

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21, 2018

"The Kingdom of Good is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1, 15

### HOLY TRINITY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Monday – Friday
In the Dom Boze Chapel 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am
Holy Days of Obligation 5:30 pm

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Friday Closed for Lunch 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Closed Saturday, Sunday & Holidays **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Pre – Baptismal program for parents who desire to share their faith with their children is held monthly in one of the parishes in the Erie East Deanery. Call the Parish Office for the schedule. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics and obtain a Letter of Recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sponsor.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday  $-4:15-4:45~\mathrm{pm}$  Individual Confessions by appointment call Office to schedule.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Before a date is scheduled the engaged couple is to meet with one of the priests at least six months in advance to complete the required preparation.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Can be requested when a parishioner is seriously ill or in danger of death, please contact the Office. With the privacy laws we do not always know when a parishioner is hospitalized or in a nursing care facility, if they would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion from the Eucharistic Minister or priest let us know.

<u>Parish Catholic Education Program</u> – PCEP Holy Trinity Parish will assist with tuition costs for families who desire a Catholic School Education for their children in the primary or secondary level. To be eligible for the Parish Grant, families must actively participate in the program and attend Mass and be involved.

PLEASE REMEMBER HOLY TRINITY IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING As you meet with your attorney or financial planner consider the needs of our Parish Family for future years as a legacy to you and your family with your generous remembrance.

**BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE:** Submit to the Parish Office for the following weekend bulletin – Monday by Noon

"A Parish built on tradition... where everyone is Welcome."

## Jan. 21, 2018 Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

## THE URGENCY IN CHRIST'S MISSION

### REFLECTION:

Urgency is of the utmost importance in today's message, and Jonah sets the standard. He unhappily arrives in Nineveh lacking enthusiasm for his task of preaching to Israel's antagonists and telling them that Yahweh is not enamored with their lifestyle. Yahweh wants them to repent, and Jonah has to convince them to do it.

However, despite Jonah's lack of passion, the citizens consented to amend their lives almost before Jonah finished his first sermon. The incredulous speed of their change of heart truly demonstrates the power of God's free gift of grace.

Again, urgency is the bottom line of Paul's message. Since Christ may be coming again soon, the Corinthians are urged to set aside earthly matters and make Christ's return a priority. Mark rounds out this sense of urgency with Jesus calling all to conversion by believing in the death, resurrection and exaltation of Christ, and using their help in establishing God's kingdom.

Even the swiftness of the apostles' acceptance to Christ's invitation is high-

lighted in Mark's Gospel. Zebedee is left in his boat as his sons leave with Christ. Again, all of these actions are attributed to the power of God's grace.

The lesson for all disciples — right up to today — is to respond to Christ's coming with a sense of urgency. Time waits for

no one, including the building of God's kingdom. Every life may seem full of years, but the years pass quickly. Procrastination must be overcome.

Remember the story of

the hare and the tortoise. The hare was miles ahead of the tortoise, almost at the finish line, but he was tired from all that running. He decided to stop and rest because he had a large lead on that sluggish tortoise. While he was napping, the tortoise passed the sleeping hare and crossed the finish line well before the hare awoke. In the end, the hare's procrastination cost him the race.

This week's readings remind all disciples that Christ's message is not something to do "someday" or even "later." Like the slow but steadfast tortoise, Christ's message demands a dedicated response to begin now — in this present moment.

### OPENING the Word: First Reading JON 3:1-5, 10

Everyone, whether unfriendly or godless, qualifies for the Lord's care. The Lord asks for a change of heart.

> Responsorial Psalm PS 25:4-9

"Teach me your ways, O Lord."

### Second Reading 1 COR 7:29-31

Paul is anxious that time is not wasted when preparing for the Lord's return. Disciples need to stay concerned with higher things and not on the things that pass away.

### Gospel MK 1:14-20

Mark emphasizes the need to believe in the Good News of Jesus and the establishment of God's reign.

