

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2021



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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday - Friday at 8:00AM
Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:
Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM

*** Daily Eucharistic Liturgy remains temporarily Non-Public**

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



January 24, 2021 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts and certainly not himself. Later in the afternoon, he experienced chest a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the Emergency Department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that call us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our ego needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. Help!

We spin our wheels naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we have to leave our ego-self behind and follow. When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All of the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-9/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20 [3rd Sunday]
Monday: Acts 22:3-16/Ps 117:1-2/Mk 16:15-18 [Conversion of St. Paul]
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 96:1-10/Mk 3:31-35 [Sts. Timothy & Titus]
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 4:1-20 [St. Angela Merici]
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-6/Mk 4:21-25 [St. Thomas Aquinas]
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
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28 [4th Sunday]

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.8476.

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 25th - Private Intention
 Tues., Jan. 26th - Mary Rzymek (Tom & Judy Walkiewicz)
 Wed., Jan. 27th - John & Anna Barczynski (Walter & Monica Dobry)
 Thurs., Jan. 28th - Albert "Mickey" Mabie (Bill Foley)
 Fri., Jan. 29th - Charles Britton (Family)
 Sat., Jan. 30th, 4:00PM - Leon & Theresa Delinski Smith (C. & E. Rohrbach)
 Sun., Jan. 31st, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

mark ✓ your Calendar

We intend to host our annual "Fish & Pierogi Dinners" (most likely, for take-out only) on the following dates in Lent:

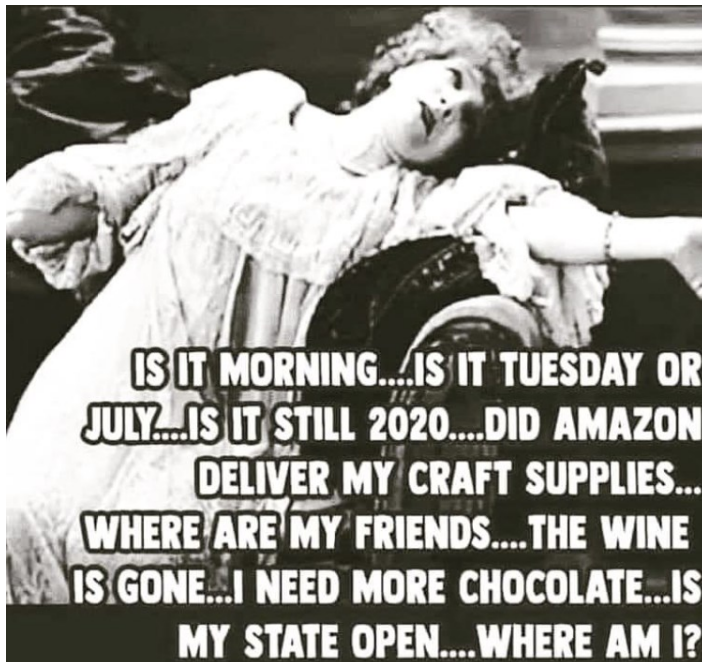
February 19th
 March 5th
 March 19th



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **ALL THE SOULS IN PURGATORY** as gifted by Kay.

DAILY MASSES

Although our weekend Masses have been public since mid-July, we never resumed a daily public Mass, primarily because our "regulars" were still reluctant to come to church. However, moving forward, if the daily Mass intention is for a loved one and you would like to attend, please call the Parish Office a day in advance and Father will be sure the church is opened for you.



FEBRUARY LOTTERY RAFFLE

Our Holy Name Society will be sponsoring a "February Lottery Raffle." Tickets are available from any Holy Name member, or at the Parish Office. Thank you for supporting the Society and, in turn, for the Society enabling us to accomplish so many projects on our campus!

