

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Communal Baptisms are held every month on the first Sunday at 1:30pm and on the third Saturday at 11:00am (with some exceptions). Register a month or two in advance for the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturday 1:00pm-2:00pm & Monday 7:00pm-7:30pm (Sept-May) Other times by pre-arranged appt. with a priest. Communal Penance celebrations (with individual confessions) are celebrated in Advent and Lent and will be announced.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Those who wish to enter the Catholic faith and Catholics who wish to complete the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation are most welcome to begin the journey at any time. Call the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners regularly practicing the Faith at our Parish are welcomed to contact the Rectory one year in advance of a proposed wedding date. Specific dates are only discussed after meeting with a Priest. Couples must attend a pre-Cana program and provide required Sacramental and other documentation.

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Speak to one of our priests or call the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at 973.313.6190, Newarkpriest.com

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

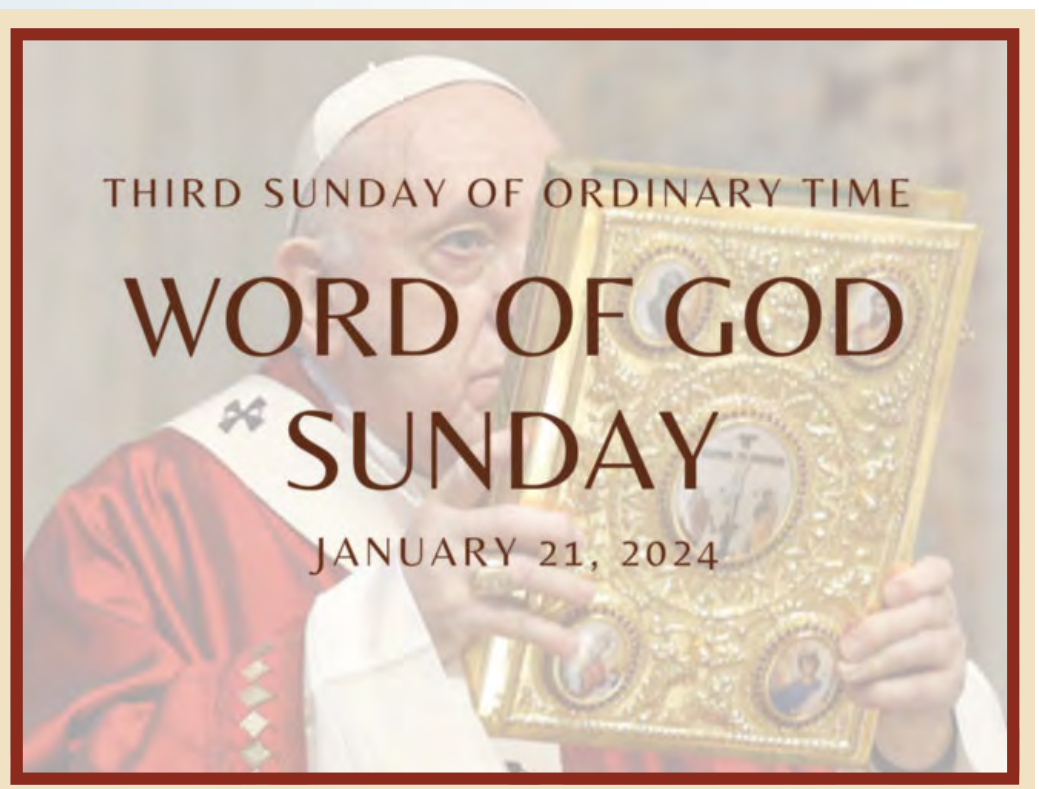
The Sacrament of the *Anointing of the Sick* will be administered at anytime in an emergency and also at parish celebrations during the year. Consult the bulletin for dates. *Communion* is brought to the sick, the elderly and the homebound by priests of the parish and by Eucharistic ministers. The priests also visit the local hospital regularly. If you or a family member is hospitalized, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.



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Dear Friends,

-Some important weekends coming, beginning with this weekend.

