

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 24, 2021**

*Jonah 3: 1-5, 10*

*Psalm 25*

*1 Corinthians 7: 29-31*

*Mark 1: 14-20*

The Lord Takes Us Out of Our Way.

"Set out for the great city of Nineveh and announce to it the great message that I will tell you."

Jonah surely did not have this assignment in his sights. God did, however. Jonah goes to the city. He was "simply" about fulfilling his assignment. In his mind he could not expect a warm welcome by the people. He was going to give them bad news. "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed." The messenger of this announcement may be killed!

However, surprise! The people all repent, great and small. God's word is powerful. Wherever the Word goes out it may take effect. It does in Nineveh and God is delighted. He does not destroy the city and its people.

From time to time in my life I have enough courage to say to God, "Your ways O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior." Yes, it takes courage to ask God this. For one, I must be ready to get out of my comfort zone and do things differently and go to a new place.

Sometimes it is necessary to make a change in life. Perhaps there is something urgent to be taken care of. In 1 Corinthians 7, Saint Paul shows urgency. He says time is short. Stop being as you have been and move in a different direction. The old way is no longer valid. Things need to change. Now God is showing us the next step in our journey to salvation. Jesus Christ has come! Yes, people had been waiting for the Messiah and now it is time to follow him. Paul urged people to break out of the old and go with the new way in Christ.

Remember, John the Baptist? He was transitional between the old to the new. He told his own disciples to leave him and follow Jesus. Having done that John was moved out of the way. He was imprisoned. Surely his disciples were taken out of their way and on the new journey.

The gospel tells the story of the new journey for the disciples. As Jesus recruits them, he says, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand." Further he proclaims, "Come after me. I will make you fishers of men." This is a complete change of direction for the disciples. They used to fish fish. Eventually they would lead a Church that would move many people out of

the way they had been going.

As you consider your renewal of Stewardship it is necessary to ask what might be a new way for me? Much has changed in this time and age. Is it an opportunity to refresh, renew and even make something great happen? What now will be the best use of the gifts God has given me? How may I use my time, talent, and treasure? Here is something to reflect on.

As we know we are in the year of the Gospel of Mark. The central question asked by Mark is, "Who do you say that I am?" As we began the new Church year in Advent, I gave the parish a simple course to follow. It was to ask ourselves, as individuals and as a faith community, "Who do we say Jesus is as we find him in others?"

This is not only a question that is individual. Finding who Jesus is in others is evangelical. It causes us to reach out to others that they too may discover Jesus. We as the members of this parish must do as Jesus commissioned the first disciples. Follow him and bring others to him.

Yes, doing this will move you out of whatever way you have been on so far. No matter where you find yourself at this moment. How will you evangelize your own family? How will you speak to friends and neighbors? How will you relate to and celebrate with all others here in the parish community of Blessed Sacrament?

As your pastor I cannot tell you for sure what will come in this year we have begun. There may be challenges that will take us out of our way. That might make us feel threatened. However, it might bring us the Joy of discovering Jesus in each other as we never have before, and in a very good way.

So, let us pray fervently at home in personal prayer. Let us celebrate with great energy in Sunday Liturgy. Let God take us out of our way.

<u>Stewardship</u>	
Attendance last week:	219
Tithes Collected:	\$5,046.00
Online Giving:	\$620.00
Total:	\$5,666.00
Thank you!	

## STEWARDSHIP

### Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive

The ABCD is part of our Stewardship. This is how we reach out beyond our own parish to the wider community. We serve because we are Roman Catholic Christians. As the slogan states:

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The CHURCH

The Church, Like God's Love, Extends Far Beyond  
Its Doors.

Please read the information the Development  
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It explains ALL that the ABCD funding  
Supports. It is impressive.

Please make the pledge following the 2% formula.  
The ABCD pledge envelope has a giving chart on it  
to help you calculate your pledge amount.

### **Hope from the Past.**

#### **Words of the Venerable Fulton Sheen, Archbishop and Media Prophet. Regarding a Decaying Civilization**

"It is characteristic of any decaying civilization that the great masses of the people are unaware of the tragedy. Humanity in a crisis is generally insensitive to the gravity of the times in which it lives. Men do not want to believe that their own times are wicked, partly because they have no standard outside of themselves by which to measure their times. If there is no fixed concept of justice, how shall men know it is violated? Only those who live by faith really know what is happening in the world; the great masses without faith are unconscious of the destructive processes going on, because they have lost the vision of the heights from which they have fallen."

