

From the Desk of the Pastor

January 25 2026

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

With this Sunday we begin the Church's long meditation on the Gospel according to Matthew, which unfolds for the following thirty-three Sundays in Ordinary Time. This Gospel seeks to connect Jesus to the Old Testament.

Jesus is seen as the fulfillment of the Isaiah's prophecy of a great light flooding the land of Galilee. In that region on the seashore of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus gathers his disciples. The four fishermen, Peter and his brother Andrew, along with the Zebedee brothers, James and John, abandoned their business and follow Jesus immediately.

The Scripture scholars tell us that the original language connotes a sense of inevitability and urgency in Jesus' call to these four men and in their spontaneous, unquestioned response. There was no fence sitting, and no hesitation. The time had come and the four fishermen knew deeply that this was their once-in-a-lifetime chance. They immediately abandoned everything to follow him.

The people of Israel were raised or schooled to expect a messiah who would act in specific, recognizable ways, such as restoring health, sight and wholeness, healing and freedom from the oppression and anguish of sin. People are cured of every disease and affliction of body and soul. The messianic expectations are fulfilled.

A new song is heard. Someone was new and he intended to make all things new.



TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Con este Domingo comenzamos la meditación larga de la Iglesia en el Evangelio según Mateo, que se desarrolla por los treinta y tres Domingos en el Tiempo Ordinario. Este Evangelio busca conectar a Jesús al Antiguo Testamento.

Jesús es visto como el cumplimiento de la profecía de Isaías de una gran luz inundando la tierra de Galilea. En esa región en la costa del mar de Galilea, Jesús reúne a sus discípulos. Los cuatro pescadores, Pedro y su hermano Andrés, junto con los hermanos Zebedeo, Santiago y Juan, abandonaron sus negocios y siguieron a Jesús inmediatamente.

Los especialistas de las Escrituras nos dicen que la lengua original connota un sentido de inevitabilidad y urgencia en el llamado por Jesús a estos cuatro hombres y en su respuesta espontánea y sin pregunta. No hubo dudas o indecisión. Había llegado el momento y los cuatro pescadores sabían profundamente que esta era su oportunidad de una vez-en-la vida. Inmediatamente abandonaron todo para seguirlo.

El pueblo de Israel fue criado o educado para esperar a un Mesías que actuaría en formas específicas, reconocibles, como el restaurar la salud, vista e integridad, sanación y libertad de la opresión y la angustia del pecado. El pueblo es curado de cada enfermedad y aflicción de cuerpo y alma. Se han cumplido las expectativas mesiánicas.

Se escucha una nueva canción. Alguien era nuevo y su intención era hacer nuevas todas las cosas.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

January 17- 18, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 280.80
Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,398.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

January 25: Music Ministry
February 1: Reserve Fund
February 11: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
March 1: Reserve Fund & Easter Flowers

A A A 2025
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$31,021.00
YTD we paid:	\$25,223.82
Balance we owe:	\$ 5,797.18
Pledges Balance	\$ 75.00

Thank you for your generosity!

END OF THE YEAR CHURCH DONATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FOR 2025

We thank you for your generous support to the Parish all through the years.

Your financial support has helped the Parish pay its expenses. Summary letters are being made available now.

If you wish to receive a letter with a summary of your generous donations, please call the Parish Office at (415) 334-4646.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24 TO JANUARY 31

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
January 24, 2026	January 25, 2026	January 26, 2026	January 27, 2026	January 28, 2026
<u>9:00am</u> Parish of St. John	<u>8:00m</u> ✠ Magdayo R. Ramirez	<u>9:00am</u> Amelia Q. Sandro ✠ Louella Bonifacio ✠ ✠ Henry Falcon	<u>9:00am</u> Nestor Amparo ✠ ✠ Henry Falcon ✠ Magdayo R. Ramirez ✠	<u>9:00am</u> ✠ Ruth Bustos ✠ Eufrene Tobes ✠ Henry Falcon
<u>4:30pm</u> ✠ Henry Falcon	<u>10:00am</u> ✠ Ruth Bustos ✠ Matthew Malvar ✠ Deceased Members of the Ventura Family ✠ Clara Abungan ✠ Henry Falcon ✠ Robert Piwowski, Jr. Esther Esgana ✠	<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>January 29, 2026</u> <u>9:00am</u> ✠ Henry Falcon	<u>FRIDAY</u> <u>January 30, 2026</u> <u>9:00am</u> ✠ Henry Falcon	<u>SATURDAY</u> <u>January 31, 2026</u> <u>9:00am</u> ✠ Henry Falcon
	<u>12:00pm</u> Parish of St. John			<u>4:30pm</u> Parish of St. John