-As you can see from the front cover of the bulletin, today is **The Sunday of The Word of God**. On September 30, 2019 (only 6 months before the pandemic in the United States), Pope Francis proclaimed the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time as the *Sunday of the Word of God*. In that proclamation, the Pope reminded us that the life of the Christian must be marked by his/her relationship with the “living word” that the Lord never tires of speaking to his people. He calls the Bible the “people’s book,” which speaks to us of Christ and helps us to believe in all that He has said and done. The Scripture is a fascinating treasure of God’s relationship with the people He has chosen, first forming the people of the Old Covenant and then, the people of the New Covenant and their successors—us. We are “people of the Book”. And the Book, Sacred Scripture, speaks to us, not only of the on-going formation of those relationships, but of our relationship with that very same God and His presence in our lives. Last weekend, in the Gospel of John’s account of the calling of the first disciples, Jesus simply says, “Come and See.” And they did. They became his companions and they walked with him as they learned who he was and what he could bring them. Jesus says the same to us, “Come and See,” and we walk with Jesus in the words he spoke and the words about him that we find in the Book. Our vehicle for accompanying Jesus is **THE BOOK, The Word of God**. To highlight the importance of Scripture in our relationship with our God, and especially with our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Book of the Gospels will be “enthroned” in the sanctuary after the reading of the Gospel at each Mass. Please remain standing after the Gospel is proclaimed.

-Next weekend marks the beginning of **Catholic Schools Week**. It is a week which showcases the achievements of and contributions of Catholic schools, particularly our own school, **The Academy of Our Lady**, the co-sponsored school (as in :joint venture) of Mt. Carmel and St. Catharine’s parish, Glen Rock. The Academy is accredited by Middle States and acknowledged as a Blue Ribbon School. As a Blue Ribbon School, the Academy is acknowledged for its academic excellence. This award from the Federal Government’s Department of Education is given to schools, and not school districts and only a limited number are acknowledged each year. And this “competition” is open to all schools, public, private and religious. And so the Academy is rightly proud of its status as a Blue Ribbon School.

While the Academy makes many contributions to the formation of our young people, academically and socially, its greatest contribution is to the religious formation of our children. It is a place where God’s love can be openly mentioned, practiced and lived; where the Gospel message permeates the life of the school and the students and where that same love unites the student body as a community of faith. NOWHERE else can than happen.

Catholic Schools Week begins with an **Open House** at the Academy. next Sunday at 11:00. I invite, and encourage, all

our families, especially families with young children, to attend the Open House and see the difference a Catholic School education can make in the lives of your children. I don't think you'll be disappointed.

-The following weekend, February 3 & 4, is the **Annual Appeal Weekend**, formally called Pledge Sunday. Here's the wrap-up on the 2023 Appeal. There were 493 donors, an increase of 12 from the previous year. \$342, 519 was given to the Appeal, an increase of \$10,757 from 2022. Thus far, the parish has received back in rebate \$84,625. When the final check comes I will let you know the final figure for the rebate. Mailings for the 2024 campaign went out from the Archdiocese last week and, in response, 13 households have already made either pledges or payments for the new campaign. You know my goal has always been to increase the number of donors, to convince more and more parish households that a gift to the campaign sustains the faith, helps the faith grow, ensures the faith is present on college campuses, and in prisons, provides a vehicle for the discernment for a vocation and the structures and processes for that vocation to grow, reaches out to those most in need with the hands of Christ and so many other ministries. In short—the Campaign focuses on the work of the Gospel—in Jesus' words, "As you go, proclaim the Kingdom of God is at hand." Please believe me, this is what the Campaign does. I'm hoping this year we will finally hit the 500 donor mark. If you can, I ask you not even to wait for **Appeal Weekend**. Make a pledge now and mail it directly to the processing center or, go to the icon on our website and it will take you to the Archdiocesan website where you can make a pledge online. Be sure to identify yourself as a parishioner of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood (so we get the credit).

More next week, and the week after. (Of course... what would you expect?).

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

New Greeters Ministry! (An invitation from Fr. Frank)

Join me **tomorrow evening, Monday, January 22, 2024, at 7:30pm in the Parish Center** as we unveil our new Greeters Ministry! This Info Night is a wonderful opportunity for all parishioners to learn about the ministry and discover if you'd like to be a part of this welcoming initiative.

I'm convinced that a Greeters Ministry could play a vital role in creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for everyone who walks through our church doors. Whether you have a passion for hospitality or simply enjoy meeting new people, this ministry provides a meaningful way to contribute to our community.

Come and explore the vision behind the Greeters Ministry, understand the responsibilities involved, and find out how your unique talents can enhance the experience for existing parishioners and newcomers alike. No one will be asked to make a commitment to serve as a greeter on that evening. It's simply an evening of vision-casting and discovering if God is really calling you to serve on the weekend!

So, mark your calendars for January 22nd, and let's gather to make our parish an even more welcoming home for all. We look forward to seeing you at the Info Night!

