

JANUARY 24, 2021

• THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Text to Give: (833) 938-2034

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

## PARISH STAFF

*Pastor:* Fr. Rob Adams

*Deacon:* Dcn. Joe Jacobs

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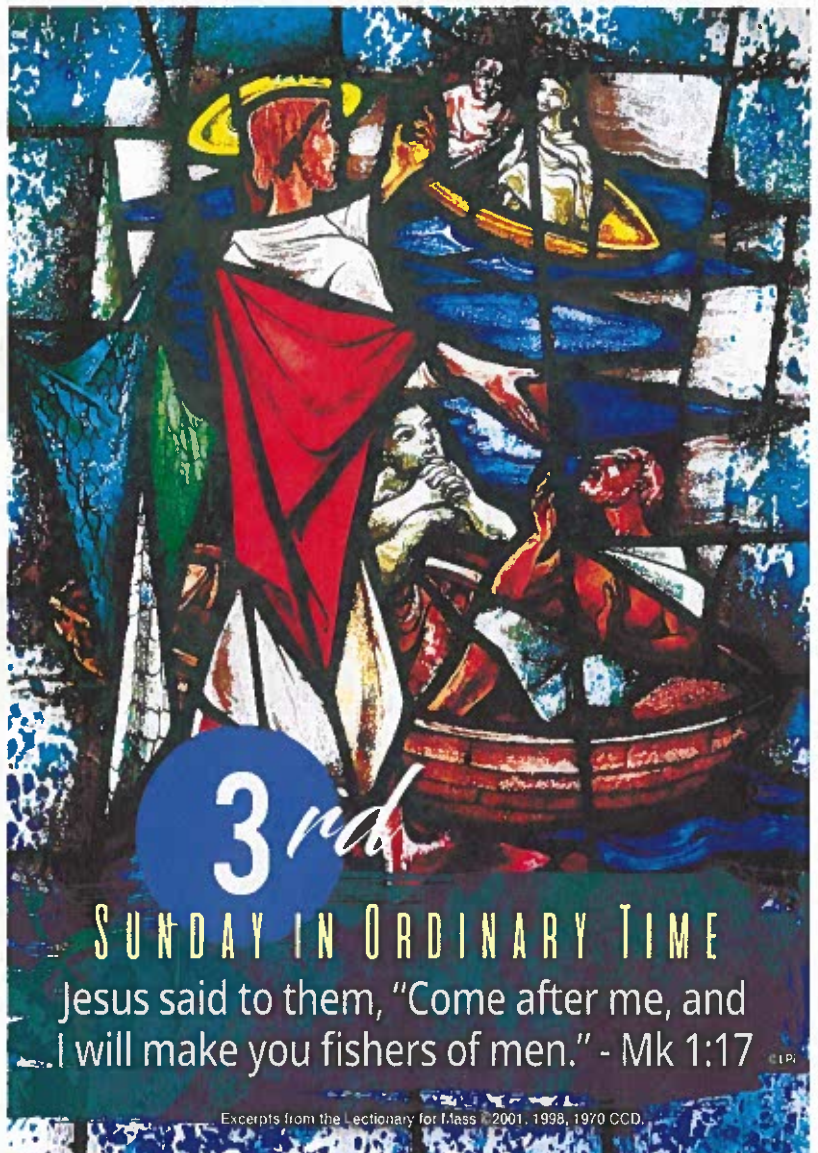
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## From the Pastor's Desk....

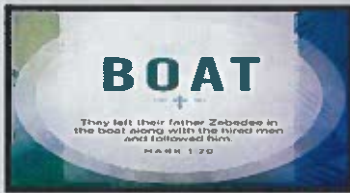
### Sunday Offertory

1-17-2021.....\$3,629  
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700  
**Surplus/Deficit.....\$929**

YTD Offertory.....\$83,317  
 YTD Budget.....\$78,300  
**Surplus/Deficit.....\$5,017**

1-17-2021 Building Fund .....\$1,515

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** We currently owe **\$87,140** on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



**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 may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 986**



Hi everyone! I hope that everyone is staying safe and enjoying the quiet time after Christmas.

Even though it is a few weeks until Lent starts, I want to remind everyone that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on February 17. While this is not a holy day, I would encourage anyone to come to Mass. We have to do ashes a little differently due to the pandemic. We will still bless ashes, but I won't be able to trace a cross on anyone's forehead. Instead, you will bow your head, and I'll sprinkle ashes on you that way.

Thanks for all your patience and I look forward to a good Lent!

Fr. Rob

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is a Eucharistic family of Catholic Christians. Nourished by the sacraments and guided by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim Jesus Christ and the Good News of salvation. Following the spirit of the Gospel, St. Francis parish provides continuous religious education and spiritual growth for all parishioners, varied opportunities for social enrichment, and support for the needs of families in Pike County, our nation and the world.

