

JANUARY 24, 2021



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THIRD

*Sunday*

IN ORDINARY TIME

THEY ABANDONED  
THEIR NETS  
AND FOLLOWED

*Jesus.*

MARK 1:18

Our readings today speak of *kairos* times, of God proclaiming new moments of opportunity of encounter with the Divine. From Jonah, we hear of God's summons to the people of Nineveh to turn from evil. We hear Paul tell the church in Corinth that those who live in Christ must avoid clinging to anything transient, as all is secondary to God. And we hear of the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Mark, as Jesus proclaims a moment of both opportunity and crisis.

In these passages, there are no delaying tactics, no getting caught up in life's distractions. Just a simple moment of choice. Perhaps we have had *kairos* moments like these, or we may be facing one now. Sometimes, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our lives, clear choices emerge, and God asks us to choose. And our always patient and merciful God will accompany us in our choices.

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### Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 23, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, January 24, 2021 – 9:00 am

Special Intention of Dan & Lynne Phelan

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday, January 28, 2021 – 9:00am

Konstancifa Gintautas - Special Intention

Friday, January 29, 2021 - 9:00 am - Adoration

Saturday, January 30, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of S. Patrick

Sunday, January 30, 2021 – 9:00 am

+Frances & + Mary Ann Quigley, & +Margie Pyle Preq. by Frank Quigley

DATE	USHER/GREETER	LECTOR
SATURDAY, January 30 - 5:45pm	Mike & Katie Horath	Josh Kreske
SUNDAY, January 31 - 9:00am	Dan & Tricia Knowles	Lisa Price

COUNTERS FOR JANUARY 31, 2021 – Hoehn



Our Two Week Candle is  
burning for  
Lisa Bernard  
Requested by  
Ruth & Steve Hoehn

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, January 3, 2021.....\$2,093.50

**Thank you for your support of our Parish**

**St. Patrick Parish depends on offertory donations for on-going expenses. Please visit our parish website to set up online giving, if you have not already done so. Our parish website can be found at: [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) – Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you**



PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2020

### *Shining the Light of Christ* through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

It is time for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your gift is especially important this year, during the pandemic, as our diocese continues to explore new and innovative ways to serve those in need.

The 2021 theme is *Shining the Light of Christ*. The 30 ministries the CMAA supports allow parishes to join together to shine Christ's light to the benefit of many, from the poor and vulnerable to seminarians and schoolchildren. No parish could provide all of these ministries on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2021 CMAA is \$9,600.00, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.

St. Petronille Catholic Church in Glen Ellyn is seeking to hire a Director of Young Adult Ministry. The Young Adult Ministry Leader will implement a comprehensive program of Christian life development for the 18 - 35-year-old, college, career, single and married adults in our community. It is essential that this person be able to connect with young adults on a social and spiritual level, with the intent of coaching them towards Christ-like maturity in the Catholic Church. The Young Adult Minister will also organize some annual programming for teens. Requires some significant background/training/catechesis in Catholic Theology. Undergraduate or Graduate Degree in Theology or Catechetical preferred. Some training in marketing or communications or recruitment preferred. To full a full job description, please visit; <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=641>  
To apply, please email resume to [frmilota@outlook.com](mailto:frmilota@outlook.com). or call 630-469-0404 with any questions.

Dear Friends,

With much gratitude we thank you for your continued support of the Christian Help Association. As usual you have helped by providing toys, toiletries, warm winter wear, and funds allowing us to assist 260 families during The Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

This was a unique year for our organization, due to Covid-19. Our goal was to provide for those in need while keeping our volunteers and recipients safe. With changes to our past practices, we were able to serve all that requested help in 2020 with care. As we have all learned, 2020 was all about flexibility! One again, thanks to your congregation.

Blessings to you, Christian Help Association

This week we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for a brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection!



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Noreen McAndrew; Jan Sharp

**Beginning the New Year will start a new prayer list. Please call the office to be included on the new list. Thank You.**

## Intention of the Holy Father MONTH JANUARY

- May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.



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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### January 24, 2021



- Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul
- Tuesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
- Wednesday: St. Angela Merici;
- Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.

— Mark 1:15



## THE INAUGURATION

Mark describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry with his proclamation that the "kingdom of God is at hand." The rest of Mark's Gospel—all of Jesus' preaching and healing, his death and resurrection—describes the inauguration of this kingdom of God. For Mark, the life of Jesus is the center point of history, where everything leads up to Jesus, and everything follows from Jesus. Mark then tells us that the first disciples follow Jesus immediately and wholeheartedly. They leave their work and family, all for Jesus. Because compared to Jesus and the life he offers, everything else is secondary.

Perhaps our invitations from God do not entail such dramatic life changes. But all who follow Jesus are called to align our life and values with his ways of love. As we continue to mature in love and in faith, we might ask: What needs to be renewed, re-oriented, or discarded in light of our life in Christ?

## JONAH AND NINEVEH

Jonah makes a rare appearance this week. The book of Jonah is a fascinating tale of God, stubborn Jonah, surprising Nineveh, and the famous fish (or whale). Please consider reading the whole book, just 48 verses, together with a good commentary. The book is read at Jewish services at Yom Kippur, as a profound reflection about God and about all of us.

Today's passage takes place shortly after Jonah's time in the fish's belly. Jonah finally performs the task that God asks of him, to call the people of Nineveh to repentance. (Nineveh was notorious for its brutality.) Their sudden repentance is bitterly accepted by Jonah, as he resents God's mercy for Nineveh. God reminds Jonah that the people of Nineveh are God's beloved too. Like the parable of the Prodigal Son, the story hints at the vastness of God's mercy, especially forgiveness of those who seem least deserving. We are reminded that all of us are sinners, and we are all in need of God's mercy.

Today's Readings: Jon 3:1–5, 10; Ps 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; 1 Cor 7:29–31; Mk 1:14–20

**1/24/2021**