



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 4 th 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	Sun., February 01, 2026	7:30 AM
Welcome & Readings: Madeline Cain		Welcome & Readings: Therresa Morris	
EOM: Lynn Bates		EOM: Alma Sinclair	
Altar servers:		Altar servers: Tim Henry	
Sun., February 01, 2026		9:00 AM	
Welcome & Reading: Dollie Monroe		Welcome & Reading: Darren Thomas	
EOM: Darren Thomas		EOM: Darren Thomas	
Altar servers: Trae’jon, A’leiiik, K’Dynn		Altar servers: Trae’jon, A’leiiik, K’Dynn	

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY	
Air Force	Akeem Robinson
Skl. Joseph J. Mouton	Jordan Solomon
Kalen Louvere	Lt. Col. Luciana Augustine
Caleb Smith	Maya-Alexandra Clement
Tevin Barker	
Troy Wilridge, Jr.	
Army:	
Scott Davy	Schnicka Singleton
Marcus Dugar	(Chief Warrant Officer)
Montica P. Dugar	William Simon
Laquita Dugar	Damien Comeaux
Kim Walters (Retired Captain)	Troy Williams James Martin
Preston Dejean III	Shawn Webster (Germany)
	PFC Khalil Anderson
Navy:	
Jan Smith (Chief)	Shevon Savoy
Avery Chester, Jr.(Cmdr)	(Cmdr. Master Chief)
Leon E. Bias (Master Chief)	O’Dazio Thomas,
Seamen Keison Minix	Johnny Lambert III
Dylan Montgomery,	Zion Averett,
Deniqua Freddie (Cmdr)	Johnny Wilson
Colby Clement	Ryan K. Senegal (E2)
Marine	Kenneth Hoover Jr
Taurean Thibodeaux	Julius Nijal Clement
Chris Williams	Ryan Landry, Jr. (Lance Corporal)
(Staff Sgt)	
Lyonel Cormier	
(Staff Sgt.)	

PRAY FOR THE SICK	
Donald Adams	Ariyana Freddie
Florence Allen	Ernie Millier
Leslie Allen	Dalton George
Dawanna Andrus	Collins George
John W. Arceneaux	Mervin George
Rowena Norwood	Zelma Glodd
Shavon Ardoin	Christian Guillory
Gloria Babineaux	Loretta Guillory
Ashley Baines	Heavenly Edward
Derrick Batiste	Louis Harmon
Shirley Gable	M/M Wilfred Pierre
Rosa Batiste	Louise Henry
Mitchell Bellard	Clifton Hollier
John (JYD) Solomon	Elizabeth Imoru
Mary (Betsy) Breaux	Gloria Jackson
Brenda Bias	Jamie Lee Brown
Ollie Bias	Mary B. Johnson
Authuria Byers	LaShonda Jones
Albertine Bernard	John Romeo
Charlesa Bernard	Sue Lewis
Stella Bernard	Gabriella (Lila) Logan
Torrie Bernard	Larry Melancon
Edmonia Beverly	Frederick Minix
Patricia Beverly	Icelynne S. Moore
Harold Boutte	Jimmy Moore
Jasmine Carrier	Cleveland Morris
Mona Carrier	Joey Orebo
Monique Carrier	Beckum John Primeaux
Aleathia Celestine	Alvin Chaffers
Kermit Chambers	Belton Narcisse
Alfred Segura	Audrey Chevis
Hilda M. Scott	Verlia Cormier
Harold Chevis	Tamekia Scott
Diane Comeaux	Rodney Cormier
Sheila Fontenot	Lilie Francis
Zaidyn Damond	Ivory Solomon
Carmen Drake	Michael Solomon
Christine Dugar	Alzena Veazie
Ulysses Demuchest	Wilbert (Derek) Wilridge
Dorothy Eaglin	Prestlyn Thomas
Angelina Freddie	Phyllis Wiltz
Mary Ann Gray	Buster Senegal
Patricia Ross	Lois Cormier
Bernard George	Wilson Stiner
Remi Castille	Eddie Scott
Cheryl Garrick	Lisa Demuchest
Verna Young	Alverta Douglas
Wilma Bates	Patsy Thorns
Ramona Malbrough	Wilkins Baker
Sandra Cole	Brandon Lewis
Anthony Walker	Gwen Walker
Artis McCrea III	Celethia Allen
Donald R. Minix	Anna Belle Vondestien
Audrey Bobb	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

CONFESSION

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		COLLECTION
Jan. 17, 2026	4:00 PM (42)	Weekly Collection \$2,114.00
Jan. 18, 2026	7:30 AM (50)	Second Collection \$264.00
Jan. 18, 2026	9:00 AM (48)	Online Donation \$0.00
		Renovation Fund \$310.00
		Bazaar Fund \$100.00

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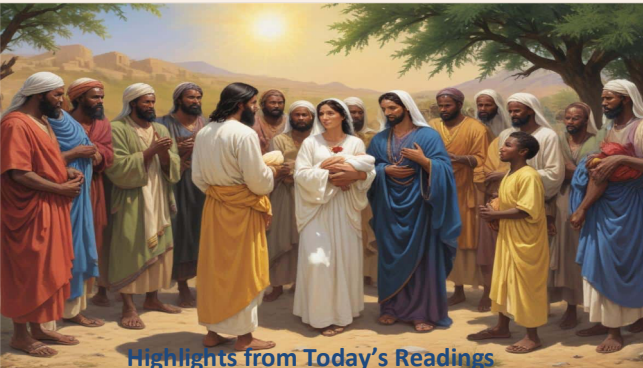
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Highlights from Today’s Readings

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.