

FROM THE PASTOR

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry as narrated in Matthew's Gospel. We hear how Jesus, having left Nazareth, settles in Capernaum by the sea and fulfills Isaiah's prophecy: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Jesus, the genuine Light, begins to shine on those sitting in the shadow of death, offering hope and a new direction. Jesus proclaims: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This is not just a call to acknowledge our shortcomings, but a summons to turn our hearts toward God and embrace the Good News with renewed faith. Conversion is not a one-time event but a continual movement toward the light of Christ. In this Gospel, Jesus also calls his first disciples—simple fishermen. He invites them to leave their nets and follow him, promising to make them "fishers of men." Their immediate response is a model for us: to listen, trust, and act when Christ calls. It reminds us that God often chooses ordinary people for extraordinary missions, and that our willingness is more important than our qualifications. As we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, let us renew our commitment to listen attentively to Scripture, allowing it to illuminate our lives and guide our steps.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026 4:00 P.M.

Rita Johnson Bates, Jr. by Children

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026 7:30 A.M.

All Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026 9:00 A.M.

Living and Deceased Members of Ladies Auxiliary Court #51 by St. Paul Chapter 3
Meritorious 4th Degree Lady of Grace
Mose Milson, Jr. and Felton Normand in Memory of Birthday by Family
Rodericka Bobb, Sr. in Memory of Death by Family
Georgiana Domengeaux in Memory of Birthday by Family

Monday, Jan. 26, 2026 7:00 A.M.

No Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026 5:30 P.M.

Billy Zachary and Family by Charlesa Bernard

Wed., Jan. 28, 2026 7:00 A.M.

Julia Miller and Family by Charlesa Bernard

Thurs., Jan. 29, 2026 7:00 A.M.

Ora Wiltz and Family by Charlesa Bernard

Friday, Jan. 30, 2026 7:00 A.M.

Murphy Bates, Jr. by Children

Sat., January 31, 2026 4:00 PM

Welcome & Readings:
Madeline Cain

EOM: Lynn Bates

Altar servers:

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Air Force

Skl. Joseph J. Mouton
Kalen Louvere
Caleb Smith
Tevin Barker
Troy Wilridge, Jr.

Army:

Scott Davy
Marcus Dugar
Montica P. Dugar
Laquita Dugar
Kim Walters (*Retired Captain*)
Preston Dejean III

Navy:

Jan Smith (*Chief*)
Avery Chester, Jr. (*Cmdr*)
Leon E. Bias (*Master Chief*)
Seamen Keison Minix
Dylan Montgomery,
Deniqua Freddie (*Cmdr*)
Colby Clement

Marine

Taurean Thibodeaux
Chris Williams
(*Staff Sgt*)
Lyonal Cormier
(*Staff Sgt*)

Sun., February 01, 2026 7:30 AM

Welcome & Readings:

Theresa Morris
EOM: Alma Sinclair
Altar servers: Tim Henry

Sun., February 01, 2026 9:00 AM

Welcome & Reading:

Dollie Monroe
EOM: Darren Thomas
Altar servers: Trae'jon, A'leiik, K'Dynn

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Donald Adams
Florence Allen
Leslie Allen
Dawanna Andrus
John W. Arceneaux
Rowena Norwood
Shavon Ardoine
Gloria Babineaux
Ashley Baines
Derrick Batiste
Shirley Gable
Rosa Batiste
Mitchell Bellard
John (JYD) Solomon
Mary (Betsy) Breaux
Brenda Bias
Ollie Bias
Authuria Byers
Albertine Bernard
Charlesa Bernard
Stella Bernard
Torrie Bernard
Edmonia Beverly
Patricia Beverly
Harold Boutte
Jasmine Carrier
Mona Carrier
Monique Carrier
Aleathia Celestine
Kermit Chambers
Alfred Segura
Hilda M. Scott
Harold Chevis
Diane Comeaux
Sheila Fontenot
Zaidyn Damond
Carmen Drake
Christine Dugar
Ulysses Demuchest
Dorothy Eaglin
Angelina Freddie
Mary Ann Gray
Patricia Ross
Bernard George
Remi Castille
Cheryl Garrick
Verna Young
Wilma Bates
Ramona Malbrough
Sandra Cole
Anthony Walker
Artis McCrea III
Donald R. Minix
Audrey Bobb

