

## PARISH CALENDER

Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

I am the light of the world,  
says the Lord.

Saturday, January 20	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, January 21	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass ( <b>Live Stream</b> )
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, January 22	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	<b>Food Pantry Closed</b>
Tuesday, January 23	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>Finance Council Meeting - Kamiano Trailer</b>
Wednesday, January 24	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, January 25	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, January 26	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday, January 27	..... 7:30 a.m.	Liturgy of Hours/Rosary
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 3:15-4:00 p.m.	<b>Confession - Church</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Dt:18:15-20:** Moses told all the people that the Lord would raise up a prophet among them and put words into his mouth. Whoever does not listen must answer to the Lord.

**1 Cor:7:32-35:** Paul encouraged the Corinthians, in view of the times, to remain free of worry and devoted to God.

**Mk:1:21-28:** Jesus entered the synagogue to teach. All were amazed because he spoke with such great authority. When unclean spirits obeyed Jesus, the crowd stood in awe.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:14-15

Jesus begins His public ministry immediately after being tempted by the devil while in the desert for forty days. As He begins His ministry, He declares: "This is the time of fulfillment." First, the beginning of Jesus' public ministry was, historically speaking, the "time of fulfillment," in that the new era of the Gospel and grace had just begun. But the "time of fulfillment" of which Jesus speaks also refers to each and every time that we hear the Gospel and respond. We do this by sincerely repenting of our sins and by becoming a fuller member of God's Kingdom. But ponder for a moment the specific word "fulfillment." What does this mean?

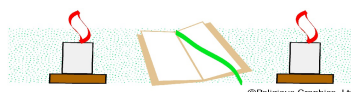
The word "fulfilled" can be contrasted with its opposite "unfulfilled." To be unfulfilled is always undesirable. In this world, many people find themselves unfulfilled and try to fill this void with many things. Interestingly, the three temptations that Jesus had just experienced in the desert are among the temptations that so many people give into during their search for fulfillment in life.

First, Jesus was hungry, and the devil tempted Him to turn stones into bread to satiate that hunger. This is a temptation to fleshly fulfillment. Second, the devil tempted Jesus to throw Himself off the pinnacle of the Temple to prove He was the Son of God. This is a temptation to fulfillment by pride—pride to convince another of one's importance and identity. Third, the devil showed Jesus all the nations of the world and promised them to our Lord if Jesus worshiped him. This is a temptation to fulfillment by obtaining earthly wealth and power. Of course, Jesus rejected all three temptations as a way of showing that none of these truly fulfill us. And He did this just prior to the beginning of His public ministry so as to then go forth preaching the true message of fulfillment. "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

True fulfillment is only found in the Gospel, the message of Truth that Jesus shared during His three years of public ministry and then brought to completion by His sacrificial death and resurrection. Only those who heed His words and open themselves to the grace poured forth from the Cross are able to find the fulfillment that they seek.

**Reflect, today, upon your own interior desire for fulfillment in life. How do you try to satiate this desire? Do you allow the evil one to trick you into thinking that fleshly desires, pride or wealth are the answer? Reject those temptations with our Lord and then immerse yourself in His Gospel message, which is the only source of fulfillment in life.**

Lord of true fulfillment, You and You alone are the source of the fullness of life. I believe that with all my heart. Please give me the grace I need to reject all temptations in life and to cling only to Your holy Word and the grace given to all who follow You. Jesus, I trust in You..(**My Catholic Life**)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SHARE YOUR FAITH: SUPPORT THE COLLECTION

**FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA:** Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION:** Next week we will take up the Collection for the Black and Indian Missions: This Collection has for the last 131 years, changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States. Our financial support of the Collection is the mechanism that affects the Church's evangelization efforts. We all agree that never have the needs for the Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans communities been so great. Envelopes are in you envelop packets and at the back of church.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image." *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Jan 21 Sun: Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*Jn:3:1-5, 10; Ps:25; 1 Cor:7:29-31; Mk:1:14-20*

**Jan 22 Mon: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

*2 Sm:5:1-7, 10; Ps:89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk:3:22-30*

**Jan 23 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

*2 Sm:6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps:24: 7, 8, 9, 10; Mk:3:31-35*

**Jan 24 Wed: Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

*2 Sam:7:4-17; Ps:89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk:4:1-20*

**Jan 25 Thur: The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle**

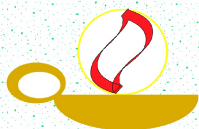
*Acts:22:3-16; Ps:117:1bc, 2; Mk:16:15-18*

**Jan 26 Fri: Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

*2 Tm:1:1-8; Ps:96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk:4:26-34*

**Jan 27 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

*2 Sm:12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps:51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk:4:35-41*



Guide me  
O Lord  
in your truth

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## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's letter from Saint Paul to the Corinthians, he calls upon people of faith to disengage from the world's way of living. He wants the community to step back and see how being entangled with the outside world can be a captivity preventing them from living authentic lives in Christ. Yet, to his way of thinking, disengagement is not an end in itself. Rather, being disengaged and set free, a person can engage the world from the perspective of being one who is "in Christ." Good stewards recognized that they live in a troubled world. Knowing the certainty, however, of God's ultimate kingdom beyond human history, how can we work as good stewards of our daily lives to align the present and the future with that kingdom.

**International Catholic Stewardship Council**

## GOD CHANGE'S HEARTS

Does anything ever change God's mind? Today's story from Jonah answers yes.

Most of us know Jonah as the prophet who was swallowed by a fish. Not everyone remembers the rest of the story.

Jonah didn't want to be a prophet. When God asked him to bring a message to Nineveh, Jonah refused. He ran away, boarded a ship, and tried to hide from God.

It didn't work. The ship hit turbulent waters. The sailors believed that God was coming after someone on the boat. They figured out it was Jonah, so they threw him overboard and into the jaws of a giant fish. After three days, the fish delivered Jonah safely to land. Surely, Jonah was relieved to see the earth again. But it probably shocked him to find out where he was. The fish had brought him to Nineveh, the very city where God wanted him to go in the first place.

So Jonah gave up. He prophesied destruction to Nineveh, as God had asked him to do. God was determined to punish the people for their sins.

But then something happened. The people repented, and they changed God's mind. God decided not to punish them after all. Sometimes what changes God's mind is changing ours.

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