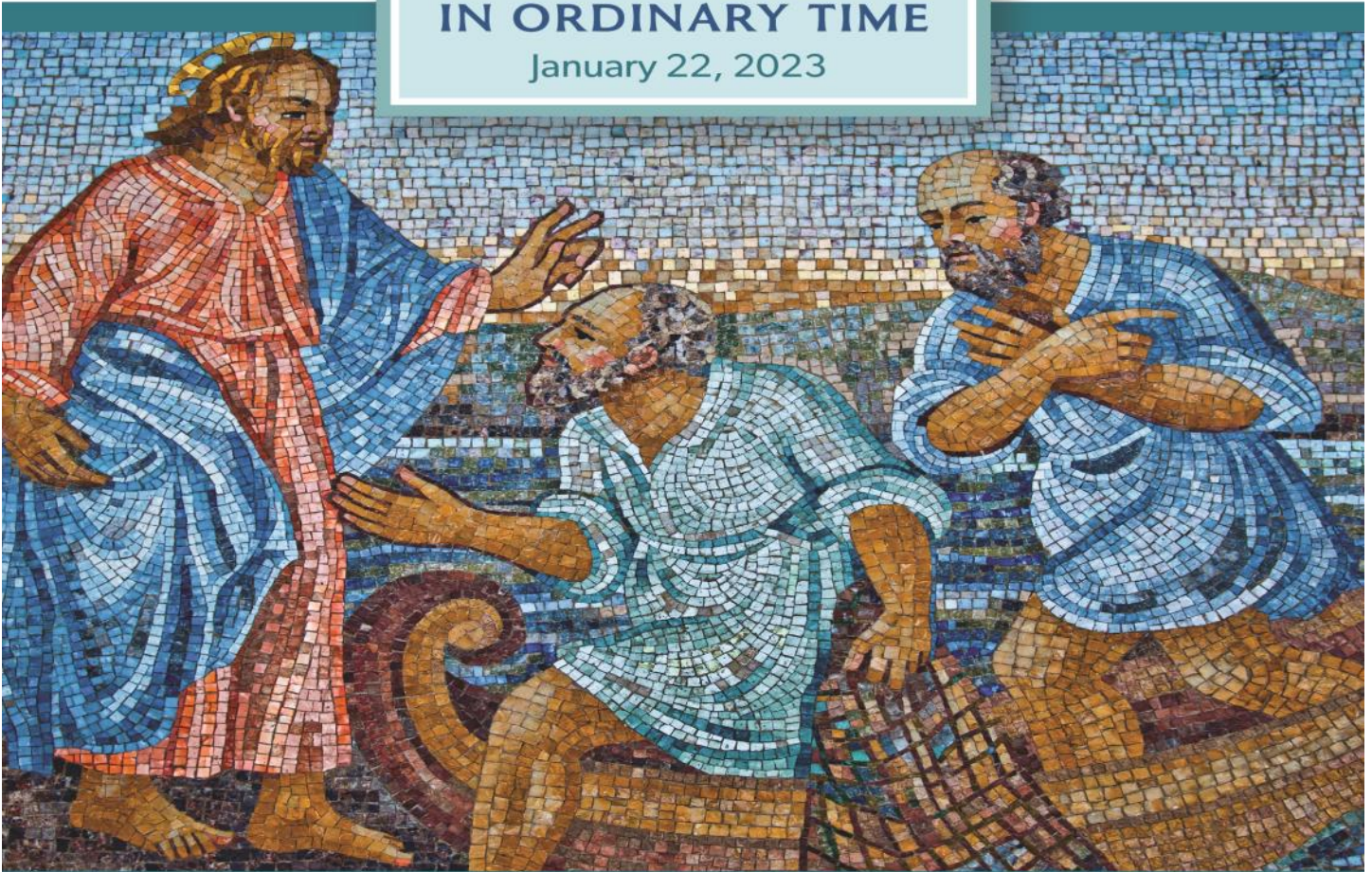


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THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023



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Matthew 4:19

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Indoor Vigil

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

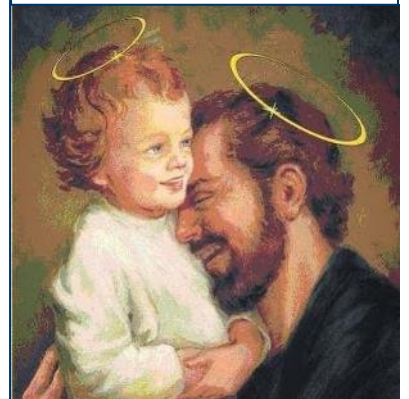
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





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GATHERING DISCIPLES

To introduce the beginnings of Jesus’ ministry in Matthew’s Gospel today, the evangelist quotes from Isaiah 9, which is presented to us more fully in our first reading. Isaiah acknowledges the darkness of oppression from the conquest of the Galilee region by Assyria, but reminds his people of the hope God offers them. Matthew, writing in the time of the Roman Empire centuries later, points to Jesus and his proclamation of the kingdom of heaven, to overturn all forms of oppression. Power structures like Assyria or Rome rely on fear, control, and distrust to sustain themselves. But God’s reign is to be saturated with God’s love, freedom, and mutual trust. Jesus began by gathering a group of disciples. When Jesus similarly gathers his community of disciples in our church today, our love of each other, and our care for all others, can make this reign of God visible to all.

