

## THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Mass Intentions For The Week



#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

12:05 p.m. Intentions of the Moser Family

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

12:05 p.m. VN Mass

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

12:05 p.m. +Jim Mies

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

12:05 p.m. +Harold Bauer

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

4:00 p.m. +Arthur & Isabel Schuetz

5:30 p.m. VN Mass

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

9:30 a.m. +St. Anthony Parish Family

11:00 a.m. VN Mass

#### **Liturgical Roles for Saturday, January 27, at 4:00 p.m.:**

Lector: C. Claycomb

E. Minister: C. Hartman

Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

#### **Liturgical Roles for Sunday, January 28, at 9:30 a.m.:**

Lector: S. Walcher

E. Minister: D. Walterscheid

#### **PARISH PRAYER LINE**

Kathy Siewert +Jim Mies Jerry Warrell  
Ukraine and its Citizens Kathy Hunter  
Intentions of Deb Anton Devin Carpenter  
Johnny Michelle Houchin Marian Eggbert  
Virginia and John Edwards Steve C.  
Kathryn Olden

# Good News!

January 21, 2024

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 / Mark 1:14-20

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Our lives are filled with calls of one kind or another.** Phone calls, text messages, teachers who call on us in class, those who call us for supper, people behind a counter who call out, "Next!" And, sooner or later, death will call each of us.

Jonah was once called to go to Nineveh, and the people of Nineveh were called to repent and change their lives. Simon and Andrew, John and James were called to follow Jesus. And today God calls each of us, but it is never easy to sort out what it is we are called to do.

Saint Paul took pains to tell us that "the world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). That being true, then God's call is always into a new way of life, which seems to imply leaving something behind, not unlike the four followers in Sunday's Gospel leaving their fishing nets and their father Zebedee in his boat.

The world that is passing away may be childhood, or productivity as we age. The new world may require confronting addiction and leaving a life of what we thought we couldn't live without. Or, like the people of Nineveh who were called to repent, it might be a call for our nation to confront our failure to engage in dialogue about and find solutions to injustice in its many forms at home and abroad. Who knows what God's new world will be? ●

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#### **OFFERING**

**January 14, 2024**

English: \$ 1,503.47

VN: \$ 2,702.00

Total: \$ 4,205.47

**Special Events**

What would you do if you won \$3,000 in a church drawing? You can take a chance on finding out by purchasing a \$5 ticket to the upcoming Vietnamese New Year celebration.

Raffle tickets cost only \$5.00, and the VN New Year will be celebrated February 2-3 (a Friday and Saturday). The drawings will be on Saturday. Prizes range from \$3,000 cash to an iPhone 15 Pro Max and other cash prizes.

Raffle tickets are available at the back of church after the weekend Masses, and also at the Parish Office. Just make sure you call the Office first to be sure Debbie is there (269-4101).

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Hurt by abortion? Find emotional and spiritual healing at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Wichita February 23-25. The weekend retreat combines group discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a beautiful memorial service, and Mass. The retreat is confidential and available to women and men of all faiths. Cost to attend the weekend retreat is \$100 which includes two nights lodging, meals, and all materials. Scholarships are available. To register or for more information, contact Stephanie Nemechek (316-269-HOPE (4673) or [ProjectRachel@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org)

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The annual March for Life will be held in Topeka on January 24. There is a Village Travel bus going, there are still seats open, seats are \$25 each. Bus will depart Church of the Magdalen at 6:15 a.m. (be there at 6:00 a.m. to load). Bus

returns to Magdalen at approximately 6:15 p.m. Sign up via website: [MagdalenWichita.com](http://MagdalenWichita.com), or contact Magdalen office with questions, or call Debbie Wise at 316-841-3225.

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*Thought for the day:* When old people say, "Enjoy them while they're young," they are talking about knees and hips.

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# Dear Padre

January 21, 2024

**While on vacation, I attended Mass at a church where many people left right after Communion. Why would they do this?**

Canon law says the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days. We are expected to attend the entire Mass.

A misunderstanding of this law may be traced to a pre-Vatican II teaching. Some theologians taught that the Mass had three main parts: offertory, consecration, and Communion. Some people reasoned that their obligation would be fulfilled by attending only those parts of the Mass. They felt justified in coming late and leaving early.

This changed with the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). The Mass is divided into four sections (introductory rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, concluding rite), and Christ is present throughout the Mass. Attending Mass means being there from the processional hymn through the recessional hymn.

Some people have valid reasons for leaving Mass early, such as feeling ill or taking a crying child from church. Perhaps they are traveling and need to get to the airport on time. Still, I also wonder why there is a great exodus before the Mass has ended in some churches. In my opinion, people who are in the habit of leaving early should reconsider that practice. ●

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