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 23	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Charles Schmidt
Sunday, January 24	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, January 25	No Mass	
Tuesday, January 26	Noon Mass	+Justin Chafin
Wednesday, January 27	Noon Mass	+Archie Murphy
Thursday, January 28	Noon Mass	+Laythe Sykes
Friday, January 29	Noon Mass	+Anne Sykes Hinkebein
Saturday, January 30	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, January 31	10:30 am Mass	+Carolyn McNamee

# Parish Calendar & Announcements



**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE  
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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**COMMUNION WAFER**

**Question:**

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

**Answer:**

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see Redemptionis Sacramentum by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential. ©LPi

**COMMUNITY DINNER:** The next Community Dinner to feed the needs in our area is Tuesday, January 26 at 5:30 pm at the First Christian Church. Due to the success of our Christmas Boxes of Love, Lisa has been able to deliver 8 bags of food. Thank you to all who were able to donate.

**PRAYER REQUEST**



Jim Goss

Ron Saros

Jonthan and Michelle Meece, pregnancy. Pat and Ron Saros, nephew

Dave Such, Mollie Dawahare Such's father in law

Pat Hedinger, Kathy Atkin's mom

Anne Sydney Francisco Parrish, Lymphoma

Andy Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's Family

Cindy and Christy Hedinger

Tedric Evangelista, Gloria Newsom's cousin, cancer

Rita Scheuer

Kenny Blackburn

Alpha Carroll, Signature Health Care

Dr. Harry Altman

Carol Rashella

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

Peggy Brown, Jennifer Brown Day's grandmother



**VOTIVE CANDLES:**

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50



**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY - May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of to her religions, praying for one another, open to all.**





## The Fish That Didn't Get Away

**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.

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

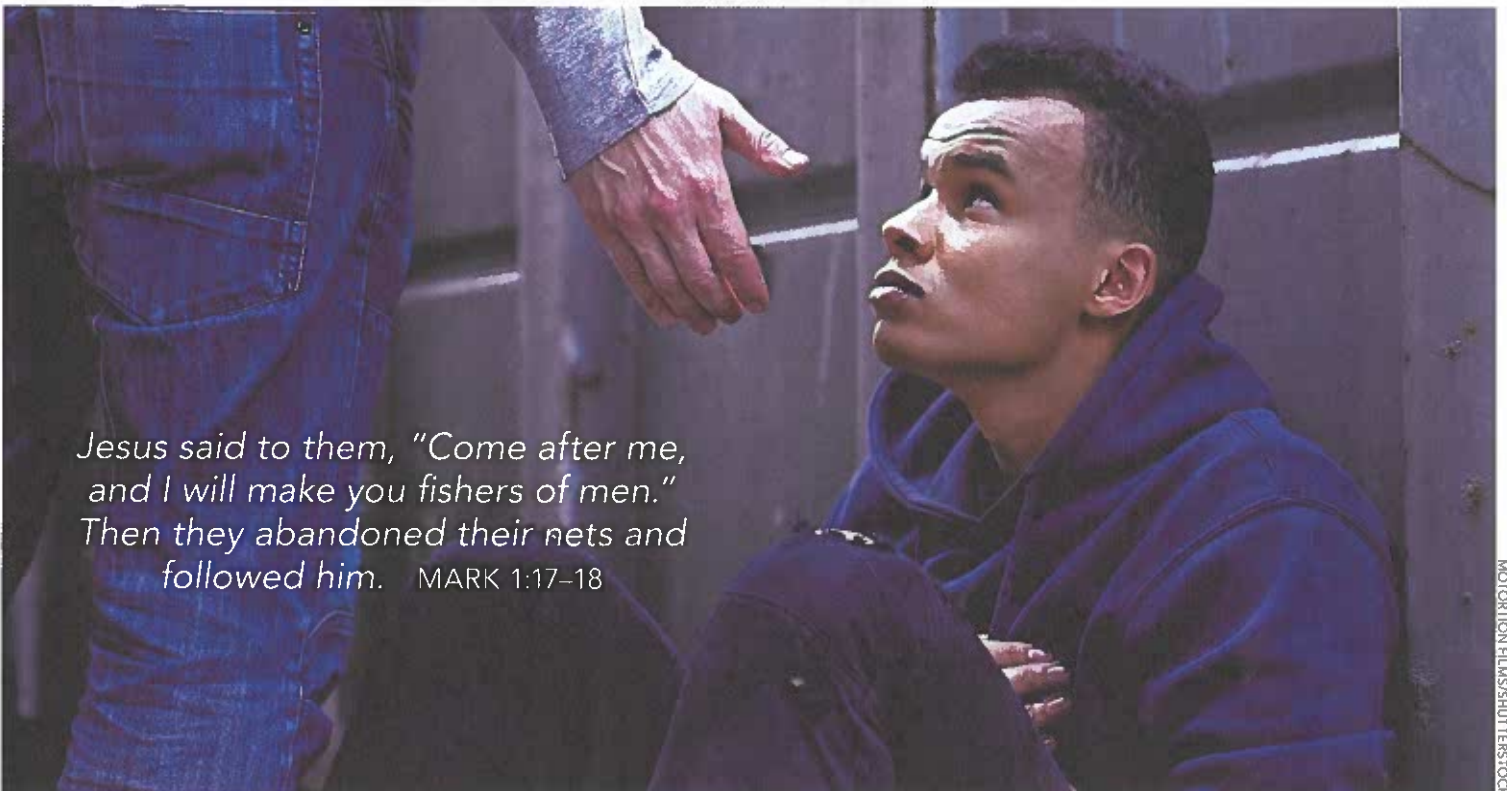
with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