Ariyana Freddie
Ernie Millier
Dalton George
Collins George
Mervin George
Zelma Glodd
Christian Guillory
Loretta Guillory
Heavenly Edward
Louis Harmon
M/M Wilfred Pierre
Louise Henry
Clifton Hollier
Elizabeth Imoru
Gloria Jackson
Jamie Lee Brown
Mary B. Johnson
LaShonda Jones
John Romeo
Sue Lewis
Gabriella (Lila) Logan
Larry Melancon
Frederick Minix
Icelynn S. Moore
Jimmy Moore
Cleveland Morris
Joey Orebo
Beckum John Primeaux
Alvin Chaffers
Belton Narcisse
Audrey Chevis
Verlia Cormier
Tamekia Scott
Rodney Cormier
Lilie Francis
Ivory Solomon
Michael Solomon
Alzena Veazie
Wilbert (Derek) Wilridge
Prestlyn Thomas
Phyllis Wiltz
Buster Senegal
Lois Cormier
Wilson Stiner
Eddie Scott
Lisa Demuchest
Alverta Douglas
Patsy Thorns
Wilkins Baker
Brandon Lewis
Gwen Walker
Celetchia Allen
Anna Belle Vondestien
Deontai John Primeaux

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Church envelopes for 2026 can be purchased at the church office for \$5.00 per box.
- There will be Catechism classes this Sunday, January 25, 2026.
- Next week's second collection is for the Building Fund. Please donate generously.
- There will be adoration on Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
- The Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the church hall. Attendance is highly encouraged.
- Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Sharon Wilridge, Giovanna Cook, Isalee Malbrough, Eric Collins, Chelsia Bernard, Dominique Jordan, M/M Eltan and Dominique Jordan

CONFESION

Tuesday: **5:00 PM – 5:20 PM**

Saturday: **3:30PM – 3:50 PM**

Sunday: **7:00 AM – 7:20 AM & 8:30 AM – 8:50 AM**

LAST WEEK'S MASS

ATTENDANCE

Jan. 17, 2026 4:00 PM (42)
Jan. 18, 2026 7:30 AM (50)
Jan. 18, 2026 9:00 AM (48)

COLLECTION

Weekly Collection \$2,114.00
Second Collection \$264.00
Online Donation \$0.00
Renovation Fund \$310.00
Bazaar Fund \$100.00

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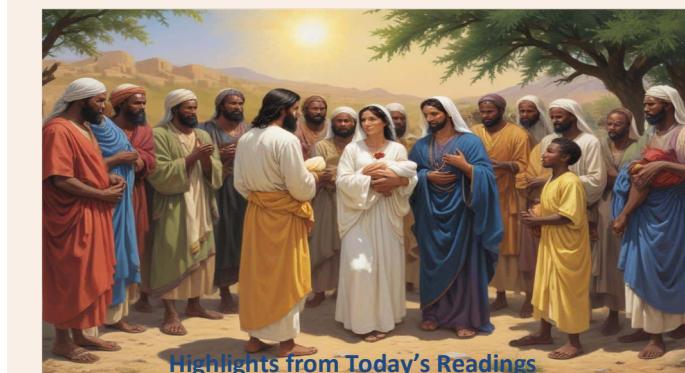
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First Reading: *Isaiah 8:23-9:3*: Isaiah speaks to a people who have experienced darkness and oppression, particularly in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali. The prophecy announces a great light shining on those in darkness, bringing joy, freedom, and the end of oppression. This passage sets the stage for the Gospel, as Matthew later identifies Jesus' ministry in Galilee as the fulfillment of this promise.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 27*: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?" The psalmist expresses profound trust in God amid adversity: The desire to dwell in God's presence and seek His guidance is a central theme, echoing the hope and illumination announced by Isaiah.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*: St. Paul appeals for unity in the Christian community, urging believers to overcome divisions and factions. Paul reminds the Corinthians that Christ alone is the foundation of their faith, not human leaders. The focus is on the power of the Gospel, not human eloquence, as the means through which God works.

Gospel: *Matthew 4:12-23*: Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy about a light dawning in darkness. He proclaims, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus calls Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John to leave their nets and follow him, inviting them to become "fishers of men." The disciples' immediate response highlights the call to radical trust and discipleship. Jesus travels throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the Good News, and healing the sick, demonstrating the transformative power of God's kingdom.

Key Insights: The readings highlight God's initiative to bring light and hope to those in darkness. There is a call to conversion, unity, and active discipleship. Jesus is revealed as the fulfillment of prophecy, the Light for all nations, and the One who calls us to follow him wholeheartedly.