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- Like Jonah, have you ever given a halfhearted response to your faith?
- Do you feel that your life now is building up God's kingdom?
- Are you a procrastinator when it comes to making needed changes in your life?
- When Christ calls you to follow him, do you do so spontaneously, or do you wait and count the costs?

### THE VALUE OF TIME

"You may delay, but time will not, and lost time is never found again."

— Benjamin Franklin

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 20 - 3 Sunday in OT 5:00 +Bea Phillips (Skip & Theresa Ignaczak) Sunday, January 21 - 3 Sunday in OT 10:00 + For the People of the Parish Monday, January 22 – St. Vincent, deacon 8:00 + For the Protection of Unborn Children Tuesday, January 23 - St. Marianne Cope 8:00 + Msgr. John D. Daniszewski Wednesday, January 24 - St. Francis DeSales 8:00 + Kulig, Laszczewski & Habas Families Thursday January 25 Conversion of St. Paul 8:00 + Beatrice Phillips (Nancy Kaminski) Friday, January 26-SS. Timothy & Titus

8:00 + Dorothy Pytlarz (Skip & Theresa Ignacak) Saturday, January 27 – 4 Sunday in OT 5:00 + For the People of the Parish Sunday, January 28 - 4 Sunday in OT

SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE WEEK burns in loving memory of Sister Mary Teresita, from her friends of Holy Trinity Parish.

10:00 + Sr. M. Teresita (Friends of Holy Trinity)

Sunday Offertory Report - January 14

Regular Offertory	\$2,225.00
Loose Cash	\$ 45.00
Total Offertory	\$2,270.00
Votive Candles	\$50.00

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 38 Sunday: 65

Th	is week	July 1 to date
Dream Goal	\$3,000.00	\$84,000.00
Amount we need:	\$2,308.00	\$48,468.00
Amount received:		
net	\$ 38.00	

Parishioners who would like a contribution statement of their 2017 offerings to Holy Trinity Parish for Income Tax. Please email or call the Parish Office. Our thanks to everyone's financial support to their Church.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY FOR:

January 27 & 28

**Eucharistic Ministers** 

5:00 PM - Marc Moore & David Thiemann 10:00 AM - Edie Luniewski, Len Sebastian & **Dorothy Carlson** 

Lectors

5:00 PM – John Kempisty & Kathy Smith 10:00 AM - Michelle Kosziegi & Steve Rimpa **Altar Servers** 

5:00 PM - Armani & Lilliana Moore 10:00AM - Erin Kosziegi & Roman Luniewski

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." With these words, Jesus invites Simon (Peter) and his brother Andrew to follow Him and be His disciples. We often speak of the subtleties of translation. In the original Greek in which St. Mark wrote his Gospel, a better translation would be, "Come after me, and I will make you become fishers of men." It is the beginning We are called to that same of a process. process. It is not as if it happens quite suddenly. It happens over time, and it is a progression. If we are to be "fishers of men," we are to be evangelizers and disciples of the Lord, and we are to represent what it means to be part of the Kingdom of God. Of course, Simon and Andrew "abandoned their nets and followed him." It may be more difficult for us to "abandon our nets" so to speak, but it does prompt us that we need to make major changes in our lives if we are going to follow Jesus. Simon and Andrew, and then James and John, were common men, normal people. They had no theological credentials nor did they have any special status in the world. Most of us are similar. Jesus did not select them (or us) for who they were. He called them for what He could do through them. It is the same with each of us. Yes, we are called, but in order to really fulfill our calling we need to follow and trust in Jesus.

#### LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

January 18, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his 2017 World Communications Day Message, Pope Francis takes an unblinking look at how information is impacting our culture. While acknowledging that a constant focus on bad news contributes to anxiety and fear, he knows we cannot ignore the challenges of our times. Yet he still finds room for hope. "I would like to contribute to the search for an open and creative style of communication that never seeks to glamourize evil, but instead to concentrate on solutions and to inspire a positive and responsible approach on the part of its recipients," he writes. "I ask everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at heart 'good news." That is exactly what we try to do in the Diocese of Erie. Overseeing our efforts to evangelize, to teach, to empower and to minister to those in need - not to mention the logistics of interacting with 97 parishes, 43 schools and dozens of ministries and agencies spread out across 10,000 square miles - requires that we share an enormous amount of information. I am committed to transparency, and work closely with our Communications Office to make sure we use every avenue possible to keep you informed. But it's about more than information. We prioritize inspiration as well. As Faith magazine begins its 13th year of publication, it's clear there will never be any shortage of stories about people in our diocese who are living out the Gospel with creativity and generosity. This year, we also are preparing to launch an updated website, designed to be welcoming, engaging and user friendly. And I have been enjoying reaching out to you with my new Twitter account in recent months. Each of these efforts is important to our lifelong journey as disciples. That's why I'm asking you to please support the Help Spread the Faith collection January 27/28. Sincerely yours in Christ,

### + Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL Bishop of Erie

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS 765.

Ways to Turn Your Beloved Off #8 - Let Your Kids Pre-empt your Beloved. Our children are important and take a lot of care - But, sometimes, we unnecessarily put our kids before our spouse. Babysitters can be a gift from God. If you aren't a parent, substitute "work" for "kids."

A Family Perspective It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus as it seemed he had his own plans for his children. We often forget that our children were never ours to begin with. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

### ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

Engagement Encounter still has openings for its January 26th through 28th weekend at St. Mark's Catholic Center in Erie. Prepare for your marriage with a weekend you'll never forget. For information or registration please call 814-824-1261 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org or register on line at www.eriercd.org/ee.htm. Remember, "A wedding is one day, marriage is for a lifetime".

### Join Erie's March for Life Jan. 27

The 2018 Erie March for Life, themed "Life: The Universal Language," will be held Jan. 27 beginning at 11 a.m. at the pavilion in west Perry Square in downtown Erie. Those who are participating are asked to arrive by 10:45 a.m. Signs will be available for everyone. Wear warm clothing and comfortable, non-slip footwear.

First grade teacher needed
The Erie Catholic School System is accepting applications for a first grade teacher. <a href="https://www.eriecatholic.org/careers">https://www.eriecatholic.org/careers</a>
The Erie Catholic School System, which includes six school campuses in Erie, is also hiring substitute teachers.

### 31 Club pray for Vocations

20) Michael Skrzypczak

21) Darlene Vlahos

22) Kathy Wisniewski

23) Heidi Jankowski

24) Len Sebastian

25) Jack Kempisty

26) Patricia Straub

27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:**

1/26 Jim Walczak 1/27 Tom Twaroski

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Amy and Peggy Baland, Don Benczkowski, Kathy Benes, Judy Bitters, Larry Bowers, Don Bross, Kathy Cancilla, Nicklos Cancilla, Allison Clarke, Doug Clarke, Marty Connelly, Mary Cook, Charles Cuneo, Sharon Czulewicz, Carol DiPanfilo, Flo Fabrizio, Bonnie Fallon, John Figurski & Family, Carol Gabbard, Bobby Gibson, Caren Gray, Tim Michael Hilbrich, Debbie Huzar, Herbstritt. Jenise Kaliszewski, Bob Kempisty, Debbie Kuhn, Dan Kujawinski, Chris Leonardi, Renee Lepley, Martha Leszek, Darlene Loupe, Ray Luniewski, Ian Malesiewski, Angela Matts, Barbara Matusiak, Robert McDonald, Jane Milewski, Rose Carl Mientkiewicz, Niedzwiecki, Edward Nitkiewicz, Heather Och, Matthew Patama, Shirley Potthoff, Pytlarz, Jim Robert, Joan Rowland, Damian Santabene, Alex and Denia Sadowski, John and Christine Shubert, Aiden Sorenson, Mark Sznajder, AnnMarie Tarasovitch, Lori Thomas, Brenda and Leo Tomczak, Mary Ann Toohey, Father Bernie Urbaniak, Sal Vallone, Columbia Vlahos, Lois Vosmus, Mary Ann Whipple, Kathy Wisniewski, Tommy Woodward.

