



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 26, 2020

Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted,  
and wait for the Lord.  
— *Psalm 27:14*

### SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The symbols and actions of baptism evolved around the experience of adults dying to old patterns of life and rising from the waters of baptism as new creations. As for newborn babies, at first it was desired to wait until the following Easter, when they could be baptized, anointed with chrism, and given a taste of the Eucharist in association with adults. The Church was always willing to baptize adults in emergency situations outside the Easter timetable, and in time, since infancy itself was a life-threatening situation, the baptism of babies became commonplace. As with the "emergency" adult baptisms, it was required that parents bring the child, as soon as health was recovered, to the bishop for the full menu of sacraments.

The very real fear of death for infants thus created a situation in which the three sacraments drifted apart from each other, and away from their original, adult celebration at Easter. Today, at last, we know a great deal about how our practices evolved. This knowledge is reshaping how we celebrate Easter, how we receive adult faith, and how we structure the faith journey of children.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

January 19th	
Budget	\$2100
Actual	\$1341
Bldg.	\$110
Short	\$759

### TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

**First Reading** — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).  
**Psalm** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

**Gospel** — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Grant Adams, Joe Bobak, Joyce Franckowiak,  
Ethel Huffman, Jean Stevens, Bob Storms

#### Relatives

Michel Amrhein, Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

#### Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

### HEART

In prayer it is better to have a heart  
without words than words without a heart.

—John Bunyan

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sunday of the Word of God; Catholic Schools Week
Monday:	St. Angela Merici
Tuesday:	St. Thomas Aquinas
Friday:	St. John Bosco
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

### CARRY THE LOAD

The chief thing is to take the burden on  
one's shoulders. As you press forward, it soon  
shakes down and the load is evenly distributed.

—St. John Bosco

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

### Mass Schedule



**Friday:** Communion Service at  
11:30 am

**Vigil on Saturday:** 4:30 pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am

### Coming Events

The Sunday Scripture study group will meet on  
Friday, January 24th, at 10:00 am.

Father Anthony is on vacation. In case of an  
emergency, and you are needing a priest, please  
contact St Mary's at 731-668-2596

The Parish Council that was set for February  
1st has been moved to February 8th at 9:00 am.

### Help Feed the Kids

The PRE students would like the whole parish  
to join them in bringing non-perishable food  
and placing it in the basket in the Narthex. It  
will then be distributed to our local schools to  
feed those kids who need a meal on the week-  
end. This is an ongoing project for the school  
year.

### Church Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Anthony Onyekwe

**Administrative/Financial Secretary:**

Mary Alyce Fiechtl

**DRE:** Lois Freeland

**Facilities Management:** Joey Wall

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Catholic Church

### Mass Intentions

Jan 26th: Parishioners of St Andrew  
and St Regina

Feb 2nd: Parishioners of St Andrew  
and St Regina

### Liturgical Ministers

**February 2, 2020**

**Lectors** — Kay Bartel

**Gift Bearers** — Mr & Mrs Denver Huff

**Eucharistic Ministers** — Mary Alyce

Fiechtl, Johnny Wall

**Servers** — Matthew Carlson, Alonzo Rodriguez

**Sacristans** — Mary Alyce Fiechtl

**Altar Linens** — Sheri Parkinson, Susan  
Booth

**Ushers** — Men of the Parish