

January 24, 2021 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is a Way of Life. Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of January 17, 2021:
Regular: TBA

Mass Attendance for January 16, 2021 34
Mass Attendance for January 17, 2021 63



Thank you for your generous support last week for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. The money we collected will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they, in turn, can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america and click "How to Give". Your gift makes a difference.

“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.’”

The theme for what will follow is quite clear.

Following this introductory note, Jesus summons the two sets of brothers who abandon their fishing profession and begin their life as disciples. Mark's opening verses reveal that there must have been something really attractive about this meeting, the call and response.

As we settle into a new year, with countless challenges, problems and difficulties, may we seriously respond to the call, first not of discipleship, but to repentance and a newly fired belief. As I change, others will change, and the world will become better – less hate, division, fear. What is Jesus calling you to?

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials

too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become “fishers of men.” They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.

*Jesus called...
and they followed.*



LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions for the Week

And Weekly Readings



Saturday, January 23

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 3:20-21
5:15 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 24: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

9:15 AM John T. Kromel from Terri Kromel

Monday, January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (Feast)

Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15-18

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 26: Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops (Memorial)

2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 27

Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 28: St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 29

Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 30

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mark 4:35-41

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 31: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Corinthians 7:32-25; Mark 1:21-28

9:15 AM Steven Graham from Mary and Francis O'Day

LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Church Volunteers*
Amen



Responsorial Psalm

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow) *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(For those who are watching from home)

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity. Amen

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Thankful for our Volunteers

Thank you all so much for your services during this pandemic. Without your volunteering we would not be able to open the church and offer in-person Masses. With churches closed all over Mifflin County, those attending here appreciate your efforts, realizing that it is you that is making in-pew worship a reality. Ask among your friends and fellow parishioners if they would be willing to volunteer as greeters, ushers or sanitizers. Many serving in those roles have either left town for the winter, for sunnier climes, or stayed home out of Coronavirus health concerns. Our ranks are very thin and they need replenishing. Meanwhile, thanks again for your help & Happy New Year.

Fr. Bill

Saint Jude's Council, Knights of Columbus Blood Drive:

At Saint Jude Parish Multi-purpose
3918 William Penn Highway
Mifflintown PA

Thursday, January 28, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:

Stjudes to schedule an appointment.

CCD Teachers and Substitutes:

CCD Teachers and substitutes are needed. Please speak with Father Bill or Ginger Best.

Announcements for the Bulletin:

Please have your announcements for the bulletin to the church office by Wednesday afternoon no later than 1:00 p.m.

Fish for Sale! Knights of Columbus:

Canned Crab	\$10.00 Can
Haddock	\$20.00 Box
Clam strips	\$15.00 Box
Shrimp	\$15.00 Bag \$60.00 Box
Fries	\$ 5.00 Bag \$30.00 Box
Haddock Tail	\$ 5.00 Bag \$40.00 Box
Elbow Macaroni	\$ 5.00 Bag

Please write your name and phone number on the sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Joe Zarnowski at 908-892-0271.

Men interested in joining the next class of those studying to become permanent deacons should contact Fr. Weary for an interview. The deadline to apply to the diocese for this five-year period of study is March 1, 2021. May God guide those who are interested in their spiritual discernment journey.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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Volunteers Urgently Needed!

We need new people to volunteer to sanitize after each Mass. We thank those who have been so generous in doing so, but we recognize that they need a break, and they need reinforcements, to keep the effort going. If we don't have sufficient sanitizers, we cannot have Mass in church. With sufficient new volunteers there can be a longer rotation of teams and therefore, less work. Please call the parish office and speak to Jodi, the Parish Secretary and have yourself put on a schedule.



Guidelines For Mass

- ❖ Masks **must** be worn at all times.
- ❖ Remain 6 ft. apart.
- ❖ Ushers will seat you at the beginning of Mass and dismiss you at the end of Mass.
- ❖ Confessions are heard in the rectory garage on Wed., 6:30-6:45 PM & Sat., 3:00-3:45 PM

