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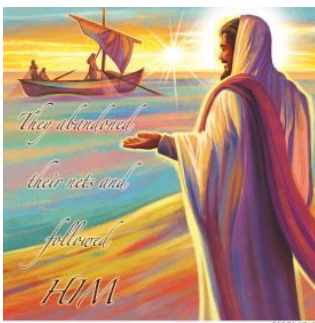
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2024

FIRST READING: The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah’s message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

SECOND READING — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31)..

GOSPEL -- Jesus proclaims, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns. Next, we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned. Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned. Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	1/22		
TUES	1/23		
WED	1/24		
THURS	1/25		
FRI	1/26		
SAT	1/27	3:00PM Confession
Next Sun	1/28		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Jan 23rd - Jan 28th)

MON	1/23	7:30AM	+ Dominec Petrore Jr. – (Gene & Barb Dryzal)
TUES	1/24	7:50AM	+ (B) Tommy Delic– (Mom)
WED	1/25	7:50AM	+ Phillip Petrore - (David & Christine Cox)
THUR	1/26	7:50AM	+ Frank Karmanocky – (Patricia Marshall)
FRI	1/27	7:50AM	+ Joan Loncar – (Kathy & John Suto)
SAT	1/28	4:00PM	+ (B) Stella David – (Daughter, Dolores, Bill & Billy Gentile)
SUN	1/29	7:30AM	+ Emil Bunda – (Jerry & Carole)
		10:30AM	+ Nick Subich – (Nathan Yeckling)



Sunday Jan 21, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today call us to be decisive in our faith. God calls us as stewards to repent and renew our commitment to Him each day. In our First Reading, God instructs the prophet Jonah to travel through the city of Nineveh and warns the people that the city would be destroyed due to their evil ways. When the people of Nineveh heard this, they declared a fast in repentance. The Lord saw this and had compassion for them. Every moment is an opportunity to either grow closer to God or further away from Him.

Our Gospel today shares Mark's account of Jesus calling His first disciples. In his account, Jesus approaches Simon and Andrew, and later, James and John. These four men were fishermen, casting their nets. Jesus states, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can repent and renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves, what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? If not now, when?

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Jan 13th & Jan 14th, 2024)

Weekly	\$ 2,614.00
Building Fund	\$ 230.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



Blessing of Homes... If you would like Fr. Bernard to bless your home in the New Year, please call the Rectory Office @539-7633 or put a note with your name, address, and phone number in the collection basket.

God Bless
This Home and All Who Enter

St Therese Ground Hog's Day ticket

We will be selling tickets starting this weekend in the vestibule, for our Ground Hog Day Ticket.

Tickets are \$20. for 5 numbers.

Winning determined by the PA Pick 3 evening number on **February 2, 2024.**

Winning number will take home **\$1500.00**

\$250 for the number above & below.

You can buy your tickets before Mass or you can stop by the rectory during normal business hours
Mon -Fri 9-2

They are going fast so get one while you can!

END OF YEAR
GIVING
STATEMENTS

If you would like a copy of your 2023 Contribution for taxes, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or call rectory 814-539-7633.

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Families and the Gospel - (Mark 1: 14-20)

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of 'Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc.' Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

Community News & Events

UPCOMING CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE DATES:

Bishop McCort Catholic High School - Thursday,
January 25, 2024 from 5:00-7:00 PM
and Divine Mercy East and West - Wednesday,
January 31, 2024 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

The Lazer Room a division of the Jodat Technologies Co, INC, a regional commercial Manufacturer, is offering to contribute a percentage of 15% of gross sales when used by our parishioners. The Lazer Room can personalize almost anything, wood, glass metal, stone. Please pick up a flier in the back of the church or go on line

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Young Adult Group (18-39): Theology on Tap returns January 31st from 6-8pm at The Boulevard Grill (165 Southmont Boulevard). In December we had our first service project Christmas Caroling at a Westmont retirement community. The event was a success with the retirement community singing along to every song! Our January guest speaker is Remil Teny - Education Director of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-39 are welcome to join us for faith, fellowship, and free food with a cash bar! Thank you to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral for providing January's food. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.