STEWARDSHIP

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus' words in today's Gospel represent a call to all Christians, to join Him in the work of the Kingdom, to bring all men and women to the Father. The Christian Steward responds to this call, using his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure**. Do you answer the call? What gifts do you use?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$13,817. The final total for the Christmas collection, from all sources, was \$178,745. Thank you for your generosity on the occasion of Christmas and God bless all who continue to support the parish and the work of the Gospel. Once again, I make a plea for electronic online giving through **WeShare**. It helps the parish better manage its resources.



A recurring online gift to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is the best way to sustain the mission of this parish all year long.



Please prayerfully consider joining fellow parishioners by supporting Our Lady of Mt Carmel through online giving. Go to the website or scan this QR code.

Look for the **WeShare** link on our homepage, scan this QR Code, or call 877.316.0260

ANNUAL MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT NEXT WEEKEND—JANUARY 26-27, 2024

~BEGINS FRIDAY EVENING AT 6:45PM~

**DON'T DELAY! DEADLINE TO REGISTER
THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD**

If your spiritual batteries are in need of a recharge, then this Cornerstone retreat may be God's answer. Registration is now open for our Annual Men's Cornerstone Retreat held in the Parish Center. Use the QR Code here to register now.



Expect to find camaraderie, fellowship and opportunity for renewal in a relaxed environment. This year's event is fast approaching, scheduled two weeks before Super Bowl LVIII. Consider it a gift to yourself.

**Questions/More Information
Contact Manny Santos, msm@mikavi.com**

Save the Date!

Spanish Bible Study Beginning April 20th
9:30AM—11:00AM | OLMC Parish Center

Maria: Caminata por la Biblia con la Virgen María

Session Dates:
Saturday, April 20 through Saturday, June 8.

Religious Education
When Families Gather



January Sessions

Sunday, January 28th—1:45PM-2:45PM—Zoom
Virtual Baking Session

Monday, January 29th—7PM-8PM—Zoom
Virtual Baking Session

Every family in the program must attend one session per month.

Religious Education Office Phone, 201.444.0211
Cathy Hunt, chunt@olmcridgewood.com
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For anyone reading the online bulletin Friday...

YOUTH MINISTRY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE
THIS SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH
SCHOOL BUILDING DRIVEWAY—9AM-12NN

Fr. English is in urgent need of breakfast items!

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Oatmeal, Cereal, Pop Tarts,
Muffin & Pancake Mix, Syrup, Granola Bars

Consider helping our efforts by volunteering to be a driver,
bringing collected food to one of the pantries.

Questions? Contact Glen, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

FR. ENGLISH FROZEN CASSEROLE DROP OFF
THIS SATURDAY AT THE FOOD DRIVE—9AM-12NN
FROZEN casseroles can be dropped off during our
monthly Food Drive. Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Call/Text Barbara—201.615.9624



Ministry of Motherhood (MOMs)
Next Monthly Meeting
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
9:15AM—PARISH CENTER

February guest speaker: Kisha Edwards-Gandsy

SAVE THE DATE!

SPECIAL MOMs EVENING MEETING!
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH | 7PM | PARISH CENTER

Can't make morning meetings? No worries! We will be holding a special evening meeting to pray the Stations of the Cross and discuss how it relates to our motherhood journey.

MOMs OF ALL AGES WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!
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Catholic Schools Week

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28th—11AM-1PM

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

By Katharine Clemente, Principal

It's hard to believe that next year will begin my 10th year working at Academy of Our Lady. Sometimes it feels as though I just started yesterday, and some days I feel as though I have never worked anywhere else. Because most days, I simply cannot imagine working anywhere else. A recent prospective family asked me, what it was that I like best about our school. Huh. *Where do I START?* is what I wanted to say, but they were looking for a genuine answer, and after a beat of filtering through the many things that make our school special, and even setting aside my own personal history, I came up with an answer. I like watching our big kids with our little ones. There are many opportunities throughout the course of the year for us to gather as a school community—Masses and prayer services, assemblies, and field day to name a few. And having everyone together is always one of my favorite experiences, but I have recently taken more notice of how our older students react to and interact with our younger students. It's lovely. In their interactions, the older kids are always somewhat nervous because they clearly recognize the responsibility being placed on them when a little one is in their care. There is a pride, both in themselves and their little ones, when the younger ones behave in church or complete a craft or read a story. They love to help them and they love it when their help is what pushes them toward success. There is also a natural sense of joy that the big kids get from watching the little ones. The older kids' faces light up when they watch the little ones singing, reading at Mass or even just walking in the hallway. And the sense of nostalgia that comes across their faces makes me proud too, because it means we have helped them to make memories. As they watch the younger ones crown Mary, sing in the Christmas pageant, play on the playground, or read at the ambo without *quite* clearing the top of it, they remember being in that same position only a few years ago. And BOY do the younger ones LOVE our older kids. It's possibly the only time in life where the big kids will experience a bit of hero worship—and all they had to do was be older. I see high fives, smiles, and other friendly greetings almost daily. There's never an eye roll or the sense that the big kids feel "too cool" to interact with their younger schoolmates. And basketball games are frequently filled to the rim (pun intended) with fans of all ages, even our alumni, cheering on classmates of all ages too. Our kids all together are the clearest picture I can paint of Christ in Action, of empathy learned and compassion expressed, of memories made, and of a community learning and living together. It is what makes Academy of Our Lady our "home away from home" and I invite everyone to join us for Open House Sunday 1/28 from 11AM-1PM or to come for a tour on our Walk-In Wednesdays to discover for yourself why Academy of Our Lady is a great choice in Catholic education!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
Aedan Cannon, Edgar Delgado, Durkin McCarthy,
John Morano, James Nardelli, Robert Smith