Fulton Sheen, *Communism and the Conscience of the West*

## LITURGY FOR JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME-B

- **ENTRANCE HYMN: ALL ARE WELCOME HERE (Pérez-Cuan)**

### **ALL ARE WELCOME HERE, ALL ARE WELCOME HERE. WE ARE, WELCOME HERE! WE ARE, WELCOME HERE!**

1. As we gather as one people, all are welcome in God's Holy place. Love is flowing, God is calling and we glorify His name.
2. We are brothers, we are sisters, and together we seek harmony. Joyful voices, all around us let our praises rise to You!
3. Fill our hearts Lord with your fire. Bless your people with your love and grace. In your promise, we have faith Lord; we rejoice. We give You thanks!
4. All are welcome at His table. Sharing His bread, that's blessed and broken. Living water, source of all life; you give us unending love!

- **GLORIA:** (Mass of the Most Blessed Sacrament)

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we ble..ss you, we ado...re you,  
we glorify you, we give you thanks  
fo..r your great glo..ry.  
Lor..d God, heavenly King  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lor..d Jesus Christ  
Only begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God  
Son of the Father,  
**You take away the sins of the world,  
Have mer..cy on us.  
You take away the sins of the world,  
Recei..ve our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Fa..ther,  
Have mer..cy on us.**  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High  
Je..sus...Christ.  
With ho..ly spirit in the  
Glory to God the Father, A..men!

- **PSALM 25: TEACH ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN: MY HEART BELONGS TO YOU** **(Booth)**

1. My heart, my heart belongs to you. My heart, my heart belongs to you. I could never leave you; you're all that I need. My heart belongs to you.

2. My life, my life belongs to you. My life, my life belongs to you. I could never leave you; you're all that I need. My life belongs to you.

3. My Lord and God, you've helped me to see that my life is found in your holy mystery, to live and die and rise with you, with you.

4. My soul, my soul belongs to you. My soul, my soul belongs to you. I could never leave you; you're all that I need. My soul belongs to you. My heart belongs, my life belongs, my soul belongs to you.

5. My heart, my life, my soul, belongs to you!

• **COMMUNION HYMN: WE REMEMBER (Haugen)**

**We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; and we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.**

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed. Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.

2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal. Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.

3. Christ, the Father's great "Amen: to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart, Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear.

4. See the face of Christ revealed in ev'ry person standing by your side, Gift to one another, and temples of your love.

• **REFLECTION HYMN: OUR GOD REIGNS (How Lovely on the Mountains)**

**Our God reigns, Our God reigns,  
Our God reigns, Our god reigns!**

1. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him who brings good news, good news. Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness; Our God reigns, our God reigns!

2. He had not stately form, He had no majesty; that we should be drawn to Him. He was despised and we took no account of Him. Yet now He reigns with the Most High.

3. It was our sin and guilt that bruised and wounded Him. It was our sin that brought Him down. When we like sheep had gone astray our Shepherd came; and on His shoulders bore our share.

• **EXIT HYMN: WITH ONE VOICE (Manalo)**

**With one voice we'll pass the Word along;  
with one voice, bring justice to the world.  
And with all the angels we'll spread the goodness  
of God. With all  
power and glory  
the Word of God shall reign.**

1. Take the Word and go out to ev'ry land; shine the light of Christ for all to see! May the lives of those we touch sing praise to God above, Let us sing, we'll sing:

2. Take the Word to our neighborhood and streets; shine the light of Christ for all to see! May we all set out to live in peace and harmony. They will see and sing:

3. Take the Word to the people in despair; shine the light of Christ for all to see! May our action and our deeds bring comfort to their needs, and they'll know and sing:

4. Take the Word to the nations ev'ry where: shine the light of Christ for all to see! May the witness of our lives transform the world anew, and we'll shine, we'll shine.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 23

- 4:00 p.m. † Regina Barone by Anthony & Rosemary  
† Rafael Antonio Rivera by Jose Gonzalez & Bill Caruso

Sunday, January 24

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish  
10:45 a.m. Walter Steck by Anita  
† Candida Martin by Tina & Jimmy Jordan

Monday, January 25

- 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, January 26

- 8:00 a.m. † Soledad Arango de Manzuera by Selma & Roger Carr

Wednesday, January 27

- 8:00 a.m. Lucas Zaky by Friends

Thursday, January 28

- 8:00 a.m. Johnnie Flannery by Ed Batcho

Friday, January 29

- 8:00 a.m. † Andrew Murphy by Doris Emmett

Saturday, January 30

- 4:00 p.m. † Barbara Tobin by Mary Miller  
† Ann Marie Bateman by Monica Griffin

Sunday, January 31

- 9:00 a.m. † Candida Martin by Chris & Jim Jordan  
10:45 a.m. Connie Bonner by Pat Burton  
† Anthony J. "Tony" Galietti by Mike Walsh



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