

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Jon 3:1-5, 10

Psalm— Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading— 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:15

Gospel— Mk 1:14-20

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Jn 15:16; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mt 11:25; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Psalm 119:105; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mt 11:25; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Jn 3:16; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mt 4:16; Mk 1:21-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Ordinary Time; Saint Francis de Sales

Monday: The Conversion of Saint Paul

Tuesday: Saint Timothy; Saint Titus

Thursday: Saint Thomas Aquinas

Mass Intentions

Sat.	23	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	24	9:00 am	For George Snell (healing) By Ken & Barbara Chesshir
			† Marlene Thomas By Greg Thomas
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Mon.	25	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Tues.	26	NO MASS	
Wed.	27	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Thurs.	28	NO MASS	
Fri.	29	8:30 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sat.	30	5:00 pm	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph
Sun.	31	9:00 am	† Don Bigley By Carolyn Weintraut
		11:00 am	For The Parishioners of St. Joseph

Please Pray For the Sick:

Alyn Snell, George Snell, Janie Fernandez, Arturo Lara, Diana Robinson, Norman Granberry, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Clay Fedak, Sandy Reed and all who are in need of prayer. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

Pope Francis says:

To listen to sacred Scripture and then to practice mercy: this is the great challenge before us in life. God's word has the power to open our eyes and to enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity.



We are entering into the fourth week of our Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign in support of the **Corpus Christi Hope House**. If you haven't picked up a baby bottle, we encourage you to pick one up and fill it with loose change, currency or a check (payable to Corpus Christi Hope House).

All the proceeds will go towards the various programs that Hope House provides to women and children. The campaign ends on Ash Wednesday. You can return your bottle to the parish office or place it in the basket by the bassinet in the church foyer.

BUILDING OUR LEGACY

We are continuing with our BOL campaign. Having completed the rectory, we work towards building our funds to complete our Parish Hall. We are grateful for your support in the past, and we hope you continue to support us in the future.

The second collection this week-end is for the Church in Latin America.

Sunday Collection Report-January 17, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 1148.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 835.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Online Giving	\$ 570.00
Total	\$ 2653.00

HAVE A LAUGH . . . The temporary Sunday School teacher was struggling to open a combination lock on the supply cabinet. She had been told the combination, but couldn't quite remember it.

Finally she went to the pastor's study and asked for help. The pastor came into the room and began to turn the dial.

After the first two numbers he paused and stared blankly for a moment.

Finally he looked serenely heavenward and his lips moved silently.

Then he looked back at the lock, and quickly turned to the final number, and opened the lock.

The teacher was amazed. "I'm in awe at your faith, pastor," she said.

"It's really nothing," he answered. "The number is on a piece of tape on the ceiling."

Pastor's Note: A call to mission, we have to respond.... On this Third Sunday in ordinary time, we hear the clarion call to conversion. There is hope in the offing, because the Kingdom of God is at hand. The call by Jesus is to be a part of this movement. He does not condemn the sinful, but calls on them to repent and believe in the Gospel. In other words, he is inviting everyone who has stayed away from joining God's Kingdom, to shed the desire to follow falsehoods and Godlessness and be rooted in God and his ways. Discipleship happens when we respond to God's call. God takes the first steps, and the encounter with God makes us realize our failures and be rooted in God. The God we believe in is not a cruel God who rejoices at the death of anyone. He is a compassionate God, he believes in the ability of people to change and be transformed. This is exactly what happens in the first reading. Jonah is sent by God to call people to repentance. Jonah goes around urging the people of Nineveh to turn away from their evil ways and turn back to God's ways. With true repentance they do exactly that, and God is pleased with this transformation and he does not carry out his plan to punish them. The Second Reading also stresses the urgency of conversion and transformation. We cannot remain idle, but have to actively respond to the call of God. Our current ways have to change. And the Gospel passage is an invitation to this change. Jesus proclaims the arrival of the Kingdom and invites people to be a part of that. He knows that everyone who is willing to join the Kingdom movement will then go through a conversion from their old ways. And this invitation to join his Kingdom is then further explicitly demonstrated in the calling of the Apostles. He invites the fishermen who are busy with their daily routine, and they instantly respond to this call. They leave behind the things and people they were attached to and follow Jesus. Becoming a part of the Kingdom movement of Jesus has to be graced by a break from the past, from everything that holds us back from walking in God's ways. Am I willing to respond?

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