

# JANUARY 20 & 21, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ,

Time is a profoundly precious resource. When we think about the resources available to us, we often focus on material things. While we may be able to increase the amount of money in our bank account or affect the outcome of a given project, we can never manufacture more time.

Today's readings invite us to recognize the precious nature of time. We often focus either on what will happen in the future or on what happened in the past. But the present moment is where we can act, for good or for bad. We cannot change what has already happened. What might be in the future is still only in our mind, only in our imagination. But this moment, right now, we can make a choice. It is precious and unrepeatable.

Today's readings call us to listen to God's voice in every moment of our day, and to act, with the help of his grace. They call us to keep our eyes focused on Christ, here and now, but also to keep a view toward the eternal. As we say yes to Jesus today, Christ shapes our hearts for the eternal yes to heaven that will be offered at the end of our earthly lives.

In our first reading, the people of Nineveh listen to God's call and respond actively. Jonah had only gone a single day's journey through the city when the people answered the call to conversion. They acted, they turned away from evil, and they were saved from destruction. The Letter to the Corinthians also reminds us of the urgency to act now, to make the choice to participate in the transformative work God is doing in our world. And our Gospel contains the striking image of Simon, Andrew, James, and John abandoning their nets and following Jesus.

Jesus is calling *us* today. Maybe he is calling us to drop something that we have been clinging to so we can follow him more fully. Maybe he is calling us to lay down our weeping or our rejoicing, to move into a new phase accompanied by his presence and love. Maybe he is calling us to turn away from a particular habit, or seek his healing in the sacrament of reconciliation. Maybe he is simply calling us to listen to his voice more closely, to make time to read Scripture, to pray, to reflect, to talk with a spiritual mentor or a friend.

Today Jesus is calling us near, calling us to the profound intimacy of the Eucharist. In this precious and sacred time, he wants to nourish us and give us all we need to answer his call, big or small. May we be given the grace to open our hearts to Christ's presence – to act in this moment given to us and receive the boundless love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Marco



**MOVIE NIGHT** IHM is hosting a movie night in the Parish Hall on Saturday, January 27. The feature is Sight & Sound's version of Moses. Doors open at 5 pm and the movie starts at 5:30 pm. The event is free, bring your family and friends!

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** Sponsored by Knights of Columbus on Saturday, January 27 from 9 am until 2 pm at Knights Hall (41605 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD 20650). To donate, either sign up at [WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG](http://WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG) then insert KOC1470 into the box FIND A DRIVE in the upper right corner, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). After registering for your donation appointment, use Rapid Pass the DAY of the drive to fast track your donation "check in." Go to [www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) to learn more.

**ARE YOU HAVING UNRESOLVED FEELINGS ABOUT YOUR ABORTION?** You are not alone! Any woman, who has gone through an abortion, is invited to attend an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, April 13. You will find the Sacraments, a caring retreat team, a witness talk, and a non-judgmental atmosphere. Exact location and participation are confidential, due to the personal nature of this experience. For more information, contact Project Rachel Ministry, sponsored by The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington: Helpline 301-982-2008. You are also welcome to send an email to: [hope@adw.org](mailto:hope@adw.org)

**ABORTION HURTS MEN TOO** Are you suffering the loss of a child from abortion? You are not alone! Come and experience the Mercy of God at Entering Canaan Men's Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, March 16. You will find the Sacraments, a caring retreat team, a witness talk, and a non-judgmental atmosphere. Exact location and participation are confidential, due to the personal nature of this experience. For more information, contact Project Rachel Ministry, sponsored by The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington: Helpline 301-982-2008. You are also welcome to send an email to: [prmwashington@adw.org](mailto:prmwashington@adw.org).

**MASS INTENTIONS** may be requested at the parish office during regular office hours (M—F, 8 am—4 pm) in person or by phone (301-863-8144 x11), or by e-mailing [julian@ihmrcc.org](mailto:julian@ihmrcc.org). Your desired date may not be available. We now have the ability to accept Mass intention stipends online (but only **after** the date has been accepted by the office).

