

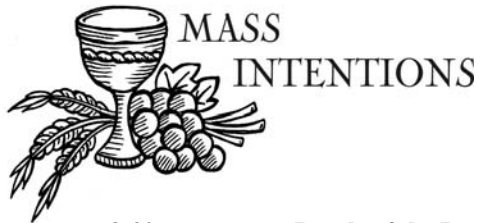


# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠ JANUARY 22, 2012

*Jesus called...  
and they followed.*



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday, January 22</b>	<b>8:30 am 10:30 am</b>	<b>People of the Parish People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday, January 23</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>In Memory of John Patrick O'Connell</b> Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Bill O'Connell
<b>Tuesday, January 24</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>In Memory of Catherine Trocki</b> Req. by Brian & Diane Turner
<b>Wednesday, January 25</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Thursday, January 26</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>In Memory of Sarah &amp; Charles Byrne</b> Req. by Patricia Byrne
<b>Friday, January 27</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Saturday, January 28</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>In Memory of Robert Dash</b> Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dash
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>

### First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah set out for Ninevah as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

### Second Reading: I Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

### Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become "fishers of men." They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

#### Monday

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30

#### Tuesday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25

#### Friday

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

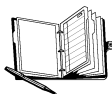
#### Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

### *Prayer for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*All powerful and ever living God, direct your love that is within us, that our efforts in the name of your Son may bring mankind to unity and peace.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



## **\*\*PARISH SCHEDULE\*\***

### **This Week's Parish Schedule**

Thursday, January 26, 2012

Knights of Columbus: Rosary 7 pm, Meeting 7:30 p.m. church basement

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Legion of Mary, 5:00 p.m. church basement

### **Next Week's Parish Schedule**

Friday, February 3, 2012

First Friday Mass, followed by devotion 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 4, 2012

First Saturday Devotion, after 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Legion of Mary meeting, 5 p.m. church basement

## **\*\*OTHER NEWS IN OUR DIOCESE\*\***

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**Volunteers Needed at Catholic Charities' Christ House!** The Christ House Shelter in Alexandria has several volunteer opportunities available for those looking to help us extend love, friendship, solidarity and service to members of our community. Volunteers needed any night of the week for Evening Meal Clean-up, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Volunteers also needed in the Thrift Store any day of the week between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. for sorting, pricing, stocking and organizing. Contact Sherri Longhill at (703) 841-3834 or [slonghill@ccda.net](mailto:slonghill@ccda.net).

**St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School** invites you to explore the benefits of Catholic education for children ages 3 to 14. On Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 10 - 11:30 AM we will host an Open House, where you can visit the school facility and speak with administration, faculty and staff about our exceptional and challenging religious and academic curricula. Our 8th grade students received the highest score among all diocesan schools on the NCEA Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education with an average percentile score of 94.5. We are also blessed to have numerous academic accomplishments. Please view firsthand the Good News in Catholic education at St. Andrew's. Families who enroll and are current, active members of diocesan parishes without a parish school are eligible for in parish rates. Those who apply for tuition assistance through FACTS Tuition Management may be eligible for a reduction in tuition fees. Applications and informational packets are available in the vestibule of the church, outside the school office, and online at [www.standrew-clifton.org](http://www.standrew-clifton.org).

### **Prayer Service for Christian Unity**

Please join us as we pray for Christian Unity on Tuesday, January 24. This year Bishop Loverde will gather with leaders from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod, the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, and the United Methodist Conference of Virginia, along with members of all Christian faiths, for the annual prayer service in Northern Virginia. The prayer service will be held at St. Christopher Episcopal Church, 6320 Hanover Street, Springfield Va. 22150 (phone: 703-451-1088). The service is set for 7:30 p.m., and a reception will follow.

### **2012 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS!**

In mid-January, many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Loverde regarding the 2012 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2012 BLA is Love One Another with the Heart of Christ! After reflecting upon the importance of the vital initiatives funded by the BLA, please prayerfully consider Bishop Loverde's request for support and give generously to assist the many programs and ministries that serve the people in need in our diocese.



**Let us welcome the newest members of the Church who were recently baptized at St. Clare's. Isaiah Malek & Gabriel DeVore were baptized on January 15, 2012. May the Lord bless you now and always!**



### **Knights Give GPA Family a Special Christmas**

When "Linda" called the Gabriel Project helpline she was pregnant with her fifth child. She was discouraged and afraid after the father of her baby left her, with only a small source of income and no prenatal care. She even considered abortion. Through the generosity of the Saint Clare Knights of Columbus, she was able to receive fully-funded prenatal care at Tepeyac Family Center. The Knights' Council soon after rallied to gather a collection of Christmas gifts for her family. The young mother was speechless and in tears when she received the news. Though her struggles continue, she is profoundly grateful for the support she has received through the Gabriel Project community.

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**2012 Catholic Charities Ball - "Precious Pearls of Hope"**  
Join Bishop Paul S. Loverde and the supporters of Catholic Charities for a night of fun to benefit Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Arlington's many programs and works of mercy in our diocese. **Friday, February 10** at the Ritz Carlton Tysons Corner. Consider enjoying the evening with your fellow parishioners by reserving a Parish Table. Black Tie. For information and donation opportunities, please email Barbara Caudle at [ccbball2012@gmail.com](mailto:ccbball2012@gmail.com) or call 703-937-3988.

**Young Adult Lenten Silent Retreat – March 2-4**  
Join Father Greg Cleveland, O.M.V., Spiritual Director at the Lanteri Center for Ignatian Spirituality in Denver, Colorado, as he teaches us to pray through means of Ignatian Meditation and Contemplation. The retreat will be held from March 2-4 at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post. Please visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/YAMretreat](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/YAMretreat) or contact Erin Kisley (703) 841-2549 for more information. This retreat is for all young adults, married or single. Register early because space is limited.

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**“Jesus appeared in Galilee, proclaiming the good news: “This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Reform your lives and believe in the good news!”... “As he made his way along the Sea of Galilee, he observed Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, ‘Come after me; I will make you fishers of men.’... he caught sight of James, Zebedee’s son and his brother John...He summoned them on the spot.”**

The message of Jonah and his call to repentance, and the proclamation and summons of Jesus brought about radical change. Whether it was the city of Nineveh, or the four fisherman, things would never be the same.


The kingdom was launched, the reign of God announced, and all were called to change their way of living. It is easy to visualize Jonah like the town crier, terrorizing people, so that even the king responded. It is easy to catch the aroma of the drying fish and nets, feel the refreshing breeze, and hear the Lord’s call. Notice how Mark tells us they abandoned their nets and abandoned their father.

God’s call to me today is a call to abandon something, any barrier or obstacle which can stand between me and Christ. In place of the nets and family, the Lord wants something more that no one else can give – something of myself.

My church and my children, my friends and unknown strangers need the kingdom to be part of their lives. He asks me to be His instrument to make it happen.

How neat the observation in the book of Jonah: “When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil ways, he repented of the evil he had threatened to do to them.” May He see us in the same way.

*“Follow Me  
and  
I will make you  
fishers of men.”*  
*Matthew 4:19*



### HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS