

JANUARY 21/22, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CALLED TO COMMUNITY

Today's Gospel from Matthew sketches the initial movements of Jesus' public ministry. The arrest of John the Baptist signals that Jesus' time has come. His first actions include the call of his first disciples, and proclaiming the reign, or kingdom, of heaven. Jesus first gathers a community, which he can gradually form to become living evidence of this coming reign. His preaching, which begins just a few verses later in the Sermon on the Mount, is not just essential guidance for each individual life, but for life within a community of his followers.

It can be very challenging for most of us, who live in a highly individualized society, to hear the story of being summoned into community, committed to learning together and from each other. Our parishes and Christian communities need to be safe places so that we can open our hearts to each other, learning the Way of Jesus, and sharing this Way with others.

GATHERING DISCIPLES

To introduce the beginnings of Jesus' ministry in Matthew's Gospel today, the evangelist quotes from Isaiah 9, which is presented to us more fully in our first reading. Isaiah acknowledges the darkness of oppression from the conquest of the Galilee region by Assyria, but reminds his people of the hope God offers them. Matthew, writing in the time of heaven, to overturn all forms of oppression. Power structures like Assyria or Rome rely on fear, control, and distrust to sustain themselves. But God's reign is to be saturated with God's love, freedom, and mutual trust. Jesus began by gathering a group of disciples. When Jesus similarly gathers his community of disciples in our church today, our love of each other, and our care for all others, can make this reign of God visible to all.

Ordinary Time

Between the end of the Christmas season and the start of Lent, the liturgical year begins a period known as Ordinary Time. That season is interrupted by the seasons of Lent and Easter, and then resumes again after Pentecost. The English translation of the Latin name for this season has received much criticism because of our association of the word "ordinary" with something of lesser value, the opposite of something special. Critics point out that Sunday is the original feast day of the Church, that there is nothing at all "ordinary" about our weekly celebration of the Lord's dying and rising. Translators explain that in this context the English word "ordinary" retains the root meaning of "ordinal," something counted "in order," and that the Sundays throughout the year are in fact named by their numerical order.

It is helpful to understand how all five of the "special" seasons of the liturgical year (*Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter*) fit together to unfold the single mystery of Christ. As we continue the year now with Ordinary Time, we are mindful that what we celebrate is indeed as "extraordinary" an experience of God's grace as one could ever imagine.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

Respect for Life Prayer

O God, our eyes behold the beauty of your creation,
and our ears catch the sounds of your power.
We hold our lives sacred because they are your gift.
Bring us to greater awareness of the sanctity of human life
and to sorrow for the times we have ignored or offended it.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS 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.



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San Jose Sanchez Del Rio Catholic School- Fundraiser

Place order by Feb. 20th

Call or Text: (209)606-9225 (text is preferred)

\$30/dozen \$15/half dozen

PORK ONLY

Pick up: Saturday, February 25th

Pick up time: 12-4 pm

605 Maple St. (@ the church hall)



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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.



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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 21, 2023- JANUARY 22, 2023

Saturday (21)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Gerardo Escobedo (healing) Raquel Dzul- Campos †
Sunday (22)	iiii8:00am	Joao & Maria Figueiredo †
	10:00am	<i>Missa pro populo</i>
Monday (23)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (24)	12:05pm	Adelaide Figueiredo † Adelino Amaral †
Wednesday (25)	12:05pm	For the living
Thursday (26)	12:05pm	For the deceased
Friday (27)	12:05pm	For the strayed

WEEKLY COLLECTION

JANUARY 14 & 15, 2023...\$1,645.00
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA....\$675.00

THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR MAINTENANCE FUND

NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

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

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

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: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.



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