

*Come*

AFTER ME, AND I  
WILL MAKE YOU

*fishers*

OF MEN.

MK 1:17



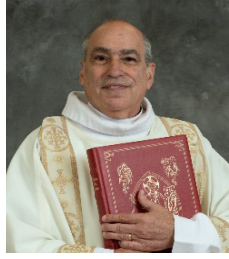
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 24, 2021

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**From the Deacon's Desk***Dear friends in Christ,*

As you may be aware, during this liturgical year we will hear the **Gospel of Saint Mark**. It is the shortest gospel and **St. Mark** doesn't mess around when he tells the story of **Jesus**. He started his gospel with **John the Baptist** and his message, and he told about **Jesus' Baptism** and temptation by **Satan** in the wilderness – **all in 13 verses**. In today's passage, he continues with "...**after John was arrested...**" and moves on to the beginning of **Jesus' public ministry**.



The mention of **John the Baptist** isn't just a reminder of those earlier verses. **John** had been arrested. We'll get the details from **Saint Mark** later, but now this is a reminder that proclaiming **God's** message is dangerous. **Jesus**, like **John**, has gotten into a risky business. Powerful people oppose them because of what they do. That's the climate in which **Jesus** begins His ministry. He doesn't start out as the pastor in a nice quiet congregation where not much is happening.

So now, **Jesus** says, the reign of **God** is very near, and, like **John**, He calls people to be ready. They are to prepare for the kingdom. There are **two** parts to that preparation, parts that are familiar because together they summarize the **Christian** life.

First, "**Repent**." You may have been told before that the **Greek** word for "**repent**" means literally "**change your mind**." It goes deeper than just choosing something different to have for dinner or wearing a different shirt. It means change your attitude, change your way of thinking. Your thoughts haven't been centered on loving **God** and **your neighbor**, so change. **Repent**. And then "**believe the good news**." Believe that **God** will make the promise a reality and will bring you into the kingdom. **Trust God**.

The call comes to each one of us every day. As those first disciples came to realize, it's a call to be reconciled with **God**, to be in tune with the creator of the world. And it's also a call to share the message of reconciliation with others. The call to "**fish for people**" is not limited to those who have special gifts to be missionaries, pastors, or evangelists. It's a call for followers of **Jesus**, members of the **Body of Christ**, to be the instruments by which the reign of **God** and "**the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding**," is made known in word and deed. That is what we ask of **God** in the prayer of **St. Francis** that begins, "**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace**."

**Saint John the Baptist pray for us!**  
**Have a good week,**  
**Deacon Frank**

Dear **St. John Parishioners** join me periodically on **St. Brigid of Kildare Parish** livestream. If you missed it, the videos are available at **St. Brigid YouTube channel** and **St. Brigid of Kildare Facebook page**.

**Celebrant for Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass,**  
**January 31, 2021**  
**Fr. Mike Lumpe**

**Confessions Heard before Mass**  
**Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Sunday, January 24, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector:</b>	Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	Andrea Myers
Sunday, January 31, 2021, 9:30 a.m.	
<b>Lector:</b>	Landa Brunetto
<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	Antonio D'Alberto

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**website [www.sjbitaliana.com](http://www.sjbitaliana.com).**

**Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.**  
**Website: [info@sjbitaliana.org](mailto:info@sjbitaliana.org)**

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*Korean Catholic Community*  
**Ms. Aggie Howard** – Executive Assistant  
**Ms. Victoria Gammell** – Secretary and Bulletin Editor  
**Mrs. Gina Bishop** – Director of Liturgy  
**Mr. John Huffman** – Organist and Musical consultant

**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday  
**Sacrament of Penance** – 9:00 a.m. (before Sunday Mass or by appointment)

**Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism preparation** (by appointment)

**Sacrament of Matrimony** (you must be registered at **Saint John** at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by Deacon or Priest)

**Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults** (please make an appointment with Parish Administrator)

**Saint John Italian Festival** (please visit our website for more information)

**Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall** (scheduled with approval of Parish Administrator)

**Bulletin Deadline:** Announcements must be submitted in writing by **Tuesday at noon**.

**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. 1/24	9:30 a.m.	Rina Tiberi by Armando & Liliana Tempesta
Sun. 1/24	9:30 a.m.	Edward & Cecilia Carfagna by Relatives & Friends
Sun. 1/31	9:30 a.m.	John Clifford by Jim and Donna Spinelli
Sun. 1/31	9:30 a.m.	Danny LaPenna by Lynne Mara

**PAVERS:** The front **Pavilion** of **St. John's Church** is covered with **Pavers**. These **Pavers** are available for purchase and engraving in remembrance of family members and loved ones. For more information please call the office of **St. John** at 614-294-5319.