Our prayer list needs to be updated, if someone's name can be taken off or another needs to be added please let the parish office know by phone or note.

Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria Academy present Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida, at the H. David Bowes Auditorium at Cathedral Prep on February 8, 9 and 10 at 7:00 PM and February 11 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. This 2000 winner of 4 Tony Awards is an love, loyalty, incredible story of betrayal which chronicles the love triangle between Aida, a Nubian princess stolen from her country, Amneris, an Egyptian princess, and Radames, the Egyptian general they both love. An enslaved Nubian princess, Aida, finds her heart entangled with Radames, an Egyptian soldier who is betrothed to the Pharaoh's daughter, Amneris. As their forbidden love blossoms, Aida is forced to weigh her heart against the responsibility she faces as the leader of her people. With an unforgettable score by Elton John and Tim Rice, Aida is a classic love story and modern crowd pleaser. Radames is played by senior, Alex Welz. Aida is played by junior, Hannah Harvey, and Amneris is played by senior, Valeria Camacho. Other featured actors are junior, Elijah Lyons as Zoser, senior, Howard Land as Mereb, senior, Mary Catherine McGovern as Nehebka, senior, Nick Carneval as Amonasro, and senior, Ian Malesiewski as the Pharaoh.

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION Would your family like to take the gifts down at the offertory time? Maybe you requested the Mass Intention or the Mass is for your loved one; we will have sign up sheets on the door to the Ushers Room for the month. Please fill in your name next to the Mass you would like to do. Please check in with the Ushers that day, so they know you are there. Any questions, please call the Parish Office.

After church service, a little boy tells his pastor that he is going to give him a lot of money when he grows up. "Well, thank you," the pastor replies. "But why?"

The little boy says, "Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had!"

A doctor, a tax lawyer, a little boy and a rabbi were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot the plane started to go down. The pilot grabbed a parachute and then he yelled to the passengers that they had better bail out and jump. Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining.

The doctor grabbed one parachute and said, "I am a doctor, I save lives so I must live." The doctor then jumped out of the plane leaving two remaining parachutes for three people left on the plane. The tax lawyer grabbed a parachute and said, "I am the smartest man in the world and I save people money so I deserve to live!" He grabbed a parachute and jumped leaving one remaining parachute for the little boy and the rabbi.

The rabbi looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I have lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace." The little boy handed the parachute to the rabbi and said, "Do not worry, rabbi! The smartest man in the world just took off with my backpack."

Did you ever notice that when you put the words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "THEIRS."

Q: Ever wonder why the IRS calls it Form 1040?

A: Because for every \$50 that you earn, you get \$10 and they get \$40.

HOLY TRINITY USHERS MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM Men and Women are invited to serve their parish in the ministry of hospitality and welcoming fellow parishioners and visitors. You are welcome to their monthly meeting.

Father O'Malley answers the phone. "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"

"It is"

"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"

"I can"

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

"I do"

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is"

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"He will".

The sympathy and prayers of our Parish were extended this past week to the family of Clara Szymanski, the mother of Janet (Bill) Downing. May she rest in peace.

We have many openings for daily Mass and sanctuary candles throughout the year. It is nice way to remember of our loved ones. The offering is \$10.00.

This winter and snow is setting records for Erie. We are trying to prepare ourselves for the day when we receive the bill from the snowplowing company. They have done a wonderful job but we fear what we budgeted for the year will could easily spent very quickly and winter will be around a few more months. Anything extra from our parishioners to help with this will be appreciated. If Ted Houlihan is a member of this parish we will accept his contribution anytime now

Father Bernie is at St. Mary's Home East for rehabilitation of his knee. We wish him a speedy recovery. If you wish to send him a get well card or a note, I am sure he would appreciate it.

You may notice our bulletin is now black and white. We are trying to save on the expense of printing color copies. The online edition will be in color.

### Jesus Calls His First Disciples

Mark 1:14-20



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Galilee kingdom repent believe sea Simon Andrew lake fishermen come follow nets James brother John boat

Jesus called out to them, "Come, be my disciples, and I will show you how to fish for people!"

