

Working with the Word

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: John had been arrested, darkness ... great light, Jesus began to preach, He called them, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom

To the point: John's ministry is finished; with his arrest, the tradition of Old Testament prophets dies. Enter Jesus, inaugurating a new reality. Jesus calls Peter and Andrew, James and John to leave their life as they knew it and become disciples who now proclaim the "gospel of the kingdom." Humanity moves now from darkness into "a great light." New teaching happens now. New healing comes now. New Life is given now. Now, a new Presence.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** The darkness to which Isaiah refers is a political reality of oppression and subjugation. The "great light" symbolizes Israel's deliverance and freedom. By situating Jesus in the same land of darkness, Matthew is asserting that the great light shining in the darkness is Jesus.

... **to experience:** We easily identify figures of immense personal presence (Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.) who changed the course of human history. Jesus' personal Presence is so utterly immense that he even more dramatically changed the course of human history.

Memory Verse

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. Psalm 28:7. — "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11

Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord, bless our week. We know we will encounter challenges and pressure, but do not allow it get to us. Do not allow the bustle of the week become an issue of bad circumstance for us. Cover us with the blood of Jesus and help us with the desire to stay motivated. Remember us through this journey of life and bring us back home safely. Amen.

Psalm 27

A I W M H M T C D H A O T H N U Q
 O X V H L K J F X S D M M H P R V
 M P I I O J O V Z B U L F P G S X
 N Y F C Z M H P P E A N H Q I I G
 J E T N B E R X B S C F U M O A L
 L F V N F S H D P L E I L L A H S
 A H D E E A D T R A C G M H N N S
 F Y L G S W O S R O M Y V S K O T
 C M O X E Z T A W S P U K Q F I F
 O G H I Y R Y H F S U Q M B I T A
 D Z G D K I U H H D E K J Z W A J
 E V N M J J T C J S S M O N H V Z
 N B O F A T O J A G W H S A A L E
 E D R B M N L I S H Q U I Y H A K
 P E T Y M Y B O W U K V K G D S M
 P Y S D P W F E R D L X R C O A D
 H I I V X W C O C D J K H U T N H

Stronghold	Salvation	Shall I	Twenty
Seven	Psalm	Light	Lord
Life	Fear	Whom	The
Is	My	Of	

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"The Lord is my light and my salvation!"

"O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place. (Cf. Psalm 96 [95]:1,6)"

25th January 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 8: 23 – 9: 3

Resp Ps: 27:1, 4, 13-14

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

1st February 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2: 3; 3:12-13

Ps: 146: 6-7, 8-9a, 96c-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a



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 Rev. Mr. Ricardo Demeritte, Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAYS: 7.00am & 9.00am

WEEKDAYS: 6.15 am

Wednesdays - Adoration at 5.30pm followed by Mass

HOLIDAYS: 8.00 a.m.

Bible Study Monday 6.15pm

CONFESSIONS:

SUNDAY: by appointment

BAPTISMS:

Call Parish Office to arrange

A WARM AND LOVING WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS!

Please come again and if you would like to become a member, our contacts are listed above.

To our members, We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers!

Let us Pray

Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease, realize that they are chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen.

Darren Antonio Sr., Stafford Armbrister, Leonard Bain, Shimonte Bain, Guy-Philip Bain, Paul Barnett Sr., Angnist Burrows, Uthan Cornish, Laurie Curtis, Linda Demeritte, Carroll Edgecombe, Michael Farrington, Arnold Ferguson, Clarence Ferguson, Brian Fernander, Salvacion Foody, Patricia Higgs, Monique Johnson, Creola Kelly, Daphne Kerr, Annette Knowles, Patricia Knowles, Terrance Knowles, Ida Major, Dellareese McPhee, Supt. Buchanan Moncur, Christina Moss, Drucilla Moss, Saintalus Paul, Tanya Pinder-Carey, Agatha Pratt, Valgo Shannon, Jayde Smith, Juanita Symonette, Jacinta White, Nancy Wilmott, Anastina Wilson, the imprisoned, the homebound, the hospitalized and persons in the Geriatrics Hospital. (If you or a member of your family is ill, kindly contact the Parish Office.)

