



January 24, 2021 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

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Holy Mass Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Monday– Friday 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday, Tuesday and Friday 6:00 PM;
Saturdays 4:00 PM; or by appointment

BULLETIN
STANDARD DEADLINE:
9:00 A.M. MONDAY

Dear Parishioners,

In our first reading, God asked the prophet Jonah to preach repentance to the Assyrians in their capital city of Nineveh. These were the same Assyrians who had already destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel when Jonah was written. Jonah didn't want to preach to them because he was afraid that the Ninevites might actually listen to him, repent and thereby find favor with God. That was the last thing he wanted to happen for the Assyrians who were so cruel to his people. So, it is no wonder that Jonah got into a boat, and instead of heading east, headed west. But, then the storm came, he was thrown overboard, swallowed by a big fish and spit onto shore. It was God's way of saying to Jonah, "Now will you please go preach to the Ninevites whom I happen to love?" This time Jonah decided he better do what God asked. So, as it would have it, Jonah went and preached repentance in Nineveh, the people converted, and God had mercy on them. We can say that in our day and age Nineveh still exists. How so? We see Nineveh in our modern-day culture who has aborted over 60 million babies since Roe V. Wade made abortion legal 48 years ago this past Friday. As a result of these 60 million abortions, 60 million mothers have been wounded. Every 23 seconds in our country alone another innocent child, made in the image and likeness of God, is terminated in the womb of his or her mother. Our culture who so freely allows for the killing of so many of the unborn also need to be called to conversion. Like Jonah, that is where we come in. And God expects all of us to do something. Pray for the end of abortion. Pray that young couples will remain open to life. Pray for the baby in the womb. Pray for the conversion of the providers of abortion. Pray for the mothers and fathers of aborted children for their healing. Be prolife. Vote Prolife. Financially support prolife. Join our parish's Respect Life Committee.

God Bless,
Fr. Butler

Have you ever dreamed
of going to the Holy Land?



Fr. Butler's pilgrimage to the Holy Land that was
scheduled in January has been rescheduled
November 8-18, 2021



Adoration First Friday February 5

Church Support

January 17, 2021—\$3235.00

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parish will be
e-mailed this year
instead of going through the
post office. If you want a
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at 815-498-2010*

**PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!
JANUARY 21-29**



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protection of human life. Each day's
intention is accompanied by a short
reflection and suggested
actions to help build a culture of
life. To sign up for email or text:
www.9daysforlife.com**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.



Millie Anderson, Suzanne Burton, Patricia Butler, Kathleen Carr, Patrick Doherty, Joann Duffy, Joan Frieders, Sharen Gavin, Michael Geever, Denise Green, Virginia Hann, Margaret Hardekopf, Linda Hickey, Jerry Hinterlong, Mary Holevas, Leslie Hollarbush, Ted Ivanauskas, Jim Johnson, Deb Kulbartz, Doris Langston, Jan Magioni, Karen McCormick, Tom McCrea, William McKillip, Irene Osifchin, Brody Roberts, Bob Scholl, Gavin Springsteen, Diane Verlare, Bob Wade, Jerry Welte, Trish Wojcik



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Our candle offerings this week are in memory of:

Don & Jean Wegener

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Rockford Ministry

MASS INTENTIONS

January 25-31, 2021

Monday	8:00 am	Helen Werner Req by Pat Werner
Tuesday	8:00 am	Don Wegener Req by Jim & Gert Meyer
Wednesday	8:00 am	Kazia Dillett Req by Janet Kessler
Thursday	8:00 am	Don Wegener Req by John & Tony Clapper
Friday	8:00 am	Jean Wegener Req by Chuck, Linda, Julie Hickey
Saturday	5:00pm	Michael Malovic Req by Connie Kauffman
Sunday	8:00am	Robert Zaininger Req by Gayle Zaininger & Fmly
	11:00am	Pro Populo People of the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

January 30-31, 2021

Saturday 5:00 pm Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 8:00 am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 11:00am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

ALTAR SERVERS

January 30-31, 2021

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

Sunday 11:00 am N/A

JANUARY USHERS

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

11:00 am N/A

THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY, January 29, 2021

Pray Rosary in Church

8:30 am



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

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

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/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