Mark 1:17 (NLT)

### Sunday, Jan 21, 2018

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### It's not the end of the world

If there's one thing we can use less of, it's negative attitudes. After a brief perusal of daily headlines, we might be forgiven for thinking that the next six wars are preloaded, our food supply is toxic, strangers may be killers, and all leaders are liars. Yet our sacred story declares that human hearts can change. The future can be anything we want it to be. All we have to do is choose. Decide today to walk the road of hope.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 (68). "Jonah began his journey . . . announcing, 'Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed.'"

### Monday, Jan 22, 2018

#### Change is gonna come

Those first disciples called by Jesus "immediately" left everything and followed him. Often we're inspired by a Sunday sermon or something we read in the paper or hear on the news. Then we feel the need to change our lives in some way in order to become better people. Yet change is hard when so much holds us in place: our families, our jobs—all our responsibilities. Yet there is always a need to leave something behind in order to gain something better. What must you let go of today in order to answer the Lord's call to fulfillment?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (317). "Jesus said, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him."

### Tuesday, Jan 23, 2018

MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN

### Follow an inspiring example

Many of us have heard of Father Damien, famous for his work with those with leprosy, but Sister Marianne Cope, at the age of 45 likewise volunteered for the Hawaiian mission at Molokai. She served girls and women with leprosy, emphasizing "pride and fun" and dignity in the colony. Soon after her death, a local woman wrote in the *Honolulu Advertiser* that she was "a woman [who devoted] every hour of 30 years to the mothering of people isolated by law from the rest of the world. She risked her own life in all that time, faced everything with unflinching courage, and smiled sweetly through it all." Who can you help today, right at home, to see beyond the harshness of life?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35 (318). "Who are my mother and my brothers?"

### Wednesday, Jan 24, 2018

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### Be the retiring type

Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622) led a full life, both before and after his relatively late decision to join the priesthood. In his era, a life of holiness was considered the domain of monks and nuns, certainly not of laypeople. But he believed God could and should be found in everyday life and was one of the first great religious teachers to offer spiritual direction to lay Catholics living and working in the world, such as in his book *Introduction to the Devout Life*. His advice to those busy with the world's affairs is as valid today as it was then: "Retire at various times into the solitude of your own heart, even while outwardly engaged in

discussions or transactions with others, and talk to God." Practice a little "early retirement" today!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20 (319). "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear."

### Thursday, Jan 25, 2018

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

### The impossible is possible

Have you or someone you know ever experienced a conversion? Conversion can take many forms. Someone turns their life around—recovering from an addiction, bouncing back from an illness or a setback and going at life in a whole new way. The amazing thing about Saint Paul's conversion was that he went from persecutor of Christians to a devout Christian himself. The change in him was so incredible not everyone believed it at first. How could this person who was out to imprison and kill Christians suddenly be one of them? For God all things are possible. With God's help, that makes a lot of things possible for us, too.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

### Friday, Jan 26, 2018

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

### Be a living example

Timothy and Titus were companions and coworkers of the apostle Paul. We call them bishops because Christian tradition sees them as the first leaders of the churches in Ephesus (Greece) and Crete. They carried the gospel to the world in the earliest days of the church. They show us that the best way for our faith to live and grow is to live it. All Christians, not only leaders, bear a responsibility to take part in the mission of the church. To spread the faith, make yourself a living example of it.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 OR Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:26-34 (520; Gospel 321). "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it?"

### Saturday, Jan 27, 2018

MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

### Share and share alike

Saint Angela Merici didn't set out to form a typical religious community of women. An orphan herself, she began by simply giving religious instruction to the poor and uneducated children of her neighbors. Before long, other women were attracted to join her. By the time she was 50, prompted by a heavenly vision, she began a community of women called the Ursulines who embraced virginity, poverty, and obedience. But they took no formal vows. They didn't formally congregate as a religious community, either, but stayed at home to evangelize to their family, friends, and neighbors. Evangelism can begin with even the tiniest seed. With whom will you share a bit of the Good News today?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 (322). "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"



### Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time