



# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2024



## 3<sup>RD</sup> 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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Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week  
The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him. ©LPI

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### Liturgy Schedule

Saturday                    5:00 pm  
Sunday                    8:30 and 11:00 am  
Monday-Thursday      5:00 pm  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday                    4:00 pm

### January 20 - 28

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sat	5:00 pm	Tom Spencer
Sun	8:30 am	Gloria Mathis
	11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Paul's
	5:00 pm	Kermit Brown
Mon	5:00 pm	no intention
Tues	5:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word
Wed	5:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word
Thurs	5:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word

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Sat	5:00 pm	no intention
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Paul's
	11:00 am	For Sam & Bonnie Chavez on their 58th Anniversary
	5:00 pm	Heather Lauwers

### Sunday Gift Offering

**January 14 donations: \$4,300.25**

10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$430.02**

*"We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family." -Pope Francis*



### New to our Parish?

Whether you are new to Laramie or new to our community, we welcome and invite you to stop by the office weekdays, Monday - Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. for membership information click **here** or scan the QR Code.



## Upcoming Events

### Free Legal Clinic

Wednesday, January 24

### Southwest Liturgical Conference

January 24 - 27 in Oklahoma City or Virtual

### Blood Drive

Monday, January 29

### Ash Wednesday, February 14

Liturgies at 7:00 am & 5:15 pm  
Ecumenical Worship at 12:15 pm  
at St. Paul's Newman Center

### Praise and Adoration

Wednesday, January 31 at 8:00 pm

### Pizza & Prayer for Families with Children

Thursday, February 1

### Resident SEARCH

Friday - Sunday, February 23 - 25

### First Communion Preparation

Tuesdays at 5:30 pm  
February 27, March 5 & 19

## Free Legal Clinic

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Equal Justice Wyoming and the Wyoming State Bar are offering FREE 20 to 30 minute consultations with volunteer attorneys on civil legal inquiries such as divorce & custody, landlord/tenant disputes, debt and consumer problems.

This service is provided to Wyoming residents. Income restrictions apply.

Check the flier on the Current Events Board for restrictions and additional information.



## Blood Drive

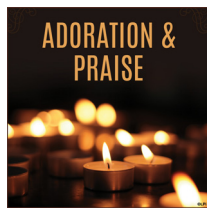
Kick off the New Year with a good deed by donating blood. The Newman Center is hosting a blood drive on Monday, January 29, 2024. To make an appointment click [here](#) or scan the QR code.

## Resident SEARCH 2024

Friday - Sunday, February 23 - 25

### Vee-Bar Ranch

Regardless of where you are on your faith journey, SEARCH offers you more. Applications are available in the entryway or scan the QR code to fill out an online application which is due February 9. We hope you are able to join us! If you have questions, please reach out to one of the directors Zach Parsons, Aimee Gray, or Nick Staiano.



Join our student for a time of prayer, reflection, music and silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, January 31 at 8:30 pm in the Worship Space.

**Pizza & Prayer for families with children for Thursday, February 1 in Bishop Newell Hall.**



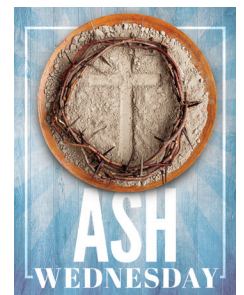
## First Communion Preparation

Children who have completed and celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation are ready to prepare for their next sacrament of initiation, **First Communion**. Preparation dates and times are Tuesdays at 5:30 - 6:30 pm on February 27, March 5 and 19. Those who have not completed formation for reconciliation...not to worry! Contact [lillie@newmancenter.org](mailto:lillie@newmancenter.org) to make that happen.

**Ash Wednesday is less that a month away!**  
**February 14, 2024**

**This year, all liturgies will be held at the Newman Center**

Liturgies: 7:00 am & 5:15 pm  
Ecumenical Service: 12:15 pm including distribution of ashes.  
(Liturgies at St. Laurence: 8:00 am & 5:30 pm)





# Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
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## The Fish That Didn't Get Away

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**W**e have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today's readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also "call narratives." Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to bring God's mercy to others. This is a call to "catch" others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people.

### Sunday Readings

#### Jonah 3:1–5, 10

The people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

#### 1 Corinthians 7:29–31

I tell you, brothers, the time is running out.... For the world in its present form is passing away.

#### Mark 1:14–20

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. [Jesus said,] "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)."

In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God's mercy was stronger than Jonah's spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus' disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God's mercy? It is a free gift to all. †

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### A Word from Pope Francis

Let us not ignore God's word. It is a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best. In reading it, we again hear his voice, see his face, and receive his Spirit. That word brings us close to God. Let us...carry it with us always, in our pocket, on our phone.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S BASILICA,  
JANUARY 24, 2021



### REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Does the way you live witness to a merciful, loving God?
- Is there some change you should make?



# Living Our Faith

Hosffman Ospino

There is not one exclusive way of living our relationship with Jesus Christ in the everyday. For some, the ideal model is that of monastic life in which men and women dedicate their lives to prayer and contemplation in a monastery, away from any distraction. For others, the ideal model is that of missionary life, bringing the message of the Gospel to distant lands in the midst of many challenges. Both models are attractive, and both continue to be sources of life for Christian communities around the world.

However, only a relatively small group of Christians are called to live their faith according to these two models. The majority of disciples of Jesus are called to give witness to our faith



somewhere in the middle, a point where contemplation and mission coincide in the here and now of ordinary life. For most Christians, this middle point is the daily experience of family life, work, and

social relations through which we hope to make the world a better place.

We discover there are many ways of encountering God and bringing others to participate in that encounter in the everyday. The wisdom of the Christian community has affirmed that each baptized person has the responsibility of living our faith mirroring the life of Christ in our own particular way. Consequently, Christian disciples embody the values of the Gospel according to the uniqueness of our circumstances. On the one hand, we share the same faith, believe in the same Lord, and await the same salvation. On other hand, we live our faith in the distinctiveness of our relationships and our decisions or states of life.

God continues to invite us to respond to the divine revelation with the gift of faith. We join Peter and Christians who have declared for generations that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. As we proclaim with joy at the Easter Vigil, “This is our faith! This is the faith of the Church! We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord!” †

From *Peter’s Catechism* (pages 26–27; 39), available at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “The Joy of Being Catholic” by Kathy Coffey

### Answers from Catholics: What about the Church brings you joy?

- “Sometimes I can’t sleep or I’m feeling blue. Then I remind myself that somewhere in the world, the Mass is happening. Bread and wine are being consecrated into the Christ’s body and blood. Knowing that buoys me.”
- “The faith offers us a healthy way to approach death. The ritual comforts us by saying, ‘It’s not the end; we’ll see this person again.’”
- “The best thing is the companions—Jesus, the prophets, the desert dwellers, the saints, each other!”
- “I can find good people other places, but not this remarkable liturgy.”
- “I think of the Catholic Church as a massive family. We’re all welcome.” †

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*Faithful God, give us the grace to witness to your presence so that others may know you are a loving, merciful God. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

January 22–27

**Monday**, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: 2 Sm 5:1–7, 10 / Mk 3:22–30


**Tuesday**, Weekday: 2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19 / Mk 3:31–35

**Wednesday**, St. Francis de Sales: 2 Sm 7:4–17 / Mk 4:1–20

**Thursday**, Conversion of St. Paul: Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22 / Mk 16:15–18

**Friday**, Sts. Timothy and Titus: 2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5 / Mk 4:26–34

**Saturday**, Weekday: 2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17 / Mk 4:35–41

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