

Dear Padre,

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. ●

Fr. Victor Karls, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Weekday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10	2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19	Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22	2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5	2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17	2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5	Dt 18:15–20
Mk 3:22–30	Mk 3:31–35	2 Sm 7:4–17	Mk 4:26–34	Mk 4:35–41	Mk 4:26–34	1 Cor 7:32–35
		Mk 4:1–20				Mk 1:21–28



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

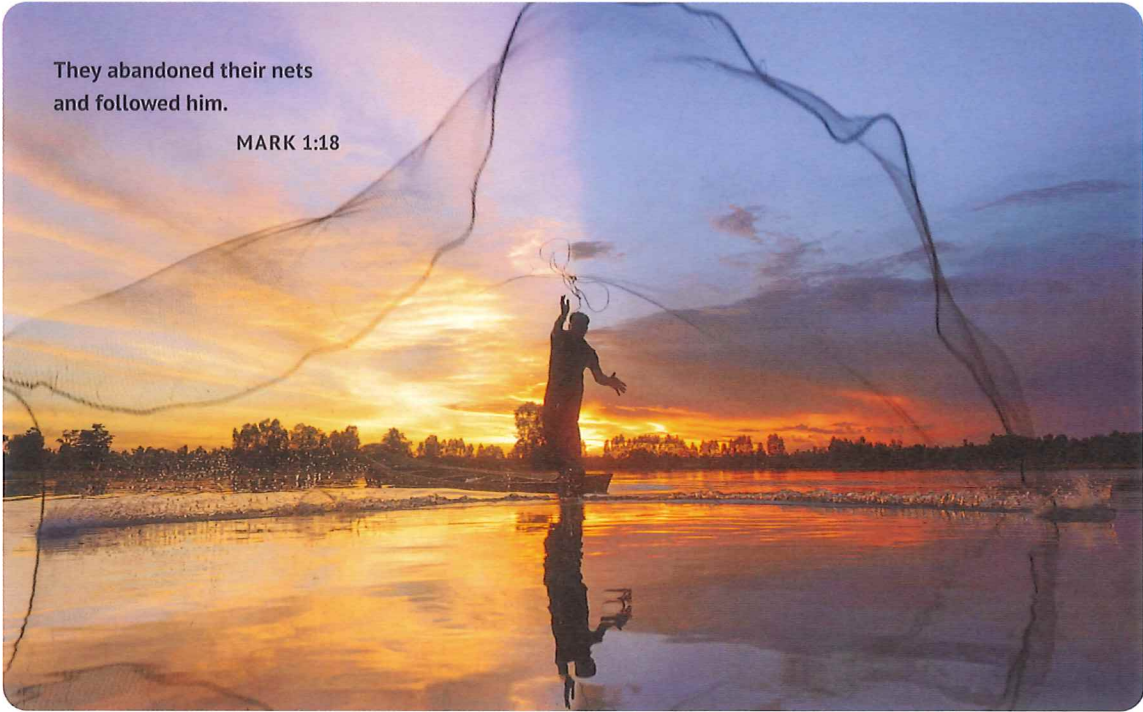
Brothers and sisters, before the Lord's call, which can reach us in a thousand ways—through others, happy or sad events—our attitude at times might be rejection. But God's call is always love: we have to try to discover the love behind each call, and it should be responded to only with love.

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Pope Francis meets with "Phone Friend" volunteers of the Samaritans Italy in 2017. © L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 21, 2024
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Jonah 3:1–5, 10 / 1 Corinthians 7:29–31 / Mark 1:14–20



A New World Is Coming

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? ●

Reflect

To what is God calling you, your community, our nation?



