

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 21, 2018**

The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.  
— Mark 1:15



**THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

**Psalm** — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

**Gospel** — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>January 22</b> † Timoteo D. Nacor Sr.
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>January 23</b> † Pat Maffei
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 pm	<b>January 24</b> † James O'Sullivan
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>January 25</b> † John Maria and † Saveria Chetcuti
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>January 26</b>  
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am	<b>January 27</b> † Vincent and † Frank Camilleri
4:30 pm	† Joseph I. Bosso
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am	<b>January 28</b> People of the Parish † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri
9:30 am	Italian Catholic Federation † Nora Borghello
11:30 am	Maltese Society

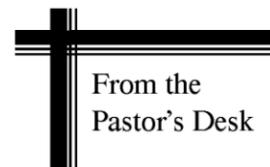
† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Please note, as being agreed upon by the Parish Staff and the Parish Pastoral Council (Parish Support Group), beginning January 2018, there will no longer be a 5:30 pm evening mass. On Wednesday only, there will no longer be a mass at 8am, but a communal service, officiated by a Deacon. On Wednesday evening we have a novena mass in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. You cordially invited to join the novena mass.

**Sunday Collection January 14, 2017**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,558.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,442.00</b>
<b>Annual Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 774.00</b>

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**



From the  
Pastor's Desk

**Ordinary Time in the Church Calendar:**

The Christmas season ended on the Feast of Baptism of Jesus which was last January 8<sup>th</sup>. Right after the baptism of Jesus, January 9<sup>th</sup>, the Ordinary Time of the Church Liturgical Calendar started; and will continue through February 13<sup>th</sup>, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lenten season. Ordinary Time will resume when the Easter Season will end, the will be on May 21<sup>st</sup>, the day following Pentecost.

According to the Universal Norms, 43, "Besides the time of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty - four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ himself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary time".

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Santo Niño de Cebu Association International cordially invites you to join its Golden Anniversary Fiesta with a Concelebrated Mass this Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. in our Parish, St. Elizabeth Church. Most Reverend William J. Justice is the Main Celebrant. Reception will follow after the mass at Cantwell Hall.

Please remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu like symptoms remain at home.

Father Peri is in need of a vehicle to use during his stay at St. Elizabeth's. If you have a used vehicle you would be willing to loan or donate during his stay please contact the rectory or please see Father after Mass.



**ST. ELIZABETH MALTESE SOCIETY  
THIRTY FOURTH ANNUAL  
ST. PAUL OF THE SHIPWRECK FESTA**

**SATURDAY-FEBRUARY 3, 2018  
MASS: 4:30 pm  
ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

**Dinner: 6:00 pm in Cantwell Hall  
Menu: New York Strip, Salad,  
Mostaccioli, Wine and Dessert  
Wayland and Goettingen Streets, San Francisco**

**ADULTS: \$35.00  
CHILDREN: (12 and under) \$15.00**

**For Tickets Call:**

<b>John Sant</b>	<b>415-467-1413</b>
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<b>Frances Cairns</b>	<b>415-468-8636</b>
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*Pray for our Beloved Deceased  
In your prayers this week, please remember  
the repose of the souls of our deceased  
parishioners, especially:*

*Gloria Ashbrook*

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..."*