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

Marian Lights: *Joyce Tisone*  
by Carl Tisone  
Blessed Sacrament: *Cecilia Carfagna*  
by Chris Soteriades

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Sun. 1/24	KCC Mass, Fr. Kim, 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Meeting in Sala Hall
Mon. 1/25	Italian Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. ZOOM MEETING
Tues. 1/26	Finance Meeting, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Library Padre Pio Prayer Group At Our Lady of Victory Church
Fri. 1/29	KCC Mass, Fr. Kim, 7:00 p.m., SJB – Church

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

Catholic Churches	Saturday	Sunday
St. Patrick's	7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church	4:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
St. Mary Mother of God GV	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Assisi	No Mass	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**2021 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings**

January 24 – *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20*  
January 25 – *Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle*  
*Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18*  
January 26 – *Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops*  
*2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35*  
January 27 – *Weekday*  
*Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder*  
*Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20*  
January 28 – *Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
*Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25*  
January 29 – *Weekday*  
*Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34*  
January 30 – *Weekday*  
*Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41*  
January 31 – *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28*

\*Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life.

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS\*\***

\*\*If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto, who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village. Also, keep in your prayers Maria Lucchin, Laura Williams, and James Graf.

**The Rosary before Mass on Sunday:** We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. We need a volunteer to help schedule the Rosary for each month. At the present time no one has signed up to lead the Rosary. If you would like to volunteer to lead the Rosary, please contact the office at 614-294-5319 for more information so we can put a schedule together and post in the bulletin. Thank you!



**New Daily Mass and Confession opportunity:** Sacred Heart Parish, located at 893 Hamlet Street, Columbus, a daily Mass will be offered at 8:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, each week. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with the Sacrament of Confession available will precede the daily Mass at 7:00 p.m.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**

January 17, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used Sunday – 31

Env.:	\$ 2,060.00
Loose:	\$ 86.24
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,146.24</b>
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (128.77)
	<b>\$ 2,017.47</b>
Votive:	\$ 56.00
Propagation of the Faith:	\$ 45.00
St. Anthony Bread:	\$ 10.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 131.00</b>

**?? ?? HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? ?? ??**

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/20-6/30/21)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,146.24	(\$ 738.76)	-26%
FYTD:	\$83,665.00	\$78,481.32	(\$5,183.68)	-6%

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 25, 2021**

Ed Pagnanelli and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, February 1, 2021**

Darlene Rauch and Aggie Howard

**St. Charles Preparatory School Merit Roll:** Congratulations to Nicholas D'Alberto for an outstanding academic achievement of receiving a grade point of 4.0+GPA. Great job Nick!

**COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS – ANSWERING PARISHIONER CONCERNS:**

In this week's bulletin is an insert article regarding COVID-19 Vaccines and answering Parishioner concerns. For more information regarding these topics, please go to the following website links:

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>.

The National Catholic Bioethics Center <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e3ada1a6a2e8d6a131d1dcd/t/5fd3ce39e679895094dd1e49/1607716409962/NCBCVaccineStatementFINAL.pdf>,

The Ohio Catholic Conference <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/Portals/1/Bishop%20Statements/Ohio-Bishops-vaccine.pdf?ver=y7OHNpTaGQcG9qd-MaKqhQ%3d%3d>,

Making Sense of Bioethics <https://columbuscatholic.org/making-sense-out-of-bionetics>.

