



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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Third 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. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help! We spin our wheels naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. 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.

Mass Registration

The church will remain open during the Province Wide Shutdown (stay at home order) effective Thursday, January 14th, 2021 at 12:01am.

A reminder that you must register for **ALL** Masses, including weekdays & HOLY HOUR. Please phone or email the office **for weekend Mass attendance and the following weekday Masses no later than the Friday morning before the weekend.** That will give us time to put the attendance sheets in place for the ushers and Fr. Rey. Once the 10 person limit has been reached, the doors will be locked. This limit includes the pastor, so we can allow for 9 people in the worship area.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat. Jan 23 | 3:30pm | Missa Pro Populo |
| | 4:15-:4:45pm | Confessions |
| | 5:00pm | Blessings & Health for Enzo & Connie D'Aloisio (Rosa Colangelo) |
| Sun. Jan 24 | 9:30am | ✠ Mary & Ray Whalen (Teresa & Colin Walters) |
| | 11:00am | For the family of Carolle & Randy Gilbert (Carolle Gilbert) |
| | 12:30pm | ✠ Anthony & Muriel Guest & Anthony, Sybil & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family) |
| Mon. Jan 25 | | MASS CANCELLED |
| Tues. Jan 26 | 9:30am | ✠ Ralph Biancaniello (Vince Addario) |
| | 7-8pm | HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS & Communion Service |
| Wed. Jan 27 | 9:30am | Fr. Chad Grennan (Racz Family) |
| Thurs. Jan 28 | 9:30am | Blessings & Health for Bruno Larocque (Larocque Family) |
| Fri. Jan 29 | 9:30am | ✠ Marie Massolin (Racz Family) |
| Sat. Jan 30 | 3:30pm | Intentions of Andrew & Katie Butterworth (Teresa & Colin Walters) |
| | 4:15-:4:45pm | Confessions |
| | 5:00pm | Intentions of St. Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters) |
| Sun. Jan 31 | 9:30am | ✠ Lewis Tremeer (Tremeer Family) |
| | 11:00am | Missa Pro Populo |
| | 12:30pm | ✠ Anthony, Patrick & Frances Guest (Rebeiro Family) |

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses. Interac E-transfer is also available to make donations. Please use the following email: stannfendonations@cogeco.net (No password required)

Offertory January 16th & 17th, 2021

Envelopes \$1, 165.00