Daily Readings

26 January 2026 – Monday

St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops

1st Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 1-8 or Titus 1: 1-5

Resp Ps: 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10

Gospel: Mark 3:22-30

27 January 2026 – Tuesday

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 6: 12b-15, 17-19

Resp Ps: 24: 7, 8, 9, 10

Gospel: Mark 3: 31-35

28 January 2026 – Wednesday

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

1st Reading: Wisdom 7: 7-10, 15-16 or

2 Samuel 7: 4-17

Resp Ps: 119 or Ps: 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30

Gospel: Matthew 23: 8-12 or Mark 4: 1-20

29 January 2026 – Thursday

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 18-19, 24-29

Resp Ps: 132: 1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14

Gospel: Mark 4: 21-25

30 January 2026 – Friday

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17

Resp Ps: 51: 3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11

Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34

31 January 2026 – Saturday

St. John Bosco, Priest

1st Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9 or 2 Samuel 12: 1-7a, 10-17

Responsorial Ps: 103 or Ps: 51: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Gospel: Matthew 18: 1-5 or Mark 4: 35-41



Happy Birthday Greetings to

Kavon Rolle, China Davis, Antonia Ingraham, Frederick Demeritte (Today) Ricardo Demeritte, Valencia Anthony, Jane Parks, Sandra Russell (Mon) Maranda Lightbourne, C. Trevor Carey, Jay'ell Greenslade (Tues) Ella Gray, Cardia Marshall, Feliciano Cooper (Thurs) Kellan Williams, Lydia Ferguson, Agnes Cash-Greene (Fri) Troy Rodgers, Davyn Fernander, Lauren Ferguson, Leevan Johnson, Stephen Basden, Da'Shawn Clarke, Judith Davis (Sat). and to all celebrating this week!

LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 25th, 2026

7am

1st Reader/Commentator - Rose Burton

2nd Reader - Delora Moncur

9am

1st Reader - Mary Musgrove

2nd Reader/Commentator - Kevin Fernander

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 1st, 2026

7am

1st Reader/Commentator - Twana Lockhart

2nd Reader - Barbara Turnquest

9am

1st Reader/Commentator - Kavon Rolle

2nd Reader - Latoya Brown

ONLINE Tithing

Did you know that you can do this ONLINE? If you have never had envelopes here's an alternative, especially if you had to travel or miss Mass for some reason or the other.

See the information below.

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Be sure to put your name in the Memo.

Light For The World

In today's Gospel Matthew applies to Jesus the prophetic oracle of Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." In like manner, the psalmist's assertion that the Lord is my light is echoed in Jesus' words: "I am the light of the world; the man who follows me will have the light of life."

Christianity is about light. Just as Jesus is light to the world, so his church is to be light in a world of darkness. Light enables the beauty of things to be seen, and we are called to make the beauty of the world shine. But we are not to call attention to ourselves: if you are aware of the light in a room, it is too bright.

Our vocation is for others, not ourselves.

Surrounded by discrimination, oppression and war, Christians are challenged to "be united in mind and judgment," and they are directed by God's love to "bring humankind to unity and peace." The light we bring to the world should lead in time to an end of all the world's darkness: the alienation and oppression of peoples, the attacks on human life and dignity, and disrespect for God's creation. "A people living in darkness has seen a great light."

The Church ... serves as a leaven and as a kind of soul for human society as it is to be renewed in Christ and transformed into God's family. ... the Church not only communicates divine life to men, but in some way casts the reflected light of that life over the entire earth.

Vatican II, Constitution on the Church in the Modern World,

1965: 40 – Gerald Darring

Catechumens and Candidates

We continue to pray for our Candidates: Duval Davis, Logan Forbes, Giovanni Knowles and Catechumens: Vanria Gibson and Paige Souffrant, as they begin their journey to Full Communion in the Church.

Confirmation II Candidates

Let us prayer for our Confirmation II Candidates who are on retreat this weekend: Keanna Bain, Chayse Bethel, Sanchez Burrows, Kayden Cartwright, Teron Cartwright Jr., Renando Fawkes, Leah Gittens, Susana Gonsalves, Khalil McCartney, Nyah Pinder, Johannes Turnquest.

Marriage Preparation 2026 Schedule

January 7 – March 11

April 1st – June 3rd

September 2nd to November 4th

For more information kindly contact the office of Family life @ 322-8919. Mrs. Eulie Elliott.

Marriage Renewal Weekend

"A Weekend to Remember An experience you will never forget.." February 13th – 15th 2026, at Emmaus Centre. Registration Fees: Early Bird \$200.00, Regular \$250.00. For more information contact Joseph & Terez Curry or the Parish Office.