One of the characteristics of Christian Spirituality is acknowledging that everything belongs to God. Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man. I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy. But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine. Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

WEEKLY OFFERING (JANUARY 17, 2021)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$116,368.00
Amount Received	\$3,078.00	\$79,706.00
Net over/under	(\$1,078.00)	(\$36,662.00)

Mass Attendance:
 4:00PM = 36
 9:30AM = 33



CHURCH VOLUNTEER CLEANERS

Our generous volunteers who keep our church crispy clean will be gathering on the following dates in 2021:

January 19th	July 20th
February 16th	August 17th
March 23rd	September 21st
April 20th	October 19th
May 18th	November 16th
June 15th	December 14th

Holy Trinity Parish Community



1/24 - Patricia Czulewicz;
1/26 - Barbara Agnello &
James Walczak
1/27 - Thomas Twaroski;
1/28 - Paul Potthoff

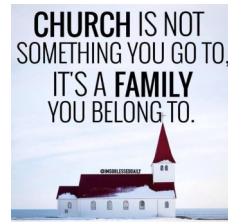


Sanctuary Candle burns this week in
memory of **THE DECEASED**
PARISHIONERS OF HOLY TRINITY.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 25th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Tues., Jan. 26th - Albert & Carolyn DiMattio (Family)
Wed., Jan. 27th - The Souls in Purgatory (Mead & Dorothy Carlson)
Thurs., Jan. 28th - John Figurski (Luniewicz Family)
Fri., Jan. 29th - Nancy Slubowski (Christine Rodrigues)
Sat., Jan. 30th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (*Pro Populo*)
Sun., Jan. 31st, 10:30AM - Maria Jarema Ostapa (Family)

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Ann **Marie Neimeic** on Thursday, January 21st. Please keep Ann Marie, her family and friends, in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord...



I wish I had a
kid to file... I
mean, to love.

Our readings today focus on the vital attributes of being a disciple of Christ. The Gospel of John portrays these attributes as he bears witness to Jesus' first disciples. Upon seeing Jesus, John proclaims, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The lamb is a reference to the Jewish sacrificial offering at Passover and reveals Jesus as Savior. Once the two that were with John heard this, they immediately followed Jesus. Jesus turned to them and asked, "What are you looking for?" They responded with, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" Imagine Jesus asking you, "What are you looking for?" We might respond with answers like a better job, more kids, retirement, or any number of things that we think will make our lives better. The things we seek may be righteous, but as disciples of Christ, we should first and foremost seek the Kingdom of God. If we strive to respond to Jesus' question in the same way the first disciples responded, essentially by asking, "Where are you, Lord?" then we will not be disappointed with the outcome. Our story of Jesus' first disciples concludes with Andrew intentionally sharing the Good News of Christ to his brother Simon Peter. Andrew had the gift of meeting the Lord and did not hoard it to himself. Instead, he sought his brother and proclaimed what he had experienced, which serves as a reminder for us. Our calling is to be missionary disciples — to seek the Lord and share what we have found. Our faith is a gift! We should strive to share this gift with others.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 17, 2021

Regular Offering: \$3,937.00 (26/147)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$87,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$68,585.00
Total Offertory:	\$3,937.00	\$57,265.00
Net (over/under):	\$1,608.00	(\$11,320.00)

Attendance: 5:15PM = 18; 10:30AM = 42

CSA UPDATE

Assessment: \$12,425.00
Pledges: \$25,227.00
Paid: \$24,687.00
Families Contributing: 70

Fishing for People

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 1:17 (TNIV)
Based on Mark 1:14-20



L A K E U I J A M E S Z S O C
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JOHN
KINGDOM
ANDREW
GOOD

NEWS
BOAT
REPENT
COME

CASTING
GALILEE
SEA
FOLLOW

FISHERMEN
NETS
BROTHER
JAMES

SIMON
BELIEVE
FATHER
LAKE

"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men."