CALLED TO COMMUNITY

Today’s Gospel from Matthew sketches the initial movements of Jesus’ public ministry. The arrest of John the Baptist signals that Jesus’ time has come. His first actions include the call of his first disciples, and proclaiming the reign, or kingdom, of heaven. Jesus first gathers a community, which he can gradually form to become living evidence of this coming reign. His preaching, which begins just a few verses later in the Sermon on the Mount, is not just essential guidance for each individual life, but for life within a community of his followers.

It can be very challenging for most of us, who live in a highly individualized society, to hear this story of being summoned into community, committed to learning together and from each other. Our parishes and Christian communities need to be safe places so that we can open our hearts to each other, learning the Way of Jesus, and sharing this Way with others.

UNITED IN CHRIST

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul addresses many pastoral issues, and begins with questions of division over leadership. We hear of rival camps of loyalty for various leaders and preachers: Paul himself, Apollo, or Cephas. Paul fears that the community has lost the center of the faith, that is, Christ himself. The community is to be united in mind and purpose under Christ.

Many today experience in a very similar division. Some Christians will in effect say: “I belong to . . . (fill in the name of your favorite preacher, theologian, or leader), and those who don’t are not to be trusted.” Diversity of thought and background are essential to the vitality of Christian community, but here Paul describes a division that hides the message of Christ. It hides Christ’s call to charity and forbearance toward all. This division hides the truth that we are all at the foot of the cross, a cross that reveals our own brokenness and our need for mercy.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14
1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17
Matthew 4:12–23 [12–17]

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

As we enter the Third Week of Ordinary Time, in this Sunday's Gospel we meet Jesus who invites Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow Him. The Bible says that they immediately got up and followed the Lord. With all that is going on in our lives, sometimes our response to the Lord is, "I'll get to it" or "I kind of want to" or "I'm busy now, maybe later." May this weekend's Eucharistic celebration encourage our resolve and commitment to follow the Lord every day!!

Next Sunday, January 29 we celebrate Catholic Schools Week and on Sunday morning there will be an Open House in the School. Please encourage any families you know who may be interested in sending their children to our parish school to join us for the Eucharist and Open house next Sunday. Scroll down this bulletin to School News for further information.

Our Annual Archdiocesan Appeal "Together in Mission" is coming up in early February. This year's theme is "SHINE HIS LIGHT!" We have the opportunity to shine our generous light in support of the 75 Catholic schools and 65 parishes that will be recipients of this year's appeal. Our 2023 St. Joseph's Together in Mission Goal is \$74,990.00. If you receive the envelope in the mail, save it for our Together in Mission Sunday the weekend of February 11-12 and we'll fill out the envelopes together. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your Pledge for this year!

Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin

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in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2023**

Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted,
and wait for the LORD.

— Psalm 27:14

Blood Drive



St. Joseph Parish Blood Drive
Sponsored by the Knights of
Columbus, will take place on
**Saturday, Feb. 4th from 8:15 AM
to 2:15 PM in the Parish Hall.**

You can sign up online at
redcrossblood.org;
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You can also sign up on Jan. 29th after the 8:30
AM or 10:30 AM Mass. For more information
contact Knight Tony Diaz at bstdad2@msn.com.

Eucharistic Adoration



We will have Eucharistic Adoration each first
Friday from 8:00-9:00a.m.
Join us on February 3, 2023.

Come spend an hour with our Lord in the
Blessed Sacrament.



Archdiocesan Eucharistic Procession

Join Archbishop José H. Gomez on a
procession with the Blessed Sacrament
through the streets of Los Angeles

Saturday, March 25, 2023

8:30 AM - Mass at Mission San Gabriel
(Chapel of the Annunciation)

9:30 AM - Procession to St. Luke the Evangelist Church,
Temple City and return to the Mission (6.5 miles total)

12:30 PM - Benediction at Mission San Gabriel

For more information and to register, go to lacatholics.org/eucharist

Seniors Group



**ST. JOSEPH'S SENIOR GROUP
IS MEETING AGAIN!**

Our first St. Joseph Senior Meeting for the new
year is January 23, 2023. **Please note the time
change of 11:00 am.** Also, you will need
to bring a sack lunch - beverages and dessert will
be provided. If you haven't joined our group
this would be a good time to meet many of the
Seniors at St. Joseph's Parish and join in our
activities. If you any questions please email
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Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is
Wednesday, April 12 at 7pm.

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by Valarie Kaur.

Valarie Kaur—renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer—describes revolutionary love as the call of our time: a radical, joyful practice that can transform a relationship, a community, a culture, even a nation.

All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com



Safeguard The Children



The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles affirms our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese created a website, lacatholics.org/protect that serves as a comprehensive tool containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or visit: lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse for help and support.



In Memoriam

Coach Robert Fitzpatrick

Funeral Mass: February 4, 2023
at 11:00 am

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
~Amen~



Movement for a Better World

“True charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need.” Pope Francis

This weekend: Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to people experiencing homelessness. Can you help? For these and many other fulfilling ways to serve, please call **Tim Clark (562) 431-4385**.

- Provide homeless kits for distribution to homeless encampments Jan. 29
- Inspect donated homeless kits in preparation for Jan. 29 homeless encampment visits
- Shopping lists will be available at Masses Jan. 14-15.

Holiday Food Distribution: *Service opportunity!* Distribution driver coordinator

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest.



St. Joseph Grief Support



St. Joseph Grief Support Seminars help and offer Encouragement after the death of a loved one.

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