- ❖ Only permitted to fill the church to approx. 1/3 capacity. Space is limited; please come early. Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended. You may want to consider attending a weekly Mass in place of Sunday.
- ❖ Doors are locked during Mass for your safety.
- ❖ The restroom is available but **must be sanitized after each use**. Please clean the restroom after use according to the directions posted inside. Children must be accompanied by an adult & the adult must clean the restroom after the child is finished
- ❖ Crying room is closed.
- ❖ Collection basket will not be passed. Place your collection in 1 of the 2 locked collection boxes provided. Collection boxes are located in the Vestibule area or at the front of the church by the handicap door.
- ❖ Votive candles are not accessible at this time. If you would like a candle lit, call the parish office and they will have a sacristan light a candle for you. Your donation may be put in the collection box.
- ❖ Father will distribute Communion at the **end** of Mass from the altar area.
- ❖ Take all belongings with you and go single file up to the altar area. Right before receiving Communion drop one side of your mask and immediately put it back on after the Eucharist is in your mouth. Put one hand on top of the other palm side up. Father will try not to touch your hand. After receiving Communion proceed out the handicap door. If you are not receiving Communion just follow the flow of people as they proceed out the door.

These guidelines are an act of charity and out of concern for your safety and not an infringement upon your personal rights. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Your diligence in adhering to these guidelines helps to prevent further safety concerns for our parishioners. **These guidelines are not optional.**

Bishop Gainer Addresses Moral Concerns on the COVID Vaccine

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
As our world continues to suffer due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, I ask that you join me in continuing to pray for an end to this pandemic. I also ask that you continue to offer prayers and gratitude for those in medical and emergency response professions. Their efforts have been nothing short of heroic during this year. As we all eagerly await the release of the COVID-19 vaccine, I write to you to clarify concerns on the moral and ethical development of these vaccines. Of most concern is that these vaccines may have been developed in a way that involved the use of cell lines from aborted babies. This is concerning, especially to Catholics, but it is also a very complex matter. Given the complex nature of this situation, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) carefully evaluated each of the expected vaccines as they relate to Catholic Moral

Teaching. They stated that: "Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production. They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote." I certainly understand the deep desire to avoid vaccines that are in any way connected to abortion. To aid our understanding and clarify teachings regarding vaccines and our Catholic faith, the Holy See has published several documents during the past 15 years to address these concerns. These documents do state that it is immoral to take the tissue from an aborted child for the purpose of making cell lines. However, these documents also state that, "If there is a grave health risk to the child or the person, and if there is no other option, and if the person taking the vaccine or the parent makes their objections known and actively works to see that alternatives are brought to the market, then they may use the vaccines." In short, if there is a serious health concern and there are no other options, then on the level of the recipient, it is morally permissible to accept vaccination. Based on this information, I wish to reassure you, my Catholic brothers and sisters, that once the vaccines are available and if you choose to receive it after considering the information above, it is morally permissible to do so. Some are asserting that if a vaccine is connected in any way with tainted cell lines, then it is immoral to be vaccinated with them. This is an inaccurate portrayal of Catholic moral teaching. I thank each of you for your continued observance of our Diocesan guidelines as we strive to maintain safe worship spaces as well as school and work environments. I also pray for your continued good health and for the health of all those impacted by this pandemic.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer Bishop of Harrisburg



SCHOOL NEWS

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

**If assistance is needed outside of office hours, leave a message on the school answering machine at 717-248-5351 or contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781

The 23rd Annual SHS Benefit Auction is scheduled to be held April 24 & 25, 2021. The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or like new donated items to be auctioned off. As you continue to practicing social distancing now is the time to find a unique item or put your talent to work creating a handmade item. All items are to be submitted by **Friday, March 26, 2021.**

Register NOW for the 2021-22 Academic Year!

 Registrations are now being taken for any student interested in attending Sacred Heart School next academic year. Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2021. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are currently being accepted until March 1, 2021.** For additional information call the school at 717-28-5351. Additionally, there is plenty of information about the school, the application process, and financial aid on our website at www.sacredheartschool.com. **All faiths are welcome!**

Catholic School's Week will begin on January 31st and run until February 6th. Please look for more information coming soon!



Walking with Jesus to Calvary



A Virtual Lenten Retreat for Youth, hosted by the Diocesan Youth Council and the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, will be held on **February 20, 2021**. Chris Wood, Youth Minister at St. John the

Baptist Parish, New Freedom, PA will be the speaker. Join youth (grades 7 through 12) from the Diocese of Harrisburg from 1:00 – 2:00 PM as Chris Wood hosts an hour of reflection on Jesus' final steps to Calvary, exploring His fear, pain and suffering and how you can grow closer to Him. Register at https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/virtual_lenten_retreat by **Thursday, Feb. 18**. Registration is free by donations are appreciated. A Zoom link will be provided with confirmation of registration.