- Mark 1:17



COVID-19 VACCINATION PHASES IN PENNSYLVANIA



Phase 1A

- Long-term care facility residents
- Health care personnel including, but not limited to:
 - Emergency medical service personnel
 - Nurses
 - Nursing assistants
 - Physicians
 - Dentists
 - Dental hygienists
 - Chiropractors
 - Therapists
 - Phlebotomists
 - Pharmacists
 - Technicians
 - Pharmacy technicians
 - Health professions students and trainees
 - Direct support professionals
 - Clinical personnel in school settings or correctional facilities
 - Contractual HCP not directly employed by the health care facility
 - Persons not directly involved in patient care but potentially exposed to infectious material among or from health care personnel and patients

Phase 1B

- People ages 75 and older
- People in congregate settings not otherwise specified as LTCF and persons receiving home and community-based services
- First responders
- Correctional officers and other workers serving people in congregate care settings not included in Phase 1A
- Food and agricultural workers
- U.S. Postal Service workers
- Manufacturing workers
- Grocery store workers
- Education workers
- Clergy and other essential support for houses of worship
- Public transit workers
- Individuals caring for children or adults in early childhood and adult day programs

Phase 1C

- People ages 65-74
- People aged 16-64 with high risk conditions causing increased risk for severe disease
- Essential workers in these sectors:
 - Transportation and logistics
 - Water and wastewater
 - Food service
 - Housing construction
 - Finance, including bank tellers
 - Information technology
 - Communications
 - Energy, including nuclear reactors
 - Legal services
 - Federal, state, county and local government workers, including county election workers, elected officials and members of the judiciary and their staff
 - Media
 - Public safety
 - Public health workers

Phase 2

- All individuals not previously covered who are 16 and older and do not have a contraindication to the vaccine (note that at this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech product is approved for those age 16 and 17)

COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID REMINDER

I have been exceptionally pleased in our parishes ability to remain opened to public celebrations. That we haven't had any "incidents" of concern speaks highly of our commitment to maintaining a safe environment. Special thanks are in order for all of our volunteers who sanitize our churches after each public celebration!

Some concerns have been expressed, however, about maintaining six feet of social distance while processing forward in the communion line to receive the Eucharist. Please try to be more aware of the person in front of you and stay six feet behind them when coming forward for communion. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

- Fr. Jason

HOLY TRINITY'S ANNUAL LENTEN MARKET

Orders are being taken until **February 15th** for Holy Trinity annual Lenten Market. The orders can be picked up at the Social Center on Wednesday, February 17th (4PM-7PM) or Saturday, February 20th (10AM-11AM). An order form is included in this bulletin. Order forms with payment can be dropped in either parish's collection or Parish Office. If you would like additional order forms, see Father or stop by either Parish Office. Thanks, in advance, for your support!

CHECKS PAYABLE TO...

If you are making a weekly offering with a check, please use **blue** or **black** ink. The bank cannot process checks written out in red, green, or any other colors. Thank you!

BACK TO WORK

Classes resume at Gannon University on Monday, January 25th. Fr. Jason will also resume his teaching at the University. His classes are scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Consequently, *he will not be in the office on those afternoons*. Sorry for any inconvenience.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The final day to contribute to the 2020 CSA is Wednesday, January 27th. The 2021 CSA will begin on February 14th. More information will be forthcoming. A sincere "thank you" to all who continue to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor that supports both the Diocese and our local parish communities.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

1/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski & Diane Valahovic; 1/25) Jack Kempisty & Helen Zimmerman; 1/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 1/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski; 1/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson & Suzanne Sundy; 1/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis; 1/30) Edie Luniewski; 1/31) Sr. Anita Benecki & Bobby Sulecki

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

1/24) Fr. Stephen Collins; 1/25) Msgr. Bruce Allison; 1/26) Fr. James Power; 1/27) Fr. Thomas Trocchio; 1/28) Msgr. Thomas McSweeney; 1/29) Msgr. Henry Schauerma; 1/30) Fr. Johnathan Schmolt; 1/31) Bishop Donald W. Trautman

Sunday, Jan 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrate, study, share

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

"The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."