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Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1/20/2024 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Jason Velasco, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Debbie Frederick

E.O.HC: Rosemary & Tom Bachman

1/21/2024 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman– Fuller

Reader: Julie Kaps

E.O. HC: Alvin Bergkamp, bob Woodrow

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1/27/2024 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Ryann & Brecken Bamberger, Rowen Simon

Reader: Gwen Waechter

EO.HC: Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter

1/28/2024 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade Berning, Jace Berning, Ha-ley Berning

Reader: Kyle Berning

E.O. HC: Mike & Cindy Broeckelman

COLLECTION for January 14, 2024

Envelopes: \$2800; Loose: \$324; Online Giving:\$ 1359.94

Total \$4,159.94; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under +2,398.77

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL

\$52000—Building Fund To Date: \$50,527.96. *Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards*

JANUARY 21, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.” (PS 40)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Jan. 20 4:00 p.m. People of our parishes

Sunday, Jan. 21 9:00 a.m. Priestly Vocation

Monday, Jan. 22 5:30 p.m. Bryan Coulter

Tuesday, Jan. 23 9: 30 a.m. David Hoang

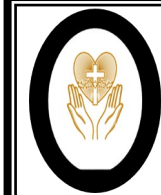
(Tuesday Mass at the High Plains Retirement Village)

Thursday, Jan. 25 12:10 p.m. Gary Sack

Friday, Jan. 26 7:30 a.m. Liz Lang Baier

Saturday, Jan. 27 4:00 p.m. People of our parishes

Sunday, Jan. 28 9:00 a.m. Sp. Int. Powers



My friends, I wonder sometimes why we make the choices we make, why we sometimes do the right thing and sometimes do the wrong thing, sometimes listen to God and respond in faith and sometimes listen to God and act as if we hadn't heard at all.

So often we fail to respond to God's invitation, fail to follow wherever he leads because there is always something that seems a little "better", something that is a little more "attractive" or "easier" or "more comfortable" or "less scary". And in a certain sense we make these choices because they seem to "protect" things we want to "protect."

However, God keeps inviting us to take his hand and follow --- not reluctantly, not fearfully, not half-heartedly, but faithfully, courageously, willingly, joyfully. But that can't happen if we don't know the difference between the things that will pass away and the things that last, the things that are only of this world and the things that will live on in eternity.

So let's always do our very best in the world in which we find ourselves, while keeping our

hearts and minds and eyes focused on the world that is to come --- and thereby find the wisdom and trust to truly be good disciples, good followers --- faithful companions of our Lord on a journey whose destination is more than we could ever imagine. Fr. Peter

UNDERSTANDING THE READINGS OF THIS WEEK

- **The entire book of Jonah** consists of only four chapters, and the chapter we hear today must be the only one Jonah would be proud of. You see, this is the second time the LORD called Jonah on this mission. In the first chapter, Jonah responds immediately to God’s call . . . by jumping on the first ship sailing in the opposite direction! During a brutal storm, the sailors throw him overboard, fearing that he brought on God’s wrath. In chapter two, Jonah is swallowed by a great fish, leading him to pray in desperation. Given a second chance in the passage we hear, he obeys at once. But in the final chapter Jonah is miffed. Nineveh was the enemy! Jonah hoped that he might see at least some of God’s promised wrath. But God teaches him that repentance, not punishment, was always the goal, for God’s mercy trumps God’s anger. Jonah may have failed to do right at first, and his heart was still divided when he did right, but he saved thousands of people from destruction because in the end he followed God’s call.
- **God promises us new life** after repentance and conversion. Jonah found it after three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish. The people of Nineveh found it after they turned to fasting and sackcloth. Simon, Andrew, James, and John found it after dropping their nets and following Jesus. Now it is our turn to trust that repenting and following the Lord will be rewarded.
- **Note that Jesus did not tell the pairs of brothers** that they had to study him for a good long time and pass a test before they could go out and fish for more disciples. No, he told them straightaway that all they had to do was follow and he would make them fishers of others. We need not be nervous about first becoming qualified enough to reach out to others. As long as we sincerely follow him, we can invite others to follow as well.
- **El libro entero de Jonás** consiste de cuatro capítulos y el capítulo que escuchamos hoy debe ser el único del cual Jonás se sentiría orgulloso. Y es que ésta es la segunda vez que el Señor le da a Jonás esta misión. En el primer capítulo Jonás responde inmediatamente al llamado de Dios . . . ¡zarando en el primer barco que sale en dirección opuesta! Durante una tormenta brutal los marineros lo echaron al mar, pues temían que él había despertado la ira de Dios. En el capítulo dos un pez grande se traga a Jonás, cuya desesperación lo lleva a orar. Al dársele una segunda oportunidad, en el pasaje que hoy escuchamos, obedece de inmediato; pero en el último capítulo Jonás se siente enojado. ¡Nínive era el enemigo! Y Jonás esperaba ver cumplida al menos un poco de la ira que Dios había prometido. Pero Dios le enseña que el arrepentimiento, y no el castigo, fue siempre la meta, pues la misericordia de Dios sobrepasa el enojo de Dios. Aunque Jonás haya fracasado en hacer lo correcto primero y su corazón todavía estaba dividido aun cuando hizo lo correcto, así y todo salvó de una destrucción a millares de personas, porque al fin y al cabo cumplió el llamado de Dios.
- **Dios nos promete una vida nueva** después del arrepentimiento y la conversión. Jonás encontró esa vida nueva después de haber estado tres días y tres noches en el vientre de aquel gran pez. La gente de Nínive encontró esa vida nueva después de ayunar y ponerse ropas de penitencia. Simón, Andrés, Santiago y Juan encontraron esa vida nueva después de dejar sus redes y seguir a Jesús. Ahora nos toca a nosotros confiar en que arrepentirnos y seguir al Señor tendrá su recompensa.
- **Fijémonos en que Jesús no les dijo a los pares de hermanos** que tenían que estudiar mucho tiempo para conocerlo, ni que tenían que pasar un examen antes de ir a pescar discípulos. Más bien y enseguida les dijo que todo lo que tenían que hacer era seguirlo y él los haría pescadores de más personas. No nece-

