

JANUARY 20 & 21, 2024
3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

PLEASE JOIN US
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF OLGCE PARISH

"HOW CAN WE ANSWER THE CALL TO SEE THE FACE OF CHRIST IN ALL PEOPLE?"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

MASS AT 8:00AM

9:00AM- 3:30PM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & LUNCH

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THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

St. Paul the Apostle was the greatest of the early Christian missionaries. He first appears in the Acts of the Apostles under the name of Saul. Saul was raised in the Jewish faith as a Pharisee trained in the strict observance of God's Law. He believed the Law should be obeyed by himself and all Jews. Saul was upset by the early Christian Church, believing that the early Christians had broken away from their Jewish traditions. He actively persecuted the Church in Jerusalem. As the first Christian martyr Stephen was being stoned to death, Saul watched the cloaks of the persecutors (*Acts 7:58*).

Paul then traveled to Damascus to further persecute early Christians. On the road to Damascus Saul had an encounter with the Risen Jesus Christ (*Acts of the Apostles 9:1-19, Galatians 1: 13-14*). Jesus asked, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Paul replied, "Who are you, sir?" Jesus responded, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (*Acts 9: 4 - 5*). Jesus then sent Saul into Damascus to wait for further instructions. Saul was shaken and blinded by the experience. When a Christian named Ananias came and baptized Saul, his blindness went away. As a result of this encounter Saul became a follower of Christ. He was now convinced that fellowship with the risen Jesus Christ, not the observance of the Law, was all that was needed to receive God's promise of salvation. (*Galatians 1:11-12; 3:1-5*)

Saul, whose name now became Paul, went to Jerusalem to consult with Peter (*Galatians 1: 18*). After his first missionary journeys, Paul was called by Jesus to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles. He spent the rest of his life journeying on his missions, establishing local churches, and writing to them when he heard of their accomplishments and failures. Paul's letters are the earliest records of the life and history of the early Church. As inspired by the Holy Spirit Paul's letters are part of the Canon of the New Testament. As a record of the happenings in the early Church they are in invaluable record of the expansion of the Christianity.



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM,
WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FOLLOWED BY MASS
AT 12:05PM.

TEMPORARY TUESDAY MASS TIME
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, MASS WILL BE AT 5:30PM



**The Mendocino
Knights of Columbus**

STEVE JORDAN IS BACK!!

The Knights cordially invite you to the 47th Annual
BEST CRAB FEED ON THE NORTH COAST

Friday & Saturday, January 26 & 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

COME AND ENJOY!

Loads of fresh Dungeness crab, fresh salad,
toasted garlic bread, dessert AND entertainment

\$ 150.00 pp — Friday or Saturday Crown Hall Dinner (VIP seating)*
Tickets for *VIP Seating* will go on sale on
Friday, November 10
at KCMendo.org

*VIP seating includes ticket, premier seating, premium wine and assigned servers

\$ 95.00 pp — Friday or Saturday Crown Hall Dinner (General Seating)
\$ 95.00 pp — Saturday Take Out Dinner (includes 2 raffle tickets)
(to be picked up at Crown Hall)

Tickets for General Seating and Takeout will go on sale
Monday, November 13 at KCMendo.org

As always, these tickets sell out quickly, so please purchase early

Raffle tickets on sale online, as well as at the event

Seating assignments for the Crown Hall dinners and information for Takeout

pickup will be sent out on January 22, 2024

Questions? info@kcmendo.org or (707) 710-7787



Walk for Life West Coast 2024:

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 19th Annual Walk for Life West Coast In San Francisco on January 22, 2024. There will be Mass at 9:30am celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30pm. For more information, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.



WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides
"ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software!

To get started, you can go to olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose or a one-time donation, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.

MASS INTENTIONS
JANUARY 20 – 26, 2024

Saturday (20)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Familia Rentéria Pérez (healing) Antonia Rentería † Mauricio Escobedo † Gerardo Escobedo (healing) Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Benigna Alcocer † María Bran † Leoterio Gaona †
Sunday (21)	8:00am	Antonia Rentería †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (22)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Tuesday (23)	5:30pm	Carlos Patino † Teresa Gomez †
Wednesday (24)	12:05pm	Archbishop François Bacqué †
Thursday (25)	12:05pm	Nicolass L. Van Overdam †
Friday (26)	12:05pm	Antonio Jacinto

WEEKLY COLLECTION

JANUARY 13 & 14, 2024...\$1,946.00
MAINTENANCE FUND...\$1,106.00

THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
DIOCESE MONTHLY COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
CHURCH OF LATIN AMERICA
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Bertha Valenzuela, Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Sanfillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE. ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH. FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188

