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## JANUARY 21, 2024

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.  
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.  
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,  
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
& 6:00 p.m.

### RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Saturday  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
(unless noted in bulletin)

### Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction  
at 10:00 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass  
(unless noted in bulletin)

### PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY  
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COME AFTER ME  
*and I will make you*  
FISHERS OF MEN

MARK 1:17



**This week's Readings:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

**Next week's Readings:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9;  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28



"ANSWERING JESUS' CALL"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Every year, communication technology keeps changing or updating their systems. Gone are the days when every call you receive you answer them right away. Today, with caller identification, you can either suspend, cancel, or answer the call, be it someone you know or do not know. If you know that it is an important call, especially when it concerns family, health, or work, you answer right away. Such is the trend these days. But what about responding to God's call and invitation to life and to be His disciple today? Do we suspend, cancel, or answer it?

Our Gospel account this Sunday is about the call of Jesus' first disciples. As He passed by the Sea of Galilee, He saw these fishermen, Simon and Andrew, casting their nets. He said, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Peter and Andrew heard Jesus' invitation and responded, abandoning their nets and following Him. Jesus went on further and called James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They left their father and followed Him.

What is striking in this Gospel account is the response given to His invitation to follow Him. These four men left their livelihoods and family. They did not present any conditions to Jesus' call. They answered Jesus' call and followed Him.

Our journey of life and faith is also a call to follow. Who? Jesus! It is not only saying with a big "Yes" but a total commitment of trust and faithfulness. More often, unlike the disciples, we set conditions to follow. We bargain if and only if things go along well. When difficult times come, we seek easy and comfortable ways. For the most part, we ignore His call and live according to our ways and not God's.

To answer Jesus' call, we need to realize and respond to His call of conversion, "repent and believe in the Gospel." Through our conversion, we start slowly but surely to become followers and eventually witness Jesus, especially in our very secularized world. When we do, we can open our eyes of faith and know the truth that Jesus taught. We are also able to open our hearts to do what Jesus did. In doing so, then we know we are being called like the disciples.

There is no doubt each of us is being called to follow the Lord. Regardless of what situation in life we are in, the invitation is there. The question that we need to ask ourselves is this, "am I ready to commit myself to the Lord?" It may take time for us to answer, but one thing is certain: to be with the Lord is the best way to live our lives. It may be daunting because of discipleship's demands, but the reward can never be equated to any reward we may get in this earthly life.

Your friend in the Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV  
Rector



HE REPENTED  
OF THE EVIL  
THAT HE HAD  
THREATENED  
TO DO TO THEM

Jonah 3:10

**CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, Jan. 21

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repair & Maintenance

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm

Live-Streamed Mass at 12:00pm

Monday, Jan. 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of  
Unborn Babies

Masses at 6:30am &amp; 12:00pm

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Tuesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am &amp; 12:00pm

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Memorial of St. Francis de Sales

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Masses at 6:30am &amp; 12:00pm

Thursday, Jan. 25

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

Masses at 6:30am &amp; 12:00pm

Friday, Jan. 26

Memorial of Ss. Timothy and Titus

Masses at 6:30am &amp; 12:00pm

Saturday, Jan. 27

Saturday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Mass &amp; Adoration at 7:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass at 12:00pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Jan. 28

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Latin America and Black &  
Indian Mission

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**SCRIPTURE**

In life, it may seem that it doesn't always turn out that others listen and change their evil ways when confronted with the truth, or that people give up their families and livelihoods to follow God. We must be reading the Bible, because such things only happen there. Or do they? Each day men and women give up smoking, drinking, and drugs. Each day, unfaithful spouses repent and start again. And every day some generous souls join the Peace Corps, embrace religious life, or slip a ring onto another's finger because they heard a voice that said, "Come after me."

It's an insistent voice that voice we hear, and in today's readings, it is full of urgency. The time is short, it says. Respond now, before it's too late. The God who calls is full of forgiveness and of mercy, but we must reach out to take it. We must be willing to be changed, willing to give up what we enjoy and value, willing to repent of the ways of selfishness and pride. Remarkably, in the First Reading, it's God who repents "of the evil that he had threatened to do" (Jonah 3:10). Now it's our turn, for the world as we know it, whether we are aware of it or not, is passing away.

**SHARING FAITH**

Could you do what Andrew, Peter, James, and John did and abandon the life you know to embrace the uncertainty offered by Jesus? Why do you think they were able to say yes to him?

Jonah was upset when God spared Nineveh. How do you feel when you see people who don't get the punishment that you feel they deserve? Would you want all that you deserve?

The special vocation of the lay faithful is to bring the light of Christ into secular affairs, into situations where that illumination can be brought only by them. Where do you see others living and witnessing to their faith in the temporal world, and what daily opportunities do you have to do the same?

**LIVING THE LITURGY**

Research the life of a historical figure who embraced dramatic change in order to pursue their destiny. What do you most admire about the person? What aspects of their story would be too hard for you to accept?

Make a conscious effort to forgive someone who has hurt you, someone you feel justified in holding at a distance. Is it easy or difficult to let go of the anger and resentment? What might make it easier?

If your parish has a welcoming ministry for new parishioners, ask how your family can help. If not, offer to recruit help and begin one.

**REFLECTION**

"This is the time of fulfillment. . . . Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15).





**ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**  
MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL IS TO FOSTER AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH STEWARDSHIP IS UNDERSTOOD, ACCEPTED AND PRACTICED THROUGHOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of the new year.

You have entrusted us with the coming days, weeks and months as stewards of your divine plan; to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever growing confidence in your Kingdom to come.

We ask for humility to reform our lives; the courage to commit ourselves to you no matter the cost; and the wisdom to shine the light of faith on others.

Open our hearts, give us your Spirit and show us how to share your love so that we may bring hope to a world in need of your justice and peace.

We pray to be a sign of your grace in this new year through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, our God, Forever and ever.

Amen!

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

January 8 - 14, 2023

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday	\$ 6,372.71
Weekday & Coffers	\$ 1,122.34
Feast, Solemnities & Christmas	\$ 428.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,394.15
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,317.20</b>

**Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 386.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 126.63
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,032.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 347.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,208.83</b>

**Latin America and Black & Indian Mission**

The Collection for the Church in Latin America is an opportunity to #ShareYourFaith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. #1church1mission [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

The Black and Indian Mission Office is comprised of three distinct but inter-related organizations, each with its own purpose and history, but all seeking to fulfill the one Mission to the Missions! Founded by the Catholic bishops of the United States, each organization cooperates with local diocesan communities to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Read more and join us in our Mission to the Missions! <https://blackandindianmission.org/donate>

Please be generous and as always, mahalo for supporting the Church of Latin America and Black & Indian Mission!

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Are you ready for Ordinary Time? Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almuena every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:00am. Resources are available at [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). On your browser, go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account. Please see Dcn. Joe & Easter for more information.



**SAINT FOR THE WEEK**

Let the enemy rage at the gate; let him knock, pound, scream, howl; let him do his worst. We know for certain that he cannot enter our soul except by the door of our consent.

**St. Francis de Sales** (1567 - 1622), Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Feast Day, January 24