PARISH BREAKFAST– SUNDAY JANUARY 28—RIGHT AFTER MASS You are invited to join us for food & fellowship on This Sunday, January 28th served by our K of C Council.

BUDGET SHOP We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, January 27 and Tuesday, January 30. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us. We are open on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

VOCATION CORNER DIOCESE SCHEDULE VOCATIONS DINNERS God calls each man to live out his own vocation. Your own vocation maybe to the priesthood. One way to discern what that may be is by attending an Andrew Dinner with Bishop Brungardt and priests of the diocese. If interested in attending any of the following events, please let Fr. Peter know. **Jan. 28 High-School Age** 6-8pm @ St. Joseph Church, Scott City.

PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE The Pilgrimage for Life will be held on January 27th. We will begin at the Dodge City Middle School auditorium at 10 am. It is approximately a two-mile walk to the Cathedral. You are welcome to do the entire walk, or to join part way through. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am, and a lunch of soup and sandwiches provided by the Knights of Columbus, the Daughters of Isabella, and Dodge City Community College will be provided. Free will donation is encouraged. Please register online at <https://www.dcdiocese.org/offices/respect-life>.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION JANUARY 21

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”- Mark 1:17

Jesus’ call to “*follow me*” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

“Siganme, y Yo haré que ustedes sean pescadores de hombres”.-Marcos 1:17

¡El llamado de Jesús a “Seguirlo” es un llamado para todos los cristianos!El llamado es aquí y ahora, en nuestras circunstancias actuales, no cuando pensemos que estamos “listos” o que tenemos todo en orden.La buena administración de los dones que Dios nos ha dado significa que las cosas no siempre van de acuerdo con nuestro cronograma, sino que Dios tiene reservado un plan mucho mejor para cada uno de nosotros.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK How do I go about inviting others to journey to the kingdom with me?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (by Charles de Foucauld) Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me and in all your creatures – I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father. Amen.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME, PART 13: Liturgy of the Word



Every Mass, after the Collect, we all sit down and begin the part of the Mass called the **Liturgy of the Word**. We listen to some readings from the Bible, and we stand for a special reading from the Holy Gospels. As we will see, there is a very thoughtful selection of the different readings and good reasons for why they are arranged in a particular way. As an overview,

the Liturgy of the Word includes: **A First Reading**, usually taken from the Old Testament; **B**. A sung or recited **Responsorial Psalm**; **C**. (On Sundays and Solemnities) A **Second Reading** from the New Testament (other than the Gospels); **D**. The **Alleluia** or Gospel Acclamation; **E**. A reading from the **Gospels**

