

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 21, 2018

First Reading:

The first reading reminds me of the start of a new year and everyone's New Year's resolutions (which is very apparent right now at the health club given the increase in attendance). God has Jonah set out through the City of Nenevah and warn the people that in forty days their city will be destroyed. The citizens of the city believed Jonah and recognized he was carrying God's message and collectively made their "new year's resolutions" and repented thus sparing the city.

Second Reading

The second reading I had to read quite a few times. Being an engineer I did a lot of searching on the internet for this one since I wasn't completely sure what message was being given. From the articles I have read, I believe the reading indicates that now that Christ has arrived, the end is in sight, i.e. the second coming. We should continue to live, but we should live differently. We should not focus on material things but should instead focus on being better people.

Gospel

The gospel of Mark talks of Jesus building the church by recruiting Simon, Andrew, John and James to spread the good word. This gospel reminds us of our duties as Catholics to evangelize our religion and bring more people into our church family. It is easy to place this duty on the back burner. As former Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus, recruitment was always a challenge when balancing your time amongst the other duties of the office. It is an important task however in that if you don't bring in that next generation, the flock can wither and die. This is a golden opportunity to share the good word and get new people interested in the Catholic faith or perhaps bring back those who have strayed for whatever reason.

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