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.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* *In what ways does your manner of living proclaim the mercy of God?*
- \* *Pray that you might realize these ways if you do not already.*



*Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. MARK 1:17–18*

# Dear Padre,

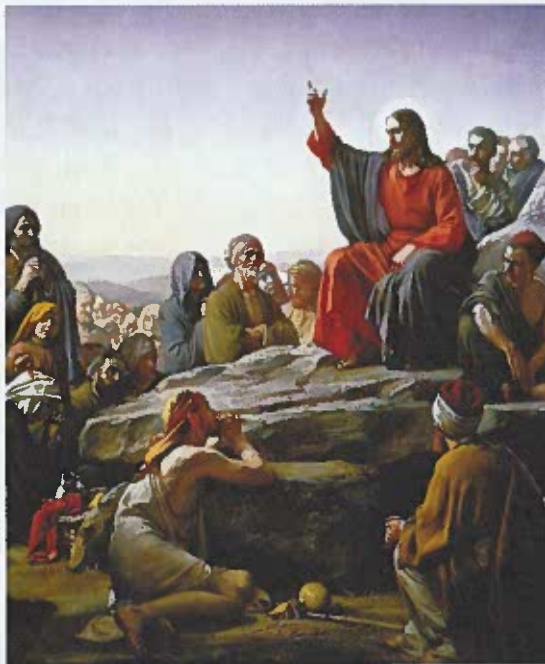
**Mark 1:15 quotes Jesus as saying, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Since the Gospels hadn’t been written yet, what was he referring to?**

**T**hese days when we say the word *gospel*, we tend to be talking about one of the four written Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But the word *gospel* wasn’t originally tied to any particular written form of communication. In fact, the Greek word we translate to *gospel*—*evangelion*—simply means “good news.”

When Jesus says, “Repent and believe in the gospel,” he is basically saying, “Repent and believe in the good news.” For Jesus, the nature of that good news is clear: Jesus is announcing the coming of God’s kingdom, the initiation of the fullness of God’s reign on earth. Jesus preaches this good news in word and action and makes it real through his life, death, and resurrection.

After Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, many of his followers were inspired by the Holy Spirit to go into the world and continue Christ’s gospel proclamation. The apostles and disciples did this by word of mouth at first, but within a few decades they decided to commit the message of Christ’s good news to writing, giving us the Gospel books we know today.

*Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR*  
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SEMON ON THE MOUNT BY CARL BLOCH/WIKIPEDIA

## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*In these, our troubled times, rent by the tragedies of war and menaced by the baneful tendency to accentuate differences and to incite conflict, may the Good News that in Jesus forgiveness triumphs over sin, life defeats death, and love conquers fear, be proclaimed to the world with renewed fervor.*

LETTER RECOGNIZING MISSIONARY WORK, OCTOBER 22, 2017



## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 25  
Conversion of  
St. Paul the Apostle  
Acts 22:3–16 or  
Acts 9:1–22  
Mk 16:15–18

### Tuesday

JANUARY 26  
Sts. Timothy and Titus,  
Bishops  
2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5  
Mk 3:31–35

### Wednesday

JANUARY 27  
Weekday  
Heb 10:11–18  
Mk 4:1–20

### Thursday

JANUARY 28  
St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church  
Heb 10:19–25  
Mk 4:21–25

### Friday

JANUARY 29  
Weekday  
Heb 10:32–39  
Mk 4:26–34

### Saturday

JANUARY 30  
Weekday  
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19  
Mk 4:35–41

### Sunday

JANUARY 31  
Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Dt 18:15–20  
1 Cor 7:32–35  
Mk 1:21–28