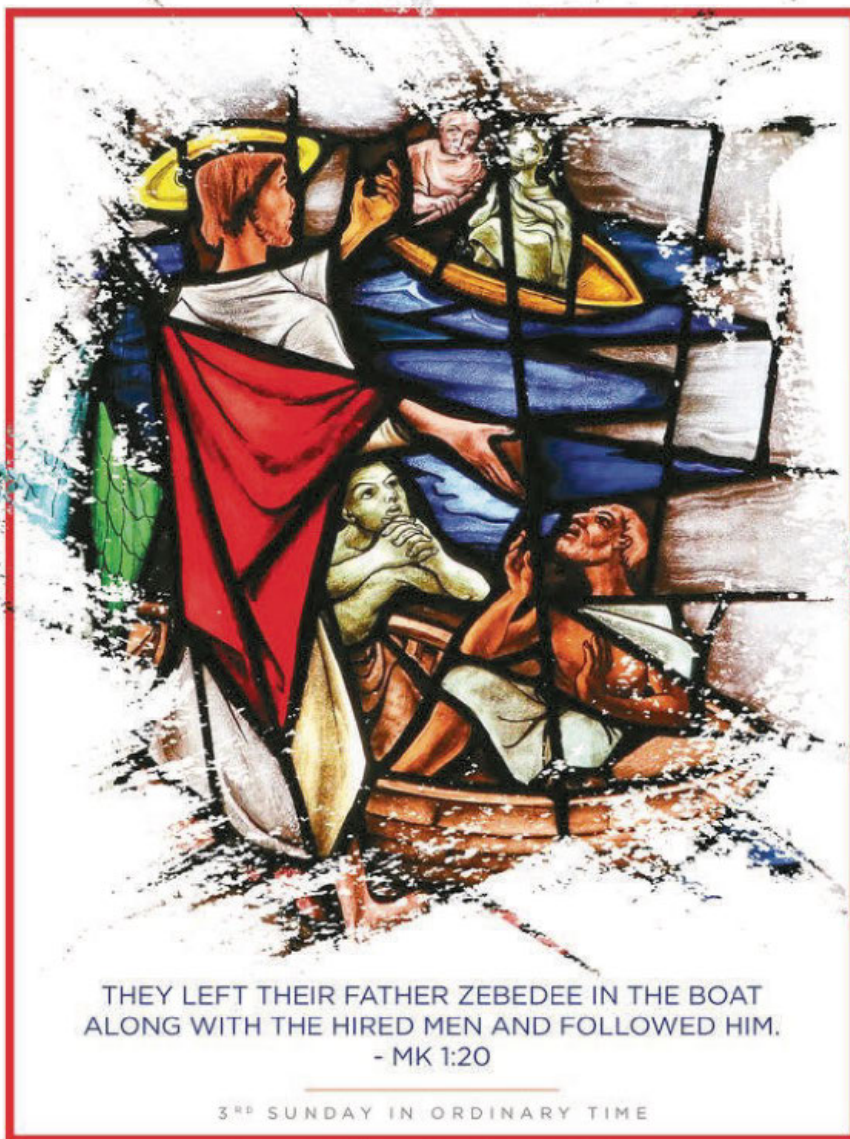


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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THEY LEFT THEIR FATHER ZEBEDEE IN THE BOAT
ALONG WITH THE HIRED MEN AND FOLLOWED HIM.
- MK 1:20

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis
Wednesday | No Mass today
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's
6 pm St Francis (5/25 & 6/29 - 8/30/24)
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis
10:30 am St Joseph's

Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8 am St Francis

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Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community
of St. Francis of Assisi and
St. Joseph's are called to live
the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospi-
tality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service
to others.

St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

Sat (20) 4 pm

Daniel Frasier
Rosemary Granza

+ Ann Frasier
+ Gary & Pat Herba

Sun (21) 10:30 am

Healing of Dawn Bowler
Elizabeth Gibbons
Kathleen Washington

+ PM Bowler
+ Marilyn Gibbons
+ Marilyn Gibbons

Mon (22) 8:30 am

No Mass today

Fri (26) 8:30 am

No Mass today

Saturday (27) 4 pm

Francis Motyl, Jr.