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Please be mindful that inclement weather may require us to close the Adoration Chapel until all ice and snow are cleared. Always check the homepage of our website and our Facebook page for any PEA Chapel Closures

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA) is quiet adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel where Jesus is exposed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is made possible by Scheduled Adorers every hour—even midnight hours. With notice, Substitutes cover an hour if Scheduled Adorers can't make it due to emergency or vacation. This continual prayer provides abundant blessings to the faithful, their loved ones and to the community.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

All are welcome to join us in the Parish Center for a Parish Communion Breakfast immediately following the 11AM Mass Sponsored by OLMC Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

SCHEDULED ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sundays: 9-10AM, Tuesdays: 2-3AM; Thursday: 3-4PM
Fridays: 4-5PM, Saturdays: 6-7PM

Contact Cynthia—551.574.1063, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

WINTER SEASON SCRIPTURE REFECTION THURSDAY MORNINGS—10:30AM-11:45AM PARISH CENTER SMALL MEETING ROOM

The Thursday morning Scripture sessions have resumed. We hope you will consider joining this committed group of participants to read and ponder the upcoming Sunday Scriptures before attending weekend Mass. The prayerful insights we receive, and faith sharing we offer each other, are well received gifts.

We use the Lectionary workbooks and other resources which will be provided each week. All you need to do is come with an open heart to join any of the Thursday morning sessions in person. Since we will continue through Lent which begins in February, it will prove to be an important religious experience throughout this holy season.

Weekly RSVP to Linda English is requested for material preparation: lenglish122@gmail.com, 201.207.5920

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Joan Donegan Alsa, Gilbert Badillo, Frederick Bruno, Art Carpenter, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Katie Gillen Eidschun, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Kenneth Gershbert, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Patricia Haug, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Joseph Letiza, Anna Lobascio, Joel Lustberg, Cambell McArthur, Michael Norman, Margaret Peak, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Dennis Tomala, Walter John Zelop, Jr.

Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Jan. 21	1:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 2:15PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA) 4:30PM Spanish>English Class (Library)
Mon. Jan. 22	9:00AM IHA Teacher Meeting (SMR) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:30PM Greeter Ministry Info Session (PC)
Tue. Jan. 23	9:15AM MOMs Grace Within (SMR) 4:00PM Religious Education (Gym) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM ChristLife (PC) 7:00PM Men's Cornerstone (REC2) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Jan. 24	9:30AM First Eucharist Parent Meeting (PC) 3:45PM Jr. High Grade 7 Makeup (PC) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:15PM WCST Team 23 (MR) 7:30PM First Eucharist Parent Meeting (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thur. Jan. 25	10:30AM Sunday Scripture Reflection (SMR) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Men's Cornerstone Set Up (PC, MR) 6:00PM NCW-3 (NCW-A) 8:00PM Pre-Cana (NCW-A)
Fri. Jan. 26	9:30AM MOMs SALT (SMR) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Men's Cornerstone Retreat (PC)
Sat. Jan. 27	7:00AM Men's Cornerstone Retreat (PC) 8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM AoOL Girls Basketball (Gym) 10:00AM Spanish Bible Study (SMR) 12:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (CW)



Have you or someone you know received a prenatal diagnosis? If so, you are not alone. **My Beautiful One** is a ministry of accompaniment, serving parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis. Our service is free and focuses on meeting the pastoral needs of expectant parents as they

seek to honor the life of their baby, no matter how frail or how brief.

