

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 24 JANUARY 2021

**Readings for Sunday, January 24:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.

The Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah and repented of their evil ways, thus experiencing the Lord's compassion. Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus? Do we invest our lives in the world rather than in God's kingdom?

**Readings for Sunday, January 31:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28.

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**St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday.**  
**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 4:00 PM in the Church.**

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
26 Jan.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Improved Health of Larry Vitacco	Tony & Theresa
27 Jan.	WED. 9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families	
28 Jan.	THU. 9:00 AM	John J. Zissa, Sr. Family	Francis Czeiner Family
29 Jan.	FRI. 9:00 AM	Amadeo Luongo	Theresa Vitacco
30 Jan	SAT. 4:00 PM	Robert Hegedus	Bonnie Stankunas
31 Jan.	SUN. 9:00 AM	People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	

**Mass on weekdays will be in the Church. Remember to practice the social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask or covering for the safety of all.**



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. especially THOMAS MARCHESKIE.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING** of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.

**REMEMBER OUR TROOPS:** Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN!** However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, for the safety of our parishioners and staff, all parish business will be conducted by phone (610-326-5127), regular mail or email ([contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org)). The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, January 28 from 12:00-3:00 PM.

**THE ROSARY** is prayed on weekdays before the 9:00 AM Mass. We also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. We welcome all to join us for these special Marian Devotions.

**MAGNIFICAT** - Those who purchased the Magnificat book can pick up their FEBRUARY issue at the parish office. Please call before coming for your book.

**2021 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day for January to June 2021 are now being accepted. Mass stipend is \$10.00. Please call the parish office to schedule Masses.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

As you know, some adjustments were made at the start of the new year to the schedule of Masses and Eucharistic Adoration here at the parish. Thankfully, that change seems to have gone pretty smoothly. Even better, nobody has complained. (Whew!)

As I look at our schedule, though, I realize that it is not exactly friendly to people who work during the day. For example, we have Eucharistic Adoration from after the 9:00 Mass until 4:00 on Wednesdays. That makes it almost impossible for anyone who works a traditional 9-5 job to come to the church and pray. I've been floating some ideas among the staff for things we can do to remedy this.

One idea we developed was to run an increased period of Adoration during Lent. During Lent, we are going to try to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continue on Wednesdays until 7:00 pm. (Actually, we'll conclude with Benediction at around 6:50 or so and then begin Stations of the Cross at 7:00, but let's not split hairs). This will allow people who work during the day but want to visit the Church for prayer an opportunity to do so during the week. If the response is good and we sense a demand, we can look into making that a more permanent change.

**But, in order for this to work, we need your help.** It is required that, whenever the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar, there is always to be someone present in prayer. Ideally, there would always be at least two people. We need people to commit to regularly spending 30 or 60 minutes in church on Wednesday evenings during Lent to cover the 4:00 – 7:00 period. If you're looking for a Lenten sacrifice and a good prayer experience, this could be it. Please call the parish office if you'd be willing to sign up. If you can't commit to every Wednesday of Lent but can commit to some, that's okay; we can find a way to make it work. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration of this initiative. I hope we get a good enough response that it can happen.

Something else to look forward to: the parish is going to be getting a subscription to Formed.org. Formed is a website that contains a plethora of faith-related videos, podcasts, Bible Studies, etc. Some people describe it as "Catholic Netflix." As of my writing this, we're still working out the details of the subscription, but once we have the information, we will be letting you know how to sign up. They offer a lot of resources for people of all ages, and I can't wait to be able to share more information about that with you.

On a more practical side, we recently upgraded many of our outside lights to LED's. We had a number of exterior bulbs that burned out, and the LED's should use less energy and last longer. It's great for parish safety and security, though with all the bright lights now working in the parking lot, I may have to get some blackout curtains in the rectory so I can sleep at night.

There are some other things in the works as well, so, as always, stay tuned!

Fr. Steven W. Kiernan

*Parish Support*

WEEKLY BUDGET.....	\$5,000
DEPOSIT FOR JANUARY 17, 2021.....	\$3,536
Regular Sunday Collection -	\$3,411
Parish Giving -	\$125
WEEKLY DEFICIT. ....	(\$1,464)
Year to Date Budget.....	\$145,000
Year to Date Collections.....	\$125,358
Average per week Collection	\$4,323
Year to Date Deficit. ....	(\$19,642)
Average per week Deficit	(\$677)

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Deposit. ....	\$3,913
2019-2020 Deficit to Date. ....	(\$16,818)
Difference from previous year.....	(\$2,824)

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, January 30 and 31,** will be the Utility (Fuel) Collection.

**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** Requests can be made by email ([contact@sgsm62.org](mailto:contact@sgsm62.org)) or phone (610-326-5127). Statements are available for registered parishioners (those who receive and use their envelopes). Statements will be available by January 31, 2021.

**MASS ATTENDANCE for January 16/17:**

4:00 PM Mass - 76  
9:00 AM Mass - 82  
Total Attendance - 158

**“ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK”**

**ST. GABRIEL LODGE**  
610-326-4137

**CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.** Call the Parish Office for more details.



**PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET** based

on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number.

**Raffle Drawing** Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold on a monthly basis. The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. **This is our major fund raiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated. FEBRUARY LOTTERY TICKETS ARE ON SALE THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE TICKETS.**

**LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS**

- January 11 - #682 - Kathy Bernhard - \$50.00
- January 12 - #863 - Sheri Piveteau - \$50.00
- January 13 - #709 - unsold
- January 14 - #827 - Eric Arendt - \$50.00
- January 15 - #826 - unsold
- January 16 - #421- unsold
- January 17 - #012 - unsold

**ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH MEMORIAL FUND DONATION** received in memory of:

NICHOLAS FALCONE, JR. from Daniel & Joanne Egrie.

**RAFFLE** sponsored by Knights of Columbus Father Bally Council for a trip for 4 to Walt Disney World for a week. Included is airfare, hotel on site, park tickets. Raffle tickets are \$25.00 and only 800 tickets will be sold. Helps K of C charitable works. Drawing on March 21. Contact Ozzie Mest ([Ometst@att.net](mailto:Ometst@att.net)), Chris Owens (484-347-0756) or Gary Huster for tickets.

**METANOIA** is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County that supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Upcoming event: Tuesday, January 26 - Holy Hour at Mary Mother of the Redeemer Parish, Montgomeryville at 7:30 PM. For more details contact [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com).

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

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

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD's bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

### Responsorial Psalm

℟ Teach me your ways, O Lord.

- ▶ Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. ℟
- ▶ Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. ℟
- ▶ Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way. ℟

### Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

### Gospel - Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. 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.

**EVENING TO CELEBRATE CANDLEMAS DAY, THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD AND FLAME OF LOVE FEAST DAY** on February 2 at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Media. Rosary at 6:00 PM. Talk at 6:45PM - Speaker is Maureen Lomady. Mass at 7:30 PM - celebrant is Msgr. Ralph Chieffo. Will be on site and live-streamed. Candles and sacramentals will be blessed. Go to [www.stmarymagdalen.net/live-stream](http://www.stmarymagdalen.net/live-stream).

**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE** - Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Next program is the weekend of February 12-14 at the Family Life Center, Malvern. For more details or to register visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 800-470-2230. All inquires are strictly confidential.