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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me,
and I will make you
fishers of men.”
- Mt 4:19

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil:
Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am
& 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am and Daily Masses are **Live Streamed** on our website

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DAILY MASS

Mon - Sat: 8:30am
Rosary - 8:00am
Live-Stream & in church

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Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm
(in church)

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Mondays - 9:00-10:00am
Thursdays - 7:00-8:00pm

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

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First Reading:

Isaiah prophesies a future reversal of fortune for the people living in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali. *Have you ever received an unexpected gift or blessing?*

Second Reading:

Paul urges the Corinthians to be united in mind and purpose, and to avoid rivalries. *How do you react to conflicts at home or at work?*

Gospel:

Matthew tells us that Jesus began his public ministry by calling disciples, healing the sick and preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven. *Have you ever felt a “call to action” to live out your faith?*

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Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do — rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.” We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness and gloom of original sin, have been born again into the great light that is God’s grace in us. We have become cherished members of God’s family.

What a privilege!

Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home.

In our second reading, from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul urges us to keep the responsibility of sharing the Gospel our foremost priority. In this passage he addresses the divisions and rivalries that have cropped up in the Christian community in Corinth. He urges the Christians there to “be united in the same mind and the same purpose,” reminding them that it was Christ and only Christ Who was crucified for us. We owe everything to Him. Our lives our therefore not about us, our egos, our personal ambitions and loyalties. Those things cannot satisfy us, anyway. Our loyalty must be to Christ above all else and our priority must be to bring His light to everyone He puts in our path.

And there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life. We see this in our Gospel passage from Matthew, where we find Jesus on the move. He has left Nazareth and goes to live in Capernaum, fulfilling what was said of Him through the prophet Isaiah, as we recall from today's first reading. “The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'” In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don’t wait!

Later in this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt “yes” when the Lord called to them. Our Lord sees Simon and his brother, Andrew, living an ordinary day as fishermen when He said to them, “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” The two did not hesitate. They didn’t think about themselves or how this might disrupt their business. Rather, “at once they left their nets and followed him.” Then, Jesus called two more brothers, James and John. They, too, were living an ordinary day as fishermen, working alongside their father mending nets in their boat. Jesus called them and “immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.” They did not worry about their personal lives and how their father might react. They put our Lord and His will first and responded without hesitation.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do — it's who we are.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 8:23—9:3;
Psalm 27;
1 Corinthians 1:10-13;
Matthew 4:12-23

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	1/25	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23
Mon	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 3:22-30
Tues	1/27	St. Angela Merici, Virgin 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wed	1/28	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thu	1/29	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
Fri	1/30	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Sat	1/31	St. John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sun	2/1	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	1/26	8:30 am	Nancy Neipp (<i>birthday</i>)
Tues	1/27	8:30 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
Wed	1/28	8:30 am	E. Richard Gros de Mange †
Thu	1/29	8:30 am	Herb Weiss †
Fri	1/30	8:30 am	Brian Arboleda †
Sat	1/31	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
		5:00 pm	Marcial Laplace (<i>special intention</i>)
Sun	2/1	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory †
		11:00 am	Kevin Oatman †
		5:00 pm	Martino Nguyen (<i>healing</i>)



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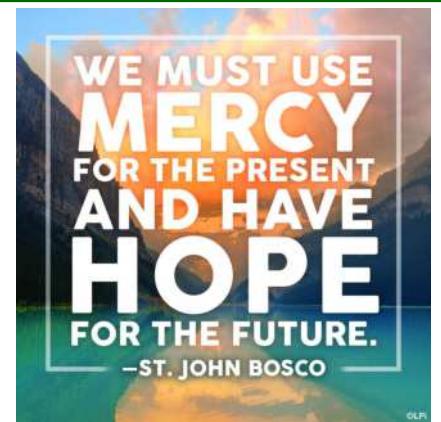
My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this time, Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don't see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow? © LPI

POPE LEO XIV'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



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: **Shirley Foley; Vincent Yee; Arlene Rocchio; Schuyler Garfield; Armon LaMotte; Brenda Lis; Mary Ellen Fox; Magdalma O'Brien; Marietta Riney; Honora Hannan**

For those who have recently died:

Maria Vukovatz; Alina Liniecki; Virginia McQuade; Lorraine Helen Zullo; Linda Hoffman; Louis Normandin; Isabel Heil

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.



JANUARY 31 & FEBRUARY 1

Saturday 5pm - Cantor & Piano/Organ
 Sunday 9:00am - Cantor & Piano/Organ
 Sunday 11am - Cantor & Piano/Organ
 Sunday 5pm - Adult Choir

ST. MARY BIBLE STUDY - Did you know we have a bible study group that meets every other Thursday 9:30am - 11am? We are currently studying Professor Bart D. Ehrman of the University of North Carolina, titled "The Historical Jesus." Feel free to drop in whenever you have time. Please check the parish calendar for the schedule.

ST. MARY SENIORS - If you are free the 3rd Monday of the month, please join us in Hofmann Center at 12 noon for a meeting of social activity and service to our parish. Bring a sack lunch.

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Junior High Library.



Visit us at stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Tim O'Rorke at tj@timororke.com.

ST. MARY MARIAN PRAYER GROUP - Tuesdays at 10:15am in Hoffman Center. We pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary and meditate on a reading from daily Mass. We pray for the intentions of the school and parish. All are welcome!

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD AND CANDLEMAS

Candlemas, celebrated on February 2nd, marks the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, a significant event in the liturgical calendar. In the Gospel of Luke marking this Feast, Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate him to the Lord God. Witnessing there, the elderly Simeon recognized Jesus as the Messiah and filled with the Holy Spirit, prophesied His impact on the world.

Candlemas, traditionally observed by many Christian denominations, is not only a celebration of this momentous occasion but also an acknowledgment of Christ as the Light of the World. The ritual of Blessing the Candles symbolizes the spiritual light that Jesus brings into the world. Candles for use in the church and at home are blessed for use throughout the year, reflecting the faith that Jesus is the guiding light for humanity.

Candlemas serves as a reminder of Christ's presence in the world and calls the faithful to reflect on His light in their own lives. Jesus is the light of the world!

WHY BLESS CANDLES ON THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION?

This feast can be understood to conclude the series of feasts that began at Christmas.

Christmas presents to us the birth of the Savior at Bethlehem. The Epiphany celebrated His manifestation to the world. The Presentation reminds us of the offering of our Savior in the temple as the victim who will reconcile God and man.

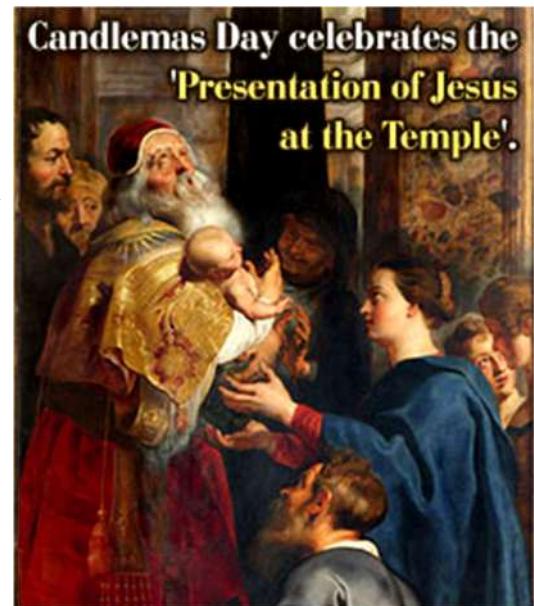
The connection between the Presentation and the blessing of candles is that Christ is the Light of the World, and the Church uses lighted candles as a symbol of that light. As divine light, Jesus shone on Simeon who looked forward to Israel's comfort. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he had set eyes on the Christ.

When Mary and Joseph brought the Child Jesus to the temple to do what the Law required, Simeon took Him in his arms, uttering words of fulfilment and revelation. Simeon could now die in peace because he had seen his savior, the Light of the World. It was also a fulfilment and a revelation for 84-year-old Anna who came by at that moment and began to praise God. She spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the one who would deliver them from oppression and injustice. Simeon and Anna both had their longings fulfilled when they saw the Light, and even as they closed their eyes to this world, that Light would lead them on to the Eternal Light.

Jesus came to bring light to the world. His light enlightened Simeon and Anna so they could go in peaceful fulfilment. His light also prepared Mary to face the darkness of the sword that would pierce her soul at the appointed time. And so on this feast, we bless (these) candles, bring them home, and light them in prayer and devotion.

We let the Light of Christ shine on us as we pray so our longings will also be fulfilled and that we will be at peace. So, let us light our blessed candles and pray that the Light of Christ shines brightly to bring us peace and healing.

Monsignor Stephen Yim, Vicar-General, Archdiocese of Singapore



Virtues, Explained! : PATIENCE

In treating others with a spirit of patience, said Pope Francis, we "look at them ... with God's gaze, knowing how to distinguish their faces from their faults."

"Rushing and impatience are enemies of spiritual life," he continued. "God is love, and those who love do not tire, they are not irascible; they do not give ultimatums. God is patient, God knows how to wait."

Patience is sometimes referred to as being "annexed" to the moral virtue of fortitude. In practicing patience, we bear any kind of suffering for a greater good. St. Thomas Aquinas describes patience as a means to "safeguard the good of reason against sorrow, lest reason give way to sorrow" (*Sum. II-II, 136, Art. 1*).

The virtue of patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22), and as Christians who have received the Holy Spirit we are called to "be patient in tribulation" (Romans 12:12) and to "preach the message (of Christ) ... with great patience" (2 Timothy 4:2).



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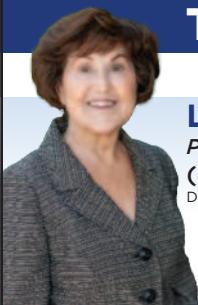


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