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS Intentions

January 22 — January 28

<b>Monday</b>	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/PS 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/ Mk 3:22-30
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Michell Cleaveland (S)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Mk 3:31-35
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Sr. Gion Linh Nguyen, DSP (L)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Sm 7:4-17/PS 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/ Mk 4:1-20
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Rev. Roderick McKee (D)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 22:3-16/PS 117:1bc, 2/ Mk 16:15-18
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Linda Lloyd (S)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	2 Tm 1:1-8/PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/ Mk 4:26-34
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Dcn. Michael Crowe (L)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4:35-41
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Dcn. Juan Ortiz (L)</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Dcn. Ronnie Chavez (L)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Rev. Ryan Braam (L)</b>
<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Michelle Braam (D)</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>All IHM Parishioners</b>



**CARENET BABY SHOWER** Everyone is invited to a baby shower on Sunday, February 4 in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall from 2 to 4 pm. Cash and Baby Care Donations will be accepted! Proceeds will support Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland.



**IHM MUSIC MINISTRY** If you are interested in sharing your musical talents with the parish, there is a place for you in this ministry! Please email Mary at [mary@ihmrcc.org](mailto:mary@ihmrcc.org).

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Please email your submission to [bulletin@ihmrcc.org](mailto:bulletin@ihmrcc.org) by Wednesday at 10 am prior to the Sunday of publication. All entries are subject to editing.

**FORMED** To sign up for Formed, the premier site to access Catholic Media online, go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and press "sign up" and then enter the ZIP code of the parish "20653", follow the directions to create an account, and then enjoy!

**IHM MOM'S CLUB** Join our new Mom's Club at IHM, for moms with children of all ages to connect, learn and grow in faith together. We will alternate evening and daytime meetings to fit all schedules; we won't have child care available, but children (and husbands) are welcome to come as needed, and light refreshment will be provided. RSVP to our first meeting on Monday, February 12 from 6 to 7 pm to help select group topics and future meeting dates by contacting Emily Yazawa at [emily.m.yazawa@gmail.com](mailto:emily.m.yazawa@gmail.com).

**ALTAR FLOWERS/SANCTUARY CANDLES** If you would like to donate the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candles in memory or for special intentions of a loved one, please call the Parish Office or email at [cindy@ihmrcc.org](mailto:cindy@ihmrcc.org).

**PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE AND EPHEBUS** Join Fr. Harry Stokes and Fr. Ray Schmidt as they lead us in the Footsteps of St. Paul. We will tour many holy sites in Greece and then set sail on a 4-day cruise to visit several Greek islands and the Blessed Virgin's home in Ephesus. September 27 – October 7, 2024. \$4,811.00. For more information contact Margaret at [stjoepa@comcast.net](mailto:stjoepa@comcast.net), or to register visit <https://sq408nio.paperform.co>.



### PLEASE PRAY

#### THAT THE SICK MAY BE RESTORED TO FULL HEALTH

Audrey Somers, Kathleen Floyd, Jane Kenyon, Linda F. Gieser, Ralph Gough Sr., Betty LePore, Joseph, Rylee Corliss, Alan Stapanon, Ruby Garcia, Mia Garcia, Matthew Riddell, Marie C. Williams, Kaylee Klier, Wanda Slater, Enedina Melendez, Hector Perez, Josephine, Glenn Thompson III, John Worrell, Jim Makin, Carmen Colby, Gary Green, Grace Miedzinski, Bruce Riddell, Katelyn Corliss, Robert Weaver, Devlin Rich, Ana Gates, Dennis Berg, Alejandra Spargo, Lisa and Paul Crowe, Adele Bavani, Violette Ghalbouny, Helen Pearson, John Flynn, Michael Briscoe, Patricia A. Louis, Susan Marie Hollis, Melva Coates, Frances Roof, Jayne C., Dcn. Barnes, Claude Clark, Coleen Corliss, Katie Beuchert,

*Please note: names will remain on this list for two months, unless otherwise notified. To keep a name on the list, please resubmit by contacting [bulletin@ihmrcc.org](mailto:bulletin@ihmrcc.org), or call the Parish Office.*

#### PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Follow us on



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**THE PATEN** (from *Sacred Signs* by Fr. Romano Guardini, 1927)

[The paten is the metal dish on which the Eucharistic host is placed on the altar.]

One morning I had climbed a high hill and was turning around to go back. Below me, in the early light, ringed around with the silent hills, lay the lake, crystal clear. Great green trees bordered it with their nobly-sweeping boughs. The sky was high and spacious. The whole scene was so fresh, so clear, that a feeling of joy took possession of me. It was as if invisible noiseless fountains were shooting up into the bright, far, distance.

Then I came to understand how a man, whose heart is overflowing, may stand with uplifted face, and hands outspread like the shallow dish of the paten, and offer up to the Infinite Goodness, to the Father of lights, to God, who is love, the world around him and within him, the silent world brimming over with life and light, and how it would seem to him that that world, lifted up on the paten of his open hands, would be clean and holy.

