

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Daily Prayer

This is a week where Jesus speaks of seeds being planted and of growing. We are still at the beginning of a new year, and this is a good time to answer the call in our hearts to spend more time with Jesus, in prayer.

"I'm not very good at prayer," we might say. "I don't have the time to pray." Jesus is not waiting for us to be perfect before we talk to him - he is simply waiting, right now, for us to come to him in our own humanity. This week we are invited to uncover the light of our faith, the light that warms the longing we feel in our souls for something different or deeper in our relationship with God. At this beginning of the year, we might step back and examine the ways we talk with Jesus - and the ways we hold him at arm's length.

We are being called into a relationship, a friendship, with someone who delights in us and waits for us to release our fears and come out of hiding. Where do we start? With the desire.

It can be so simple to take the empty moments of our day and just tell the same Jesus who healed and loved on earth, what is in our hearts. In the early morning moments before we get out of bed, while in the shower or traveling to work, cooking or walking the dog - we can stop and open our hearts. "Jesus, you know what is in my heart. You know what my needs are. Help me to be more open to the way you are calling me in my life."

Our prayer can be as simple as opening our hands on our lap for a moment and saying in our own words, "Show me how to come out of hiding. Give me the courage to let go of my fears and bring myself to you in honesty. Let me drop the many defenses I carry that keep me from feeling how deeply you love and accept me."

There is no right or wrong way to approach Jesus - the only right thing is that we come with an open heart and our own desire for something deeper.

Every evening as we end our day, we can sit at the edge of our bed with our hands open and say, "Thank you." We can reflect on the many ways we felt the love of God in our lives that day. What tiny seed was planted in my life to bloom? Where did I shine the light of my own faith on someone?

Reflection

"I'm sorry the mailbox is full and cannot accept any more messages. Please try your call again later." Every now and again I'll get that message when, I'm trying to call someone. Unfortunately, more often than I care to admit I think this is the message God gets when God tries to call me. I mention this because today's Gospel is the story of the call of the first disciples.

This Sunday we celebrate the third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our Gospel this Sunday comes in two sections. The first section is tied to our first reading today. The second section, though, relates the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and the call of the first disciples. Jesus calls Simon (Peter) and his brother Andrew, as well as James and John the sons of Zebedee. Jesus didn't waste a lot of words in calling these first disciples. He merely said: "*Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.*" Certainly the call of these men was clear and evident, and in that sense it may differ slightly from the way God calls you or me. On the other hand, though, they must have been open and attentive to the call, because they answered it immediately and unambiguously.

Our first reading this Sunday is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. This passage was chosen because it contains a prophecy about the restoration of the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali. These lands are also referenced in the opening verses of today's Gospel. We believe that Jesus is the fulfillment of this prophecy of Isaiah.

For the next several weeks our second reading will be taken from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. In the section we read today, Paul pleads for unity among the people of Corinth "*so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.*"

Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

1. When have you heard the call of God in your life?
2. Looking back, can you see where you were too preoccupied or busy, and may have missed God's call?
3. Why is unity (not uniformity) so important in the Christian community?

<https://www.mary.org/blog/202001/thoughts-readings-3rd-sunday-ordinary-time-2020#.XiiuG5FyUk>

Nuevo Sacerdote Jesuita Puertorriqueño

El sábado, 11 de enero 2020 se ordenó Rev. Julio Misnal Ruiz, SJ en la Iglesia Gesú en Miami, Florida. El Padre Julio celebrará una Misa de Acción de Gracias en la Parroquia San Ignacio el domingo, 16 de febrero a las 11:30am. No se la pierda.



Aquí vemos a Padre Julio junto a su mamá, Sarabel Ruiz y su abuela, Sara Cestero celebrando su ordenación.



Calendario Breve

- Rezo del Santo Rosario media hora antes de las dos misas diarias de lunes a sábado.
- Guerreros de la Oración ofrecen una reflexión el primer lunes de mes de 4 a 4:45pm en el Templo.
- La Pastoral de la Salud se reúne el 2do lunes de mes a las 9am en la Terraza Parroquial. Próxima reunión es el **10 de febrero**.
- Estudios Bíblicos: los lunes, a las 7:30pm en la biblioteca de la Academia.
- Circulo de Oración los jueves 7pm en la Capilla.
- El Ministerio del Sagrado Corazón se reúne los primeros viernes de mes para la misa de 8:00am en el Templo.
- La Cofradía de Nuestra Señora del Carmen se reúne el primer sábado de mes a las 7:30am en el Templo.
- La Comunidad de la Misa de las 9:30am invita a su próximo desayuno el segundo domingo de mes al finalizar la Misa el **9 de febrero**.
- La Comunidad de la Misa de las 8:00am invita a su próximo desayuno el tercer domingo de mes al finalizar la Misa el **16 de febrero**.

ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES

- Estaremos recogiendo comida y artículos de necesidad el primer fin de semana de febrero para el Centro de Tutorías "**Vietnam Estudia**" del Barrio Vietnam. Este fin de semana durante las Misas dominicales tendremos envases con papeles identificando las necesidades del proyecto y pedimos que tomen uno o más y **el fin de semana que viene** pueden traer su contribución. Favor de traer los artículos durante el fin de semana que viene y no antes. Agradecemos su contribución.
- La **Arquidiócesis de San Juan** invita al **Acto Ecuménico** que con motivo de la celebración de la Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana se llevará a cabo el **29 de enero** a las 7:30pm en la Parroquia San Jorge en Santurce.
- **Noche de Película:** este viernes, **31 de enero** se ofrece la película "**The Mission**" en el Centro Parroquial a las 7pm. Traigan algo para compartir.
- Habrá una **venta** de bizcochos y **mallorcás** el domingo, **2 de febrero** después de la Misa de 5:30pm. Agradecemos su cooperación.
- Todos están invitados a un conversatorio sobre la Amazonia **con Marita Bosch** el sábado, **1 de febrero** de 3 a 4pm en el Cafetorium de la Academia San Ignacio.
- El Próximo **Taizé** será el miércoles, **5 de febrero** a las 7pm.
- El Club de Amigos de PR ofrece un **Taller de Sanación, "Encuétrate"** del **7 al 9 de febrero** en la **Casa Fernando** para reconocer conflictos internos y sanarlos. El costo es de \$125 y puede separar su espacio llamando al 787-225-4300.
- Celebraremos la **XXVIII Jornada Mundial del Enfermo** con una **Misa** el **martes, 11 de febrero a las 10am**. Invitamos a todos los enfermos y familiares a participar.



RECEMOS POR NUESTROS ENFERMOS

Ana Livia Otaño, Amaryllis Velilla,
Gloria Negrón, María Consuelo (Chela) Longo,
Nancy y Emmanuel Vega, Teresita Colberg,
Rafael Martínez, niño Arturo Javier Alonso, Lisardo Batán,
Ichie Torres., Jean Oliver

RECEMOS POR LOS RECIÉN FALLECIDOS

Nelly Olivo +, Edgardo Bosch +

(Favor de informarle a la Oficina Parroquial de los enfermos y de los fallecidos para que podamos anunciarlos en el boletín.

Gracias.)