The timing seemed right. In September 2019, on the 1,600th anniversary of scripture scholar Saint Jerome's death, Pope Francis launched a new observance on the church calendar. Today's "Sunday of the Word of God" is deliberately placed within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All who follow Jesus are invited to unite around the happy gift of our sacred story contained in the Bible's pages. On this occasion, we celebrate, study, and spread these good words we never possess merely for ourselves. Enthroned the Bible in your home—and heart.

Monday, Jan 25, 2021

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

Turn things around

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18

"Repent, and believe in the gospel."

It is arguably the biggest about-face in history: Paul goes from passionately persecuting Christians to converting to Christianity and becoming one of its most important champions. And it's a hard-to-beat conversion story: falling off a horse and encountering the risen Lord. But it's a story that happens in the hearts of Christians all the time: Life knocks you down while going the wrong way, and you're not ready, willing, or able to see the truth - and then somehow Jesus changes everything. By the grace of God, it happens to you again and again. Paul is proof that it's never too late.

Tuesday, Jan 26, 2021

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

Seek good companions for the journey

2 Timothy 1:1-8 OR Titus 1:1-5; Mark 3:31-35

"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

We honor Timothy and Titus one day after the conversion of Saint Paul. For Paul, once converted, wasted no time in spreading the gospel and relied on many to help with his missionary work. Few of his companions were as key - or as beloved - as Timothy and Titus. Paul gave them the toughest assignments, and his letters to them are the only ones addressed to fellow missionaries that are included in the Bible. In those epistles, Paul refers to them as "my dear child" and "my true child in our common faith" - reminders that all become brothers and sisters through Christ.

Wednesday, Jan 27, 2021

Never forget

Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalm 110; Mark 4:1-20

"Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool."

On the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp, the U. N. established International Holocaust Remembrance Day. With firm resolve to educate future generations about the horrors of the Holocaust, this annual event is a clarion call never to forget the Nazi atrocities that claimed the lives of 6 million Jews and millions more others. U.N. Secretary General Guterres warns that it would be a "dangerous error to think of the Holocaust as simply the result of the insanity of a group of criminal Nazis." It happened because of the "millennia of hatred, scapegoating, and discrimination targeting the Jews." Pray today for grace to choose love rather than hate.

Thursday, Jan 28, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Let your light shine

Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25

"Is a lamp... not to be placed on a lampstand?"

How apt that the gospel on today's memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas encourages us to let our light shine. This saint's light was his powerful intellect, and it still shines brightly today. His theological writings, particularly *Summa Theologiae*, continue to have tremendous impact on the church. One of his lasting insights is that faith and reason both come from God, and Christian doctrine is not at odds with rational thought. In honor of this doctor of the church with his relentlessly probing mind, take time to sharpen your own understanding of a faith-related issue.

Friday, Jan 29, 2021

Make an offer

Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34

"We are... among those who have faith and will possess life."

"Offer it up" is a phrase that seems baked into our Catholic tradition. Often it comes out at times when we are at a loss from the complexities and pain of suffering, which can leave us hopeless, scared, and lonely. After months of social distancing, mourning deaths, job and school closures, and holidays spent alone, we are all in a kind of personal and corporate space of suffering. We are invited to truly *offer*, that is, to *give* ourselves into the care of others and into the loving embrace of Jesus the Christ who also has known suffering intimately. What do you need to offer up and how can you lovingly embrace others' offerings of themselves?

Saturday, Jan 30, 2021

All that I have is yours

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance."

Inheritance is a big deal in the Bible. Not so much legal inheritance, though that is mentioned, but theological inheritance, the gifts God bestows on the community of faith—the people of Israel—and later, in the New Testament, to the followers of Christ. We all share in that inheritance, that "holy ground" promised so long ago to Abraham and his descendants. How will you put your inheritance to use? Will you pass it on to others, or will it end with you? How you invest your time, talent, and treasure will determine the answer to that question.

