the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. As the Holy Father stated in his apostolic letter instituting the observance, "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world" (*Aperuit illis*, no. 2).

In observance of the Sunday of the Word of God, the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**, through a grant from the American Bible Society, will offer a "Sunday Seminar Series" of four videos about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. These videos, available in English and Spanish, will feature bishops and biblical scholars and will be accompanied by discussion/reflection questions. View the videos at

<https://catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/>



"SUPPORTING OUR MISSION TOGETHER" is the theme of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal, which begins February 3-4. Please prayerfully consider pledging your support to your parish and our local

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The people of Nineveh (the capital city of the Assyrian Empire and historic enemy of Israel) repented of their sins when they heard Jonah's warning of God's impending destruction of their city. **What motivates you to repent?**

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to live with a sense of urgency and in a radically different way than before coming to faith in Jesus. **In what way are you living counter-culturally as a person of faith?**

Gospel:

This Sunday we hear the first words of Jesus in Mark's account of the call of the first disciples: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Jesus taught that the time had come for God to come and reclaim His world. **What excites you about this message?**

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TODAY'S READINGS

Jonah 3:1-5, 10;
Psalm 25;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31;
Mark 1:14-20

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Our readings today call us to be decisive in our faith. God calls us as stewards to repent and renew our commitment to Him each day.

In our First Reading, God instructs the prophet Jonah to travel through the city of Nineveh and warns the people that the city would be destroyed due to their evil ways. When the people of Nineveh heard this, they declared a fast in repentance. The Lord saw this and had compassion for them.

Every moment is an opportunity to either grow closer to God or further away from Him. We can identify with the people of Nineveh when we recognize that our actions are not drawing us closer to God. We may be attached to certain sins or living in complacency — over time, that can weaken our commitment to the Lord and sever the relationship we have with Him.

When we become aware of our weaknesses, it should not cause us to despair. Instead, it should call us to act quickly as the people of Nineveh did. Jonah had been gone only a single day's walk before the people repented. We, too, should go no more than a single day without acknowledging our offenses towards God and renewing our commitment to Him with greater conviction. God wants to be compassionate towards us, but we must be willing to recognize our need to repent.

Our Gospel today shares Mark's account of Jesus calling His first disciples. In his account, Jesus approaches Simon and Andrew, and later, James and John. These four men were fishermen, casting their nets. Jesus states, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. We rationalize that we will eventually get around to deepening our commitment to prayer when we have time, even though we have been wanting to do so for months. We can justify that we are too busy right now to make time to go to confession regularly, but tell ourselves we will do it soon once our schedules ease up. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now, just like the first disciples did.

These men became members of Jesus' 12 apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. They left their jobs, homes, and families, devoting their lives to God's work. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is continuously calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can repent and renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves, what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? If not now, when?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	1/21	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
Mon	1/22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tues	1/23	St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wed	1/24	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thu	1/25	THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18
Fri	1/26	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34
Sat	1/27	St. Angela Merici, Virgin; BVM 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sun	1/28	4TH 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	1/22	8:30 am	Wendy Weber and Family (<i>special intention</i>)
Tues	1/23	8:30 am	Jerry Hale †
Wed	1/24	8:30 am	Eileen Giorgi (<i>special intention</i>)
Thu	1/25	8:30 am	David Dinno †
Fri	1/26	8:30 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
Sat	1/27	8:30 am	Annia Ruiz (<i>birthday</i>)
		5:00 pm	Donna Hainey †
Sun	1/28	9:00 am	Marcial Laplace (<i>special intention</i>)
		11:00 am	Louis Denis Ledee †
		5:00 pm	Maria & Andrew Grzegorek (<i>50th wedding anniversary</i>)

MASS INTENTIONS: A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO REMEMBER SOMEONE

You can offer a Mass for a special intention or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Remember that there is no better gift than the gift of God's love and compassion as celebrated in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

www.stmaryslg.org/mass-intention-request



January 20/21:

5PM Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
9AM Sunday: Parish Choir
11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
5PM Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble

January 27/28:

5PM Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
9AM Sunday: Parish Choir
11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
5PM Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

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.

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POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: JANUARY

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

PRAYER OF DISCIPLESHIP

Dear Lord,
When you call to me, help me to listen. Give me the courage to respond bravely and boldly to your invitation for my life. Amen.

FAITH IN ACTION

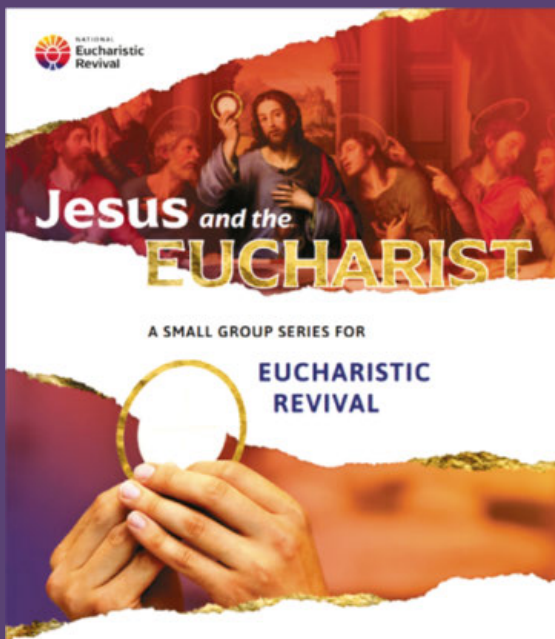
Stewardship of PRAYER

Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
Bill Flora; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Janie Meacham; Vic LoBue, Jr.; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto; Carol Rakich

For those who have recently died:
Victoria Miramontez; Richard Hernandez; Peter Kraljer; Linda Graham; Janice Gallagher; Thomas Louis Murphy; Tom Bommarito; Mary Cay; James D'Oliveiro

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.