## AROUND US

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2021:** *May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.*

**Catholic Men's Conference:** The 24th Annual Catholic Men's Conference "Called to be Saints" is February 27, 2021. An ONLINE and IN-PERSON Event at Select Locations from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Registration: \$10.00 (Clergy/Religious Complimentary) Register prior to February 8, 2021 to receive:

- Devin Schadt's book *The Path*
- Printed Conference Program
- \$5.00 Coupon from Panera Bread
- Register online: [CatholicMensMinistry.com](http://CatholicMensMinistry.com)

It will be an entirely virtual event, viewable on several streaming platforms, and will NOT be held at the state fairgrounds due to pandemic restrictions.

**Season of Hope Monthly Themes: Be in Christ's Comfort.** In order to overcome what **Bishop Brennan** calls a poverty of hope that is experienced by many of our brothers and sisters during these times, the **Diocesan HOPE Task Force** has developed a [bulletin insert](#) on the theme of "**Be in Christ's Comfort.**" For the bulletin insert and other resources, visit [www.columbuscatholic.org/season-of-hope](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/season-of-hope).

**World Day of Peace Message:** In addition to the Solemnity of **Mary, Mother of God**, the Church commemorates **January 1st** as the **World Day of Peace** each year with a message from the **Holy Father**. To read **Pope Francis' 2021** message *A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace*, and visit the [USCCB World Day of Peace webpage](#) for additional resources.

**Marriage and Family Life Office: World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week 2021.** What a special time to share **God's** beautiful plan for marriage, celebrate married couples in your parish, and encourage them to strive for holiness in their vocation! We have prepared a [Toolkit](#) with **three** simple yet powerful (and **COVID-safe**) ideas to mark this occasion, including **Sacrament of Marriage Sunday**, Marriage Tip Jar, and a **Date Night** In. To find all that you need to build up the marriages in your parish. Email [FamilyLife@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:FamilyLife@columbuscatholic.org) with any questions or comments.

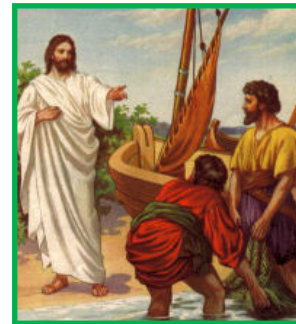
**Bereavement Ministry: Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry**, sponsored by the **North High Deanery**, will take place via **Zoom** on six consecutive **Sundays** from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The dates for this six-week session will be **January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, and 28**. Visit <https://www.northhighdeanery.org/seasons-of-hope> or <https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/15206/documents/2020/12/Seasons%20of%20Hope%202021.pdf> for more details and contact information for the ministry. **Seasons of Hope** is centered on **Jesus Christ** and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions, and practices of the **Catholic Church**. All are welcome!

**The USCCB Catholic Social Ministry Gathering:** This virtual gathering will be held **February 6-9, 2021**. The **2021 theme is *Make justice your aim (cf. Is. 1:17): Rebuilding Together.*** We will pray, learn and advocate together on the disparities revealed by **COVID-19** and new models of justice and solidarity. For more than 30 years, the **Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG)** has brought together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to address pressing current domestic and global challenges affecting our most vulnerable brothers and sisters at home and around the world. For more details and registration, please go to <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/catholic-social-ministry-gathering>.

**February 3: Feast of St. Blaise and The Blessing of the Throat:** **St. Blaise**, the bishop and martyr who died in 316 A.D., has been honored on **February 3rd** for many centuries. The prevalent tradition is that he was a physician before he was ordained and saved a young boy from choking to death on a fish bone. Because of this, **St. Blaise** is the patron saint invoked against ailments of the throat.

*"The pandemic has exposed the plight of the poor and the great inequality that reigns in the world. And the virus, while it does not distinguish between people, has found, in its devastating path, great inequalities and discrimination. And it has exacerbated them! ...On the one hand, it is essential to find a cure for this small but terrible virus, which has brought the whole world to its knees. On the other, we must also cure a larger virus, that of social injustice, inequality of opportunity, marginalization, and the lack of protection for the weakest."*

– Pope Francis, August 19, 2020



As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him (Mark 1:16-19).