The Liturgy of the Word also includes the **Homily**, the **Profession of Faith (Creed)**, and the **Prayers of the Faithful** with a concluding prayer. In the weeks ahead, we will take a closer look at each of these parts of the Liturgy of the Word

The Word of the Lord

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states, “For in the readings, as explained by the Homily, God speaks to his people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation, and offering spiritual nourishment; and Christ himself is present through his word in the midst of the faithful. By silence [listening to the readings] and singing [responding] the people make this divine word their own, and affirm their adherence to it by means of the Profession of Faith; finally, having been nourished by the divine word, the people pour out their petitions by means of the Universal Prayer for the needs of the whole Church and for the salvation of the whole world” (GIRM, 55).

A Three-Year Cycle

How are the readings chosen each week at Mass? Is there a pattern or certain order? Yes! Sunday readings are divided into a three-year cycle. (The readings for daily Mass are on a two-year cycle with one reading from various parts of the Bible and a Gospel reading each day.) For the Sunday readings, Cycle A focuses on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Cycle B focuses on St. Mark, and Cycle C focuses on St. Luke. The Old Testament readings correspond to the subject of the Gospel. For example, if the Gospel is about Jesus being persecuted or people trying to kill him, the First Reading might be about one of the prophets and the conflicts he had with people. Or, if the Gospel is about the Eucharist, the First Reading might be about manna, a sacrifice, a shared meal. The Gospel of St. John is used during special times of the Church year (e.g., Christmas, Lent, Easter), during the summer Sundays of Cycle B, and it also usually has a corresponding First Reading from the Old Testament.

Tying It All Together

The Second Reading, which follows a different type of arrangement, is most often from a Letter of St. Paul to a community or individual. As we move through the three-year cycle, we also sometimes have a Second Reading from one of the other New Testament letters. Instead of mixing and matching New Testament readings to the Gospel, the Second Reading generally goes in a semi-continuous reading from one Sunday to the next (for example, in year C, the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time features Galatians 3:26-29; the Thirteenth Sunday continues with Galatians 5:1,13-18; and the Fourteenth Sunday continues with Galatians 6:14-18; etc.)

Reading one of the letters in this way provides an ongoing teaching on various aspects of the faith, especially the moral life.

With all these wonderful readings, connections, and various focuses among them, it is easy to see why during some periods of Church history priests would give homilies anywhere from an hour and a half to three hours in length! Aren’t you glad that most preachers try to focus on just one main idea each week?

For Reflection

1. In preparation for Mass this coming Sunday, take time to pray with each of the selected readings. What connections do you see between them? Which reading attracts your attention the most? Spend more time with that reading, and allow the insights there to shape your Sunday and the beginning of a new week.

2. The psalmist praises God’s Word as a lamp and light: “Your word is a lamp for my feet, / a light for my path” (Ps. 119:105). What area of your life is in need of God’s light? As you bring this area before the Lord in prayer, turn to God’s Word in the readings for Mass (Sunday or daily) and see how the Liturgy of the Word sheds light on your life. (Fr. Luke Spannagel)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrate, study, share

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.

TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Celebrar, estudiar, compartir

El momento parecía adecuado. En septiembre de 2019, en el 1600 aniversario de la muerte de San Jerónimo, el erudito de las escrituras, el Papa Francisco introdujo una nueva observancia en el calendario de la iglesia. El "Domingo de la Palabra de Dios" de hoy está ubicado deliberadamente dentro de la Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana. Todos los que siguen a Jesús están invitados a unirse en torno al feliz legado de nuestra historia sagrada contenida en las páginas de la Biblia. En esta ocasión, celebramos, estudiamos y difundimos estas buenas palabras que nunca adquirimos sólo para nosotros. Entroniza la Biblia en tu hogar —y en tu corazón. (Preparetheword)