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Worship Times

***Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p***

***Sunday Mass, 9:00a
Holy Days 7:00p
Communion Service Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment***

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

***3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021***



Morning, Church!

As I begin to write this ahead of Inauguration Day, I wonder on how we got where we are today. I continue to wonder what is the lesson and what is the grace of the past five years, especially the past year. The pulse of our nation is more like a drum beat than a heart beat. The issues dividing us so violently are the very same issues that have the potential grace to unify and strengthen us individually and unify us as a nation.

God's timing is perfect as we hear God's Word and its relentless call to repentance. Change is difficult. Changing one's heart is even more difficult. Declaring Jesus as your Lord and Savior, on a certain day, is a declaration does not exempt you from giving your heart to Jesus every day. How easy it would be to give your heart to Jesus once and that would be enough! *Ours is a life long faith journey of conversion.*

We U.S. citizens are the people of Nineveh. *Like the Ninevites* we make one destructive choice after another and are unwilling to change our hearts, to turn towards God. *Like Jonah*, God calls us to give prophetic witness against injustice we see and hear. God calls us to urge others to listen, to live justly, mercifully, and humbly. *Like Jonah*, it's hard to do among your own. Imagine being sent by God to give prophetic witness in an enemy's city, like Nineveh or with someone who has different political views. Imagine being Jonah in his enemy's country, walking the city, crying out in a loud voice,

"Repent, return to your God. End your evil ways, stop making destructive choices.

Return to God with a all your heart!"

God calls you to speak out against the present evil, injustice, and darkness. Imagine God asking you to go to D.C. and to speak prophetically to Congress,

"Remember why you are here and who you represent. Remember you are not here for yourselves or to serve your own needs. You are here to serve your constituents and to uphold the our sacred Constitution. In the name of the God we trust, change your hearts and do what you are expected of you. Lead by example."

Today's gospel what may seem like an ordinary encounter between a rabbi and a group of fishers, is so much more. The *Great Catch* become a *Great Grace*, for Peter, Andrew, James and John ~ and today, for all of us.

The Great Catch is emblematic of the abundant life promised and given to Jesus' followers, those committed to a lifetime of conversion and its Great Grace.

As you reflect on God's Word today, reflect on who or what lead you to act like a Ninevite, or to resist speaking prophetically in Jesus' Name, the way Jonah did. Pray for the Great Grace to live into the Great Grace and the abundance Jesus offer you.

KEEP YOUR WORD. KEEP THE WORD.

God's blessings,

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Sunday Scriptures	
1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19	1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10	John 1:35-42



☞ Reflecting on the Word _____

*What aspects of your life need repentance,
how does your heart need to change?
How are you like Jonah, resistant or fearful
of speaking out against injustice and evil?
What Great Grace do you need to change?*

JANUARY	
24	3rd Sun OT
26	No Communion Service
28	SSJA CGG
30	Dedication of St. Stephen Church 1956



*Sisters of St. Joseph ~ Maxim 99
God gives us as much grace
as we are willing to accept.*

- ☞ *I pray to recognize and respond to the great desires God has placed in my heart.*
- ☞ *I pray to let God's great desires coax my heart to great generosity.*
- ☞ *Earth cries out for healing. I pray for the grace to accept the call and do my part.*

Tri-C Christian Ministries

Any of the following items:
Any kind of bean, dried or canned
Pasta & sauce or sm. laundry detergent

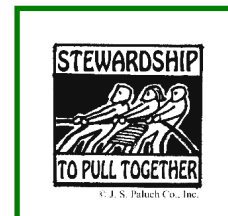
☞ JANUARY	
24	+Dana & Reikowsky Families r/b Peggy +Faith Balzer r/b Brenda & Danny Mary Askew-McQuade (Birthday)
31	+Rose & Joe El-Khoury r/b Theresa

Birthdays & Anniversaries

25 Tim Atkins	29 Claire Golden
25 Braulio Mata	30 Marta Segura-Lopez
27 Catalina Hernandez	31 Dolores Spicer

☞ Prayer Request

*For a peaceful and safe transition
of our government and a new administration.
For the safety of those on the front lines
in our medical community, teachers,
law enforcement, and all the other essential
workers who make our lives easier.*



*Thank you for your ongoing support for your church
and Tri-C ministries...*

Please address your envelope this way and mail
your church donations to:

*Janis McQuade, S.S.J.
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Please consider regular donations to church,
especially if your household hasn't contributed
in the last 10 months.

Please include a note on the breakout
of your check amount
Thank you so much!!