



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Reading I: Isaiah 8: 23—9, 3;

Responsorial Psalm: 26: 1, 4, 13-14;

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17.

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23 (or 4: 12-17).

Revised Roman Missal: 491

Gospel Summary

The reading today from Matthew's Gospel takes place early in Jesus' ministry. Several ideas are clear. First of all, Matthew strived to connect his Gospel for the early Christians to their Jewish heritage. He made several references in his Gospel like the one today in which prophecies of old are fulfilled in Jesus. The second thing was that Jesus learned of John the Baptist's arrest and resolved to begin his ministry away from Herod. Finally, Jesus called with some urgency, his first four disciples. The common thread to all this was that God's Kingdom was at hand.

Reflection for Families

There are few people in the world who understand the immediacy of today's Gospel like a parent does! The demands of the day are genuinely important, from the first stirrings of the morning, into the commitment-filled day, to the evening and bedtime routine. A huge part of our day requires a "stop-on-a-dime" reaction from us. Many things we "stop-on-a-dime" for are important, but have we thought today how the urgency of our day-to-day decisions compares to the urgency of Jesus calling his disciples? With what urgency do we call our children to discipleship? How do they recognize us as disciples of Jesus?

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Following the evening meal or when your family gathers for bedtime prayers, share one thing about your day that indicates you are a "fisher of people." Encourage all members of the family to think about how they are disciples for Jesus—how they carry the Good News into the neighborhood, their school, or their work.

Discussion Starters

1. Other people (especially my family members) know that I follow Jesus when . . .
2. One of the most important reasons I follow Jesus today is because . . .
3. Like the fishermen, one thing I find uncertain about following Jesus is . . .

“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”



BLESSED CHINESE NEW YEAR

Fr. Paul and the Pastoral Councils would like to wish everyone
a Blessed Chinese New Year.

May God’s light guide your way throughout the year of the Rabbit.



◆ SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection at all Masses in support of the Tunggulian Cemetery Fund. Thank you for your generosity and support.

◆ DEDICATED HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

The Holy Hour, after the daily Mass at 5:30pm, on Wednesday, 25th January is dedicated for praying for those who are sick. Everyone is encouraged to spend some time with the Lord in prayer.

◆ CHANGE IN MASS TIME

The daily Mass on Friday, 27th January will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. and not at 12:15 p.m.

◆ CATECHETICAL SYMPOSIUM 2023

The SJC Catechetical ministry is still accepting registration for the symposium on the 28th and 29th January. Registration is at \$30 per person.

Please register at <https://forms.gle/z4SfZ8GBvFIPWaGc9>

◆ MASS INTENTIONS

If you have Mass Intentions, please come to the Parish Office or contact us via WhatsApp at +6738348855. The recommended amount is \$10 per Mass, however you are welcome to give more. Please indicate if the Mass is a “Personal Intention”; “In memoriam” or “Thanksgiving”.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE WITH REV. FR. ARIN (10—24 MAY 2023)

Tour cost—\$4,898.00 (Per person, twin sharing). There is still **6** more seats available.
If you wish to join, please contact the Parish Office or sis Lyna (8120789) for more information.

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France

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF ITALY WITH REV. FR. ROBERT (13—27 SEPTEMBER 2023)

Tour cost—\$4,986.00 (Per person, twin sharing).
Seats are limited. For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

CONFESSIONS

Half-an-hour before Sunday Mass.

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour—Every Wednesday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration—Every FIRST Friday of the month, after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP—Every Saturday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

INFANT BAPTISM

Every third week of the month. Please register at the Parish Office during office hours.

DAY	MASS & OTHER EVENTS	READINGS	TIME
Monday 23	3RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 9: 15, 24-28; Mk 3: 22-30.	5:30 PM
Tuesday 24	3RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 10: 1-10; Mk 3: 31-35.	5:30 PM
Wednesday 25	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE <i>HOLY HOUR</i>	Acts 22: 3-16 (or Acts 9: 1-22); Mk 16: 15-18.	5:30 PM
Thursday 26	3RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	2 Tim 1: 1-8 (or Tit 1: 1-5); Lk 10: 1-9	5:30 PM
Friday 27	3RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 10: 32-39; Mk 4: 26-34.	5:30 PM
Saturday 28	3RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME <i>NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP</i>	Hebr 11: 1-2, 8-19; Mk 4: 35-41.	5:30 PM
Sunday 29	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)	Zeph 2: 3; 3: 12-13; 1 Cor 1: 26-31; Mt 5, 1-12a.	9:00 AM 6:00 PM