Thus did Christ once stand on the spiritual mount and offer up to his Father the holocaust [sacrifice] of his love and his life's breath. On a lower eminence of that same mountain, on the foothill of Mount Moriah, Abraham performed his sacrifice. And in the same spot before this the King and Priest Melchisedech had made expiation. In the self-same place, in the first age of the world, Abel's simple offering rose straight up to heaven.

That spiritual mountain still rises, and the hand of God is still stretched out above, and the gift mounts up every time a priest— not in his own person, since he is merely the instrument, of no value in itself,—stands at the altar and raises in his outspread hands the paten with the white bread on it. "Receive, O Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, this spotless victim, which I, thine unworthy servant, offer to thee, O God, living and true, for all my countless sins and negligences, and for all those here present... that it may avail for my and their salvation into life everlasting." [The current version of the *Roman Missal* has replaced this prayer with the following: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life."]

**MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS** This month's Mass with Healing Prayers is at 7 pm on Monday, January 22. After Mass, we will have Eucharistic Adoration and prayers for healing with laying on of hands. Confessions begin at 6:30 pm and continue as long as there are penitents.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

January 22 — January 28	
Mon: 6 :30 pm	Confession
7 pm	Mass w/ Healing Prayers
Wed: 10 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Thurs: 7 pm	Interest Meeting: Permanent Deaconate
Sat: 5 pm	IHM Movie Night
Sun: After all Masses	IHM Fellowship Sunday

**IHM FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY** The next Fellowship Sunday is on Sunday, January 28. Join us in the Parish Hall for coffee, donuts, and fellowship after Mass!

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?** IHM is hosting a interest session given by the Archdiocese for those men who are interested in learning about joining the permanent deaconate. The event is Wednesday, January 31st starting at 7 pm. Applicants must be baptized Catholic men between the ages of thirty and sixty (at the time the formation program begins). For other requirements and additional information see <https://adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program/>. Those wishing to attend one of the scheduled sessions, please contact Ms. Diane Biggs in the Archdiocesan Diaconate Office at 301-853-5345 or at [biggsd@adw.org](mailto:biggsd@adw.org).

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament offers a virtual eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, sibling or significant other. The next series will begin Tuesday, February 20 and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through April 9 from 7 to 8:30 pm. As a reminder, the meetings are virtual. For more information contact Jim Hoffman at [hoffmanjpc@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmanjpc@gmail.com) or call cell: (202) 577 – 2213.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** This year Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10 am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples must register with the parish office by January 27, 2024 to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

**THE ARM OF ST. JUDE** St. Johns in Hollywood is hosting a sacred relic, the arm of St. Jude, on Tuesday, February 6. Veneration begins at 1 pm, Mass at 7 pm, and veneration ends at 10 pm.





January 21, 2024

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10 | 1 Cor 7:29-31 | Mk 1:14-20

Written by  
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### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Sometimes I feel like I need a Jonah in my life: someone who will come along and shake things up; someone who will nudge me and say, *hey, you're doing it wrong!* No one wants to be criticized, but I know I need loving guidance to help me when I am not at my best. It's easy to get caught up in the swirl of life and neglect (even if unintentionally) what's important. Jonah was given the unpleasant task of pointing out to the people of Nineveh their failings. Unlike many communities who resisted God's words, by the end of the first day of Jonah's anticipated three-day trek across the city, "the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth." For all the evil they had done, and the rebellion they had demonstrated, the people there weren't irredeemable. They simply needed Jonah to point out how they had gone astray, and the grace of open ears and hearts to receive the message. Who has the Lord placed in our lives in the role of Jonah? How has he blessed us with the ability to receive, and repent where necessary?

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We don't seem to have obvious prophets like Jonah nowadays, but that doesn't mean God has left us without guides. We have the Church, Christ's body on earth, and the ever-present help of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus selected his first followers: men who would become the Twelve Apostles, anointed to spread his word and speak in his stead even after Jesus left the earth. We know that there were other followers: men, women and children who became his disciples; Jews and Gentiles who were baptized. We are part of that apostolic tradition, each one of us baptized into the common priesthood "exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace – a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit." (CCC 1547) The call to holiness can be hard to hear in the din of today's busy and secular world, but it is not impossible. We can pray for the grace to hear how God is asking each of us to live out his commands and proclaim the Good News to the world.

**PRAY** Today's psalm (Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9) is a wonderful way to ask God for this favor. Make it part of your morning or evening prayer for the next week. "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths."