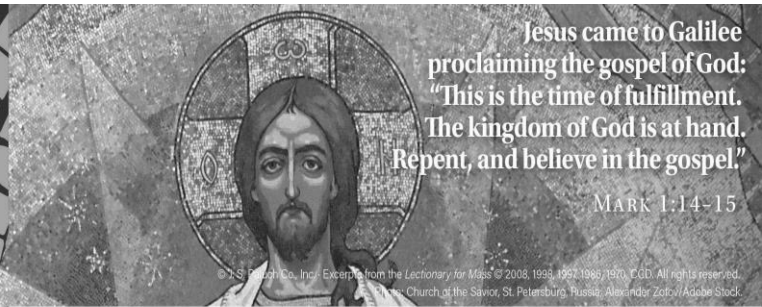


THIRD Sunday
in ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2021



“KAIROS” MOMENTS

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.

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

Jonah 3:1–5, 10
Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9
1 Corinthians 7:29–31
Mark 1:14–20

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: See Mass Schedule & Intentions section of bulletin

CONFESSIONS: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A NEW DAY DAWNS: Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns. Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned. Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned. Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS see bulletin cover.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (1/25-1/31)

Monday: Joseph, Emma & Billy Boone

Tuesday: Walter Osbourne Jr.

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday 5:30 PM: Howard & Florine Kelty

Friday 8:30 AM (School Mass Only): Reba Hamilton

Saturday 8:30 AM: Special Intentions (R.F. & J.F.)

Saturday 4:30 PM: For the Parish

Sunday 8:30 AM: Eunice Ballard

10:30 AM: Tom Monroe, Howard Smith

2:00 PM (Spanish Mass): Presider's Intention

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekday Lectors: (Mon.) Hamilton B. Simms, (Tues.) Mary Lynne Fenwick, (Wed.) NO MASS, (Thurs.) Lisa Burkhead, (Fri.) School, (Sat.) Belle Sutton

Weekday Sacristans: (Mon.) Jerry Mudd, (Tues.) Deacon Rick Fagan, (Wed.) NO MASS, (Thurs.) Martha Ann Hardin, (Fri.) School, (Sat.) Mary Ann Hale

Weekend Liturgical Roles for the month have been sent/will be sent via email.

St. D Prayer List: Coronavirus Pandemic, Healthcare Workers, U.S. Military, Anonymous, Jerry Poff, Bill Smith, David Smith, Perry Carrico, Betty Boone, Paul "Pat" Mudd, Lauraetta Smith, Tommy Bartley, Johnathan Bradshaw, Kenny Peterson, Doris Purdom, Stephanie Bueschel Warner, Kim Pinkston Spalding, Ted McNeal, Edwin Thompson, Jim Smith, Steve Smith, Beth Hellman, Dennis Rust, Margaret Faye Martin, Corbin Noel, Cassie Robinson, Olivia Montgomery, Audrey Edelen, Marilyn Watkins, Sueanna Graves, Helen Parrot, Christy Caldwell & Nancy Hardin. *Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at 336-3569.*

Tithing Contributions for this past week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): \$22,486.85

MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

Lenten Disciple Bible Study: If you are interested in, or already planning on taking part in the Lenten Disciple Bible Study, please see the information that Fr. David has made available on the table in the breezeway. Should you have any questions please reach out to Linda Smith at (859)805-0845.

9 Days for Life (January 21-29) is a 9-day novena for the protection of life. Each day's intention is accompanied with a short reflection. To receive the daily prayer/reflection for the protection of life, go to usccb.org > learn more.

Masses: Call ahead (**Monday through Thursday**) if you plan to attend Mass this coming weekend, space is limited due to social distancing requirements. Please contact us in one of two ways, by calling 859-336-3569 or by email at stdom@bellsouth.net. Seating charts are finalized at 2 p.m. on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction: Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. (after the 5:30 p.m. Mass) & on Sundays from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (Adoration 4:00 p.m., Vespers 5:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Music &/or Liturgical Prayer 6:00 p.m., Closing with Benediction 7:00 p.m.)

Looking Ahead to Ash Wednesday, February 17:

7:00 AM - Communion & Ash Service

8:30 AM - Ash Wednesday Mass *This Mass will be Live-streamed to our Church Facebook page. It will be available for viewing in the parish app and on our YouTube channel after 11:00 AM. St. D students will watch via Facebook Live from their classrooms, Fr. David & Deacon Rick will distribute ashes to the students after Mass.

NOON - Communion & Ash Service

5:30 PM - Ash Wednesday Mass

Reservations for Ash Wednesday Masses & Services will not be taken. Please wear a mask, sit in the numbered pews & social distance yourself from the person(s) at the other end of the pew.

Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic - The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water. Then he addresses all those present at once, saying: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Ashes are then distributed to those in attendance. The ashes are sprinkled on the head of each one without saying anything. This is actually a customary way of distributing ashes in Europe and is being borrowed by many during this time of Covid19.

Possibly interested in joining the Catholic Church? Contact Fr. David at 336-3569.