For information or support, email us at my.beautiful.one@rcan.org or visit our website www.rcan.org/my-beautiful-one. One of our Parent Care Coordinators, Leah Sonnick or Kathleen Ranft, will respond to your inquiry within 24 hours.



My Beautiful One ministry does not provide healthcare advice or treatment, does not collect any payments for services provided, and is not a covered entity engaging in covered transactions under HIPAA.



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Jan. 22 *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*
 + 6:30AM **Anna Mirkovic**
 req Nick & Mary Morin
 8:30AM **Special Intention of Marta Licha**
 req the Jasinski Family
 +12:00NN **Aurora Sandonato**
 req Elaine St. Denis

Tuesday, Jan. 23 *Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin*
 + 6:30AM **For All the Souls in Purgatory**
 req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
 + 8:30AM **Haley Fuhs**
 req The Dunphey Family
 12:00NN **Special Intention of the Franchina Family**
 req The Franchina Family

Wednesday, Jan. 24 *Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious founder and Doctor*
 + 6:30AM **Living & Deceased Members of the Uber Family**
 req Steven & Yvonne Uber
 + 8:30AM **James Boyce**
 req The Liang Family
 +12:00NN **Neneng Gonzaga**
 req Maria Coralde

Thursday, Jan. 25 *The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle*
 + 6:30AM **Jack Naughton**
 req The Delaney Family
 + 8:30AM **Iona Kindergan & Deceased Members of the Kindergan Family**
 req Ann Carol Orlando
 +12:00NN **Miriam Engel**
 req The Engel Family

Friday, Jan. 26 *Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops*
 + 6:30AM **Carmine Romano**
 req Anna Romano
 + 8:30AM **Brenda Eickmeyer**
 req The Kranenburg Family
 +12:00NN **Haruno Lawson**
 req Dcn. Bob & Tessie Liwanag

Saturday, Jan. 27 *Saint Angela Merici, Virgin*
 + 8:30AM **James Jude Matarese**
 req The Marra Family
 + 5:30PM **The Bruno & Fabbo Families**
 req Pat & Grace Gallo

Sunday, Jan. 28 *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 + 8:00AM **Nicholas Maltezos**
 req The Lewis Family
 + 9:30AM **Michael Chirichello**
 req Jim Curtis
 +11:00AM **Ellin Carroll**
 req Louise Pallone
 12:30PM **William Coyne**
 req Peggy & Chris Sullivan
 3:00PM **Special Intention of Cecilia Delgado**
 req Angelica, Anna, Edgar & Julian Delgado
 6:30PM **For the People of the Parish**

1. **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**
 Prompted by God, Jonah is sent to Nineveh to preach repentance. This presents a challenge for he is to preach to a foreign people, a people considered to be the enemy, in a city so large that it would take three days to reach all its citizens. Much to the prophet's dismay, the people listen, repent, even to the royal palace, and are saved. Readers would be hard pressed to find such a resounding response to God's word from the kings of Israel, or its people, including the prophet himself who tried to flee from the call.
2. **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**
 At the time he wrote to the believers in Corinth, Paul regarded Jesus' 2nd Coming as imminent. Thus he warns them that time is running out, and that they should be detached from this world and all its worries and be attached to enduring realities, Jesus, God and God's eternal reign. This can be done by anticipating, through their words and works the world to come.
3. **Mark 1:14-20**
 These first words spoken by Jesus in the Gospel of Mark, consisting in one sentence contained in the second verse of this excerpt, have been called by scholars the "programmatic text" of Mark. It is the entire Gospel in miniature, summarized in three points. First, the time is fulfilled. Second, the kingdom of God is at hand. Third, repent and believe in the Gospel. With the ministry of Jesus, the kingdom of God has been inaugurated and nothing can be the same. This is highlighted by the immediate and shocking response of the four fishermen who leave their businesses and their families to follow Jesus' call.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. Is the sense of urgency, present in all three of today's readings, present in the way I live the Gospel? Do I see it as an immediate task or do I delay it?
2. The disciples today abandoned their nets. What nets am I reluctant to abandon in the way I choose to follow Jesus?
3. Like the people of Nineveh, where do I need conversion in my life right now? Am I as ready as they were to repent?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat.	1/27	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun.	1/28	8:00AM	Fr. Frank
		9:30AM	Fr. Ron
		11:00AM	Fr. Frank
		12:30PM	Fr. Ron
		3:00PM	Fr. Jakov
		6:30PM	Fr. Jakov

Late changes appear on the website after 12:00NN on the Saturday of that weekend.



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