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SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
(Church &
On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Rectory &
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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*The
Kingdom
of God
is at hand.*

JANUARY 21, 2024

ON THE WAY....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

When I was growing up, since the Mass was in Latin, and the priest prayed facing away from the congregation, you really didn't understand much that was going on. When I was an altar server there would come a time when the acolyte would move the book from the right side of the altar (the epistle side) to the left side of the altar (the gospel side.) However, since the readings were done in Latin it didn't make much of difference to me. At a certain point the priest would mount the pulpit and preach, in English thankfully. Most Catholics did not grow up hearing the Bible read in Church, and were not encouraged to read the Bible at home. The result was that Catholic spirituality focused almost exclusively on receiving Holy Communion as the source of nourishment.

At the Vatican Council II (sixty years ago!) the liturgical reform encouraged a restoration of the earlier practice of the Church which emphasized that both Word and Sacrament are part of a balanced prayer life. We are nourished at two tables – not only the Eucharistic table but also the table of the Word of God. Just as we consume the Blessed Sacrament so that we can be transformed into the Body of Christ, so we consume the word of God, chew on it, let it enter deep within our being, let it mold and shape us. Thus, we refer to the Mass as having two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. As with much of Vatican II implementation of this way of thinking has been slow. Since Pope Francis was elected he has worked to elevate the Word of God to a more central place in Catholic worship. In 2008 the Synod of Bishops was dedicated to the Word of God.

I received the message below from the United States Council of Catholic Bishops:

In 2019, Pope Francis established the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. As the Holy Father stated in his apostolic letter instituting the observance, "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world" (Aperuit illis, no. 2).

On January 21, 2024, in observance of the Sunday of the Word of God, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, through a grant from the American Bible Society, will offer a "Sunday Seminar Series" of four videos about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. These videos, available in English and Spanish, will feature some of the bishops and biblical scholars and will be accompanied by discussion/reflection questions.

The videos will be made available on January 19, 2024 at: <https://catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/> Through these videos, we hope to bring people into an encounter with Scripture. May God's people be inspired and challenged to see, understand, and engage with Scripture in a new and prayerful way.

In the Most Holy Trinity,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

Sun
1/21

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</i>
Mon 01/22	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Cindy Joe and Joseph Naro by Cindy Naro</i>
Tues 01/23	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Jacqueline and Evan Moore by Cindy Naro</i>
Wed 01/24	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Herb Eaton by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice Meeting (On-line)
Thurs 01/25	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Julianne and Jonah Celeski by Cindy Naro</i>
Fri 01/26	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Liam Moore by Cindy Naro</i>

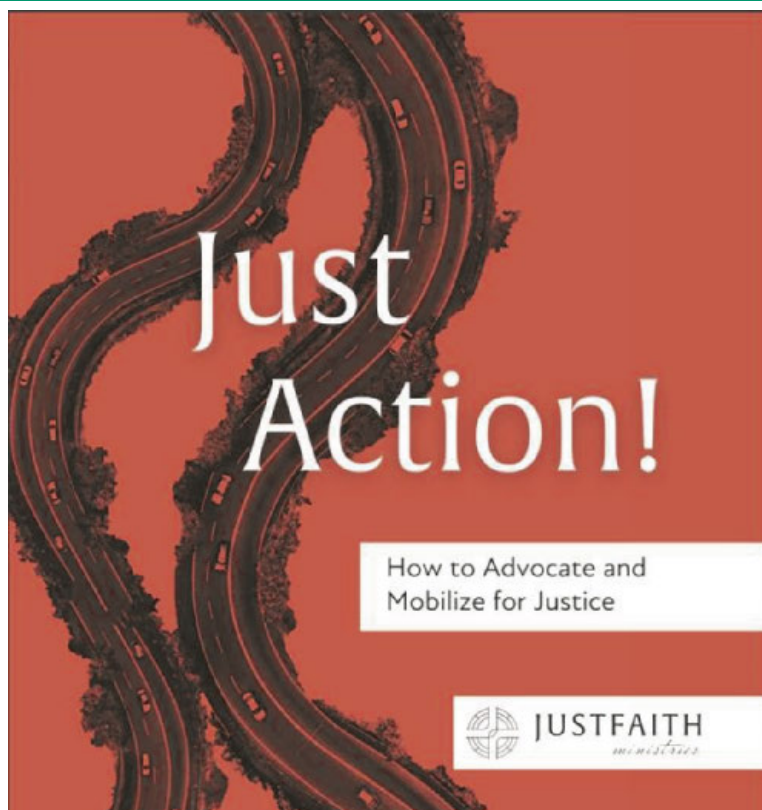
Sun
01/28

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>For the people of St. James</i>
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Please make sure to sign up today to help with our annual African American celebration, scheduled for Feb. 4th. It takes many people to make this event happen and it's very helpful for the organizers to know in advance who is bringing what food, and how many volunteers we can count on. As of Sunday 1/14/23 we only had a total of 6 people who signed up to help in some capacity, both at the church and online. As of this Sunday 1/21/23, the celebration is only 2 weeks away.



Do you want to take action for justice, but you aren't quite sure how to get started? Just Action! How to Advocate and Mobilize for Justice is a small group program that introduces participants to tools for action, advocacy, and organizing that are rooted in the Christian tradition and have inspired ordinary and extraordinary change-makers throughout history.

Tuesday evenings, February 6 – March 26; 7:00-9:00 p.m. via Zoom

The cost of this program is covered by a grant from the Daniel Rudd Fund of the National Black Catholic Congress. Registration is limited. Please register using this link:

<https://bit.ly/SJJUSTACT>

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Amy Pellettiere or Jim Boyd.

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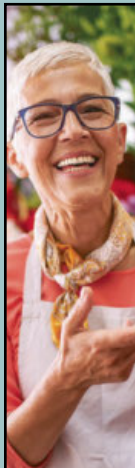
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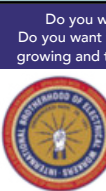
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