

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21, 2024

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.

— Mark 1:15

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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TODAY’S READINGS

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

Psalms — 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).

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER FOR FAMILY UNITY

O holy St. Anthony, I fervently ask for your heavenly intercession on behalf of my family. (Here mention your petition.) Fill our hearts with mutual love, compassion, and understanding. Help us to be forgiving of each other’s mistakes and failures, so that our family may reflect God’s presence in our homes and in our lives. Grant us family harmony, unity, and peace. Amen.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

Wednesday: St. Frances De Sales

Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Friday: Sts. Timothy and Titus

Saturday: St. Angela Merici

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: Tommy Anthony McGuire
55th Birthday †

Tuesday: Edward Straightner O’Hara Birthday †
In honor Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.

High

Jimmy Gorman

Bryan Jude Carroll

Jr.’s Bridget Ann 7th Anniversary †

For a Special Intention

Wednesday: Big A Birthday †

Thursday: In honor of St. Martin

Friday: Catherine Ann Pole 17th Anniversary †

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal (\$19,882.00) by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A colonel was speaking at a dinner given in his honor before embarking for Africa. In concluding he said:

“I thank you for your kind wishes regarding my welfare on my dangerous journey, and I want you to know that when I am far away, surrounded, by ugly, grinning savages, I shall always think of you.”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,845.00	\$1,928.00
Number of Families contributing	90	69
Total Pledge for 2024	\$157,619.00	\$159,756.00
Pledged to Date (2 Weeks)	\$7,319.00	\$7,306.00
Received to Date	\$4,841.00	\$3,931.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$2,478.00	\$3,375.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$254.00	\$462.00

28 ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$100.00	\$180.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2024 GOAL
\$245.00	

POOR BOX totaled \$100.00.

9 **CHILDREN** contributed \$62.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL CHOICE GRANT

- up to 6,000 of state funds through Educational Savings Accounts (ESA) will be available to eligible students for the 2024-2025 school year
- Application window is January 15 – March 15
- Notification of award no later than April 30
- 1st Steps 4K students automatically qualify with a completed application
- Medicare qualified students automatically qualify with a completed application

Please contact Our Lady of Peace School for more information.

TOUCHING SAFETY PROGRAM St. Edward Catholic Church Religious Education will present a sexual abuse prevention program to students January 22nd during Religious Education classes with a makeup date of January 29th.

As parents you have the right to choose whether your child participates in the program. Opt-out forms will be given to parents at Religious Education classes. If you want to opt your child out and haven't filled out a form, please contact Sandra.

TIME IS LIKE A RIVER

**You cannot touch the same water twice,
because the flow that has passed will never pass again.
Enjoy and thank God for every moment of your life.**

2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES are in the Atrium of the Church. If you don't find your envelopes, please contact the Church office immediately.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for the *Church in Latin America*. Please be generous in this collection.

THANK YOU to two parish members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

ALWAYS PRAY

*Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,
a heart that forgives the worst,
a mind that forgets the bad,
and a soul that never loses faith in God.*

READERS

Sat. Jan. 20th, 4:00 P.M.

Cathy Lisa & Reed

Sun. Jan. 21st, 10:00 A.M.

Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

Sat. Jan. 27th, 4:00 P.M.

Dayna & Leah

Sun. Jan. 28th, 10:00 A.M.

Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Dayna
Tuesday	- Paris
Wednesday	- Gracelynn
Thursday	- Josie
Friday	- Lauren Ashley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Theresa Hun
Tuesday	- Jack's Mary Rita
Wednesday	- Julie Ann
Thursday	- Cathy Carroll
Friday	- Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Right

Left

January 20th

Theresa Hun

Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

January 21st

Ned's Rose Marie

January 28th

Ned's Rose Marie