

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | JANUARY 21, 2024



THEY LEFT THEIR FATHER ZEBEDEE IN THE BOAT
ALONG WITH THE HIRED MEN AND FOLLOWED HIM.
- MK 1:20

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The theme of the readings for this Sunday is appropriate for the beginning of a new year and falls somewhat in line with other New Year's resolutions; but hopefully, we can keep this one. It is the invitation by Jesus in the Gospel to "*repent and believe in the Gospel.*" However, this is not a "*new*" resolution. It was voiced by Jonah (in the first reading) and continued by all of the gospel writers, and St. Paul, as we shall see.

The First Reading is from the Book of the Prophet Jonah (3:1-5, 10). Here we have the familiar story of Jonah (minus the first story) who is commanded by God to preach to the people of Nineveh a message of repentance for their sinful ways. Now, repentance is not the same as penance. Repentance is the intentional decision to turn from evil and all things that could lead us to evil. Penance is our expression of sorrow or contrition and some outward sign of making up for past sinful deeds. So, the Ninevites got the message. They repented and did penance and they were saved.

In the Responsorial Psalm (25:4-9) is a prayer that the Ninevites might have prayed when asking for forgiveness, but they were not Jews and probably did not know the psalms. However, we all know the moral law written on our hearts and should need little prompting to turn from evil. This psalm is a brief prayer that we could all say daily begging God for help in obedience.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians (7:29-31). In this letter, Paul is being somewhat extreme in telling us to renounce the ways of the world, but in his day the only way to emphasize a point was to repeat or exaggerate. So, ladies, do not be offended by St. Paul's statement. He really is addressing everyone to go to whatever extreme it takes to turn from evil because we never know when we will run out of the opportunity to do so.

The Gospel Reading is Mark (1:14-20). The message of Jonah and Paul above are summed up and repeated here by Jesus in His call to Andrew, Peter, James and John (and to you and me) to join Him in preaching the same message that God asked Jonah to preach. So why is this so important? The call to repent and reform our lives is a universal call to open our mind and heart to listen to the voice of God in Jesus Christ. God wants us to turn away from the ways of the world because, as we have seen lately, the secular world is turning away from Him and that leads to much of the unhappiness in the world and possibly to spiritual death.

If we fail to keep our spiritual eyes focused on Jesus and His teachings, we would be like those disciples who turned away from Him in John's Gospel (6:66-69). Jesus asked His remaining disciples "*Are you going to turn away from me also?*" Peter's reply should be ours: "*Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*" This challenges us to ask the question, "*What spiritual resolutions are we going to make at the beginning of this New Year?*" **Something to think about during your prayer time this week!**

~Rev. Edward J. Smith **2**

JANUARY 21, 2024

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (*Jon 3:10*)

PSALM: Teach me your ways, O Lord. (*Ps 25*)

SECOND READING: For the world in its present form is passing away. (*1 Cor 7:31*)

GOSPEL: 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." (*Mk 1:14-15*)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday - Jan. 21st - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †The Living & Deceased Members of All Our Families
Requested by: Hilaire Tavenner

Monday - Jan. 22nd - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn / School Mass

8:30 am - †The Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Tuesday - Jan. 23rd - St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:30 am - †Joseph Kuzniar
Requested by: Carol Potter

Saturday - Jan. 27th - St. Angela Merici, Virgin

4:00 pm - †Robert Salkowitz, Sr. & Robert Salkowitz, II
Requested by: Joseph & Eileen Dudukovich

Sunday - Jan. 28th - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Start of Catholic Schools Week

10:00 am - †Frances Rottman
Requested by: Amy Rottman

DAY OF PRAYER

*for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
(4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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

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

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

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

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers & sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

*Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.
You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.*

*Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting
those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb
to the person taking his or her last breath.*

*The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.
Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child,
the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square.*

*With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the
One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 27th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne C., Carol B., Pam W.

Sunday, January 28th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Rose J.

Eucharistic Ministers: Anna A., Anna S.

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OFFERTORY REPORT

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,240.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (12/24/2023) \$5,047.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (12/31/2023) \$3,412.00
 7/1/2023 TO DATE +/-(-) BUDGET..... - (\$7,136.53)



MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



MANY PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

to Joseph & Juanita Smith & family
 upon the death his mother
Patricia Smith
 on January 11, 2024.

May Pat's soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
Pat Costello II	Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Anna Mae Ebinger	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores
Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Brian Grace
Dan George	Renee Golowenski	D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.
Juan Gonzalez	Vicky Herrmann	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey
Baby Jackson	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter
Deacon Luis Maldonado	Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer
Ellen Morgan	Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell
Joe Rizzo	Amy Schmidt	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin
Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

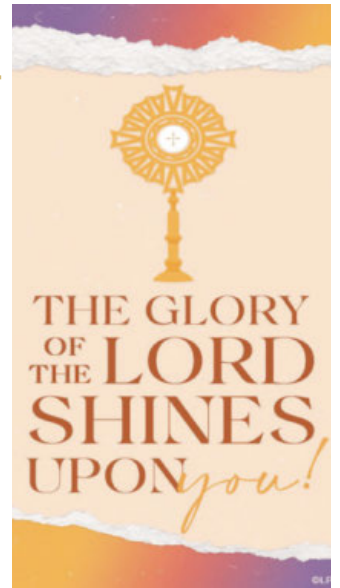
ADORATION CHAPEL

“Devotion to the Eucharist leads one to a devotion to life and a devotion to life leads one to the Eucharist . . . We receive our strength for our labors for life from the Good News of Jesus Christ and from the Holy Eucharist. This is the food that nourishes us for the tasks at hand . . . The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and respect for life is our faith’s first precept.”