WHEN:

Sunday, January 21st at 10:00 AM.

WHERE:

Hoffmann Center

LENGTH:

Each study session will be one hour long; half video presentation and half small group sharing with a facilitator. Meetings will be on fourteen consecutive Sundays. Drop-ins are welcome.

WHY:

This is a great opportunity to enrich our Eucharistic faith and grow together as a community.

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The collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs as awarded by the subcommittee on the Church in Latin America throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarian as well as youth ministry and catechesis.



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The bread that you see on the altar is the Body of Christ as soon as it is sanctified by God's word. The chalice, or better what is contained in the chalice, is the Blood of Christ as soon as it is sanctified by God's word, St. Augustine

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

MEETING CHRIST: EXPLORING THE LITURGY SERIES POPE FRANCIS ON WHY DO WE GO TO MASS ON SUNDAYS?

Eucharistic communion with Jesus, Risen and ever-Living, anticipates the Sunday without sunset, when there will be no more weariness nor pain, nor sorrow nor tears, but only the joy of living fully and forever with the Lord. Sunday Mass also speaks to us of this blessed repose, teaching us to entrust ourselves during the course of the week to the hands of the Father who is in heaven.

How can we respond to those who say that it is of no use going to Mass, even on Sunday, because the important thing is to live well, to love our neighbor? It is true that the quality of Christian life is measured by the capacity to love, as Jesus said: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35); but how can we practice the Gospel without drawing the energy necessary to do so, one Sunday after another, from the inexhaustible source of the Eucharist? We do not go to Mass in order to give something to God, but to receive what we truly need from him. We are reminded of this by the Church's prayer, which is addressed to God in this way: "although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness but profit us for salvation" (Roman Missal, Common Preface iv).

In conclusion, why do we go to Mass on Sundays? It is not enough to respond that it is a precept of the Church; this helps to preserve its value, but alone does not suffice. We Christians need to participate in Sunday Mass because only with Jesus' grace, with his living presence within us and among us, can we put his commandment into practice, and thus be his credible witnesses."

Pope Francis



SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH ST. JULIANA OF CORNILLON



St. Juliana of Cornillon (1193-1258), also known as St. Juliana of Liège, was born near modern-day Liège, Belgium. When she was 5 years old, she and her twin sister became orphans. Following the deaths of their parents, the sisters were entrusted to the care of the Augustinian nuns at Mont-Cornillon. Growing up among the religious, Juliana's spiritual journey flourished. At age 13, she entered the order.

Juliana's profound love for Christ in the Eucharist was ignited during her time at the convent. She regularly participated in Mass and spent hours in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. In her prayers, she often experienced mystical visions, reinforcing her belief in the real presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine.

Driven by her desire to see a dedicated feast to honor Christ in the Eucharist, St. Juliana took it upon herself to promote the idea fervently. She eventually became the Prioress of the canonry and frequently confided in her mentor, Canon John of Lausanne, telling him about her visions and her hope for the feast. He shared her experiences with his contemporaries, including Pope Urban IV.

Though Juliana died in 1258, her cause won over Pope Urban IV. In 1264 he issued the papal bill "Transiturus de hoc mundo" which instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. The feast aimed to celebrate and affirm the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, emphasizing the significance of the Blessed Sacrament in the life of the Church.

Juliana was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1869 and is remembered not only for the pivotal role she played in establishing the Feast of Corpus Christi, but for her musical talents, teachings, and writings. St. Juliana of Cornillon, pray for us!

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Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 8:00AM
St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

Visit link to view participating parishes:

www.dsj.org/walk4life24

DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK (sponsored by The Order of Malta.)

Saturday, February 3, 2024, 11am at the Cathedral Basilica of St Joseph. Celebrated by Bishop Oscar Cantu in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes with anointing of the sick and Blessing of the Caregivers. Refreshments after Mass.

REVS VS SEMS BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

On **Sunday, January 21, 2024** let's cheer on our favorite priests and seminarians with Vocations first fun event of the year. Doors open 5pm | 6pm Tip-off at St. Francis High School. Tickets are \$10 admission. There will be a grand raffle at the game. 1st place winner will get \$1000 gift card, 2nd place winner will get an airpod and the 3rd place winner will get a \$100 gift card. All proceeds from the game benefit DSJ's Seminarian Formation. **Tickets for event & raffle are available in the parish office.**

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