+ The family

Sun (28) 10:30 am

Eileen Gibbons

+ Marilyn Gibbons

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sun (21) 8:30 am

Kimberly Snyder

+ Jackie Junquera

Tuesday (23) 8:30 am

No Mass today

Thursday (25) 8:30 am

No Mass today

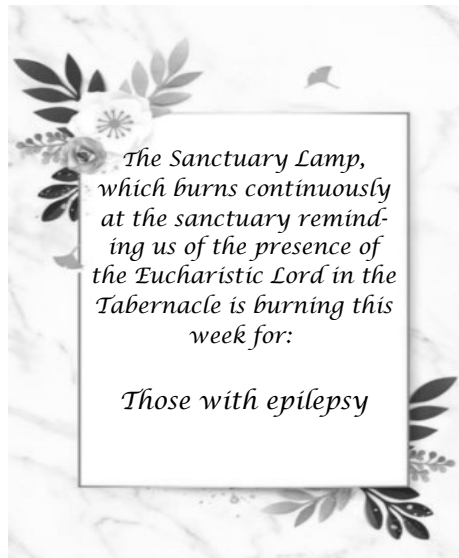
Sun (28) 8:30 am

Kimberly Snyder

George St. Peter

+ M&M Gerald Fitzgerald

+ David & Yolanda Gifford



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ In today's Gospel, Jesus passes by the Sea of Galilee and calls the first four disciples, two pairs of brothers: Simon and Andrew, James and John. Follow me, he tells these four fishermen, and I will make you fishers of more disciples. Jesus continues to call disciples; indeed, we were all called when we were baptized. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may the stories of Jonah, of Paul, and of the first four disciples inspire us to drop our nets and follow more closely our Lord as his disciples.

WORD OF LIFE ~ "There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image." United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE ~ We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: **"Repent!"** We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

~ Father John Muir ©LPi

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2024 ~ Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20; Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30; Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35; Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20; Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18; Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34; Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41; Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

| SJ Lector | | SF Lector | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1/27/24 | P Cardone | | |
| 1/28/24 | B Aldi | 1/28/24 | Y Gifford |

St. Joseph's



Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by stopping into or calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing; Masses provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

Upcoming Events

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
 1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8am, pray the Rosary
 1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
 1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 6:30 pm Rosary Society Meeting
 Each Wednesday - SF 2 pm Prayer Group in John Paul II Hall
 2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
 February 11 - SJ 10:30 Mass as a class grades 1-5
 February 14 - **Ash Wednesday**
 February 19 - office closed in observance of President's Day
 March 10 - SJ - 10:30 Mass as a class grades 1-5
 March 28 - **Holy Thursday** - SJ - Potluck @ 5pm, Mass @ 7pm
 March 29 - **Good Friday** - SJ - 7 pm
 March 30 - **Holy Saturday** - SJ - 8PM
 March 31 - **Easter Sunday** - SF 8:30 am SJ 10:30 am
 April 21 - SJ Mass as a class grades 1-5

St. Francis'



If you would like a letter for tax purposes, please contact the office. Please supply your name & mailing address when you make the request. You can also pop a note in the collection making your request. Put the request to Lisa's attention. All requested receipts will be mailed by December 31st.

Fr. Jun is away for the month of January. Please pray for a safe trip for him & his family.

Daily Masses are cancelled while he is away. Masses resume on 2/5/24 at St. Joseph's & 2/6/24 at St. Francis'.



A willing spirit – these times and circumstances are a test of that spirit but if we individually and collectively call on the Lord to restore that yearning and joy for salvation, we are able not only to bear the burdens but thrive and promote God's Kingdom on earth! The current complexities of the greater Catholic Church distract from devotion to the pure & beautiful mission of your parish – & the Diocese as its partner – to cultivate & nurture the Lord's disciples. It is by serving you, our family of faith, our sisters & brothers, Children of God the Father & of Mary, that our parishes have hope & light for the future. Collectively we as individuals & as communities are the spark that will inspire a renewal of our Catholic practice of faith!

Parish Partnership – Of course ministry is the most significant role of your parish, but necessity dictates administrative responsibilities as well. This is where the parish leans on the Diocese for that assistance via 30 specialty departments with 57 full-time & 23 part-time staff. Donor gifts to the Diocesan Appeal underwrite the cost of these shared parish services relieving that expense from the parish. In addition, your gift to the Diocesan Appeal funds seminarian education, administrative support of our 19 Diocesan Catholic schools, & the programs of Catholic Charities that support those who face food insecurity & hunger.

(NOTE: Gifts to the Diocesan Appeal are NOT used for the settlement of legal cases as they must be utilized to fund the operating budgets of those Diocesan departments, seminarian education, Catholic Schools administration and Catholic Charities per your intent as a donor to the Diocesan Appeal.)

The **Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry** is always looking for non-perishable food for local eligible families.



Non food items are also welcome - toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers & personal hygienic items. Please drop off all donations in the vestibule or the church office.

St. Joseph's Closet Thrift store hours:

Tuesday: 4-7 pm
 Wednesday: 10am - 1 pm
 Saturday: 9 am - noon

Thank you for your support and for your patronage.

Grades 1-5: **1/21/24** Class
1/28/24 Class



Grades 6-10

1/22/24 Grades 6-10 Class 6:45-7:45
1/26/24 Gr 6-10 Pizza party @ Holy Spirit 6-8pm
1/29/24 Grades 6-10 Class 6:45-7:45

Our Giving:

"Remember where your treasure is, your heart is also."

Matthew 6:21

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| 12/31 /23 | SJ 4 / 10:30 | SF 8:30 |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Attendance | 72 / 86 | 108 |
| Contribution | \$617 / \$1,292 | \$1,393 |
| Dec e-giving | \$627.80 | \$1,077.90 |
| Poor & Votive | n/a | \$26 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$504 | \$48 |

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Snow is falling and books are calling...

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St. Francis' prayer group meets each Wednesday at 2pm in St. Francis' John Paul II Hall. All are welcome. We look forward to you joining us.

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