~Justin Cardinal Rigali

“The Sacrament of the Body of the Lord puts the demons to flight, defends us against the incentives to vice and to concupiscence, cleanses the soul for sin, quiets the anger of God, enlightens the understanding to know God, inflames the will and the affections with the love of God, fills the memory with spiritual sweetness, confirms the entire man in good, frees us from eternal death, multiplies the merits of a good life, leads us to our everlasting home, and re-animates the body to eternal life.”

~St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church, Italy, 1225-1274



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - PART 4: WITH A PERFECT SOUL

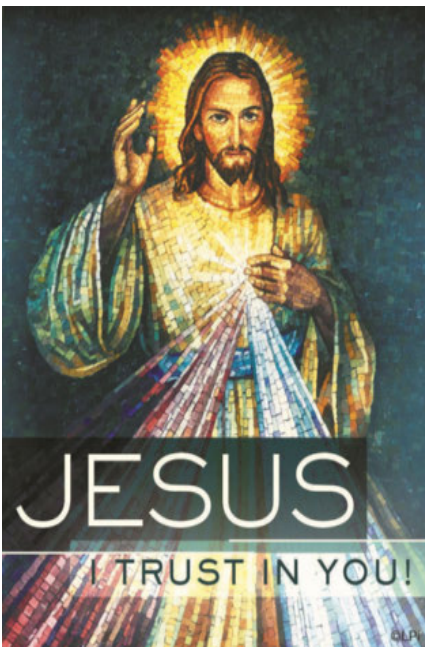
Jesus: **But child, you are not yet in your homeland; so go, fortified by My grace, and fight for My kingdom in human souls; fight as a king’s child would; and remember that the days of your exile will pass quickly, and with them the possibility of earning merit for heaven. I expect from you, My child, a great number of souls who will glorify My mercy for all eternity. My child, that you may answer My call worthily, receive Me daily in Holy Communion. It will give you strength ... (Diary, 1489).**

Soul: Your response

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

My Lord Jesus, strengthen me with Yourself in Holy Communion to proclaim Your merciful love, so many souls will glorify Your mercy for all eternity. I rest near Your Heart, Lord. **Amen.**



PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - A “DIFFICULT CHOICE”

Advocates of abortion often refer to the decision to have an abortion as a “difficult choice.”

Why is it a difficult choice? The reason is very simple and obvious. **We all know that the unborn child is a person growing inside the mother's womb.**

So, of course, it is “difficult”. Choosing to terminate the life of another human being is a “difficult choice”. If the unborn child was not a person, what would be so difficult about choosing to end his or her life?

Is killing a cancer growing inside your body a “difficult choice”. Of course not.

Dehumanizing the child is a vital strategy used by pro-abortionists to disguise the “difficult choice” that is being made. The baby is made to appear like the invading “blob of tissue”----like a cancerous growth.

Why do we allow such deceit and victimization of the pre-born? Can you find a more innocent or vulnerable human being than a precious baby boy or girl inside his/her mother's womb?

DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE

in memory of **Ramona Krokos**
for *St. Vincent de Paul Society* by Dorothy Golowenski.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all those who helped to make our church a beautiful place to worship during the Christmas season. For all those who came in during the week to carry up all of the trees & decorations from the basement, for those who set everything up & those who did the decorating, and for all those who carried everything back down . . . **THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH!** We are most grateful for your help! It is definitely a job for a well oiled team! And that we have! God bless you all for your time, talent & your good humor! It truly is a labor of love. It is also another way to express our gratitude to Our Lord for our beautiful church & for all of the blessings that He has bestowed upon our parish for 100 years!

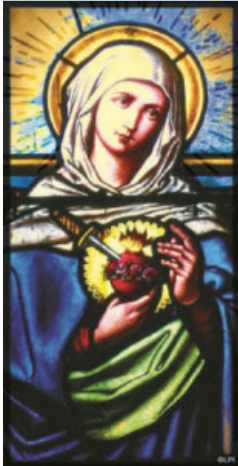
WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY AT ST. TERESA'S - 1/27

Please join us on **Saturday, January 27th from 10 am to 1 pm** in the St. Teresa Parish Life Center. Doors open at 9:30 am. The retreat is called "*Transformation: How God Used Women in the Bible*". Our Presenter will be Sr. Sean Groh, SND, the DRE at St. Peter Church, North Ridgeville. Sister will walk us through the lives of some of the women in the Bible – Old and New Testament – to show us how God used them during the challenging times in their lives. Event is **FREE** – good will offerings accepted. Lunch will be served.

Please RSVP to St. Teresa's office at 440-934-4227 by January 23rd.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AT ST. TERESA - 1/30

All are invited to come pray before our Eucharistic Lord on **Tuesday, January 30th at 7 pm** at **St. Teresa of Avila Church**. The Holy Hour will include Scripture Reading, Litanies & the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



MARIAN GUILD NEWS

The First Marian Guild Board Meeting of the year will be held on **Sunday, February 4th, in the Day Chapel after the 10:00 am Mass.**

The Marian Guild Mini Retreat will be held on **Sunday, February 18th, in the church after the 10:00 am Mass.**

All parishioners, men AND women, are invited.

The topic will be about "*Forgiving and Forgiveness*".

A light lunch will be served in the church vestibule after the presentation.

Although there is no charge for this retreat, we encourage you to RSVP to Terri George, 440-320-3272, with your reservation.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE 18TH!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 11th, after the 10:00 am Mass in the Day Chapel.**



**Society of
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