### Prayer

*God, we thank You for the inspiration of Jesus. Grant that we will love You with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves, even our enemy neighbors. And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension, when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail, to be with us in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow, until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn. Amen.*



## Sunday, Jan 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

### Celebrate, study, share

The timing seemed right. In September 2019, on the 1,600th anniversary of scripture scholar Saint Jerome's death, Pope Francis launched a new observance on the church calendar. Today's "Sunday of the Word of God" is deliberately placed within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All who follow Jesus are invited to unite around the happy gift of our sacred story contained in the Bible's pages. On this occasion, we celebrate, study, and spread these good words we never possess merely for ourselves. Enthroned the Bible in your home—and heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 (68). *"The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."*

## Monday, Jan 25, 2021

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

### Turn things around

It is arguably the biggest about-face in history: Paul goes from passionately persecuting Christians to converting to Christianity and becoming one of its most important champions. And it's a hard-to-beat conversion story: falling off a horse and encountering the risen Lord. But it's a story that happens in the hearts of Christians all the time: Life knocks you down while going the wrong way, and you're not ready, willing, or able to see the truth—and then somehow Jesus changes everything. By the grace of God, it happens to you again and again. Paul is proof that it's never too late, that you've never made too many mistakes, that you're never too far gone to keep turning yourself around.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). *"Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

## Tuesday, Jan 26, 2021

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

### Seek good companions for the journey

We honor Timothy and Titus one day after the conversion of Saint Paul. For Paul, once converted, wasted no time in spreading the gospel and relied on many to help with his missionary work. Few of his companions were as key—or as beloved—as Timothy and Titus. Paul gave them the toughest assignments, and his letters to them are the only ones addressed to fellow missionaries that are included in the Bible. In those epistles, Paul refers to them as "my dear child" and "my true child in our common faith"—reminders that all become brothers and sisters through Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 OR Titus 1:1-5; Mark 3:31-35 (520; Gospel 318). *"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."*

## Wednesday, Jan 27, 2021

### Never forget

On this day in 2005, the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp, the United Nations established International Holocaust Remembrance Day. With firm resolve to educate future generations about the horrors of the Holocaust, this annual event is a clarion call never to forget the Nazi atrocities that claimed the lives of 6 million Jews and millions more others. U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres warns that

it would be a "dangerous error to think of the Holocaust as simply the result of the insanity of a group of criminal Nazis." It happened because of the "millennia of hatred, scapegoating, and discrimination targeting the Jews." Pray today for grace to choose love rather than hate, to choose inclusion rather than discrimination.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalm 110; Mark 4:1-20 (319). *"Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool."*

## Thursday, Jan 28, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### Let your light shine

How apt that the gospel on today's memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas encourages us to let our light shine. This saint's light was his powerful intellect, and it still shines brightly today. His theological writings, particularly *Summa Theologiae*, continue to have tremendous impact on the church. One of his lasting insights is that faith and reason both come from God, and Christian doctrine is not at odds with rational thought. In honor of this doctor of the church with his relentlessly probing mind, take time to sharpen your own understanding of a faith-related issue.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25 (320). *"Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket . . . and not to be placed on a lampstand?"*

## Friday, Jan 29, 2021

### Make an offer

"Offer it up" is a phrase that seems baked into our Catholic tradition. Often it comes out at times when we are at a loss from the complexities and pain of suffering, which can leave us hopeless, scared, and lonely. After months of social distancing, mourning deaths, job and school closures, and holidays spent alone, we are all in a kind of personal and corporate space of suffering. We are invited to truly *offer*, that is, to *give* ourselves into the care of others and into the loving embrace of Jesus the Christ who also has known suffering intimately. What do you need to offer up and how can you lovingly embrace others' offerings of themselves?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321). *"We are not among those who draw back and perish, but among those who have faith and will possess life."*

## Saturday, Jan 30, 2021

### All that I have is yours

Inheritance is a big deal in the Bible. Not so much legal inheritance, though that is mentioned, but theological inheritance, the gifts God bestows on the community of faith—the people of Israel—and later, in the New Testament, to the followers of Christ. We all share in that inheritance, that "holy ground" promised so long ago to Abraham and his descendants. How will you put your inheritance to use? Will you pass it on to others, or will it end with you? How you invest your time, talent, and treasure will determine the answer to that question.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41 (322). *"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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