



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

4:00PM

**Luke J. Dorsey** Anniversary  
*Requested by family*  
**Arthur Mullen** Anniversary  
*Requested by Family*  
**Josephine Pasquale** Family request

**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30PM

**Intention of the Celebrant**

11:30AM

**Fidelina Betancourt**

35 aniversario de su muerte

5:00PM

**Intention of the Celebrant**

**Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:30PM

**Intention of the Celebrant**

**Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

5:30PM

**Intention of the Celebrant**

**Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

5:30PM

**Intention of the Celebrant**

**Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:30PM

**Intention of the Celebrant**

**Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM

**Ruth M. Lafontaine** *In loving memory*  
*Request of the Johnston Family*

4:00PM

**Margaret DeSimone** Anniversary  
*Requested by family*

**William T. & Rose L. Klueber**  
 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**James Comber**

**Cora DiBiao** Anniversary

*Requested by her family*

**Mass Intentions for next Sunday:** 8:30AM Edward Bradshaw,  
 5:00PM Dorothy Turner

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory January 16th: \$4,201.00

Parish Monthly Offering: \$1,955.00

**THANK YOU!**

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

**Evangelization Sunday!** THIS weekend the second collection will support the Archdiocese of Boston's evangelization and outreach initiative ***Catholics Come Home***. All proceeds will fund the purchase of television and radio advertisements to welcome home to our Catholic family those who have been away for any reason. The *Catholics Come Home* campaigns in other dioceses have been extremely effective at inviting and bringing Catholics to renewed participation in parish life. Please visit [www.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org) for more information.

### NO SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

### Pastor's Notes

More on our new Website. I am pleased to announce that we have a new website that is being designed by Kathleen Lynch in collaboration with our new website host Lucky Marble.com . We now can go online and see Mass times, the Religious Education schedule, ministries that we offer and much more. One wonderful addition is the music programs page. On this page one can hear the music for weddings, the psalm for the weekend and the list of music we will be using at Sunday masses.

Soon we hope to be able to post the schedules for ministries, including altar servers, lectors and Em's. This will allow all of us to cut down on paper use thus helping the environment while also increasing our ability to communicate with parishioners.

One great feature we hope to have soon is pages that address the needs of Spanish and Vietnamese speakers. Their pages we hope will contain news items in different languages and links to sites that will allow them to receive information in their languages.

Another feature will be a connection to Pay Pal, which will allow online giving. Online giving is the latest practice for parish support. While this feature is not completely functional yet, we will be looking to begin soon. One advantage to online giving is the ability to give either once a month or weekly from home and thus not worry about forgetting envelopes or checks. The other possibility to online giving which will become available is the ability to have our bank (with your permission of course) draw directly from your account to the parish account on a scheduled basis. For those uncomfortable with going online with credit cards, perhaps this option will be preferable. (I personally use this method to contribute to the Catholic Appeal, pay my gym membership and put money into savings.)

Finally we hope to have photos and stories change regularly on the site to let people know about activities and other events that are happening in the parish. This site is visually pleasing and features great photos of the parish and church and our hope is that we can continue to update and change the photos as needed, especially when there are special events.

Again thanks very much to Kathleen Lynch who has worked very hard these last few weeks to make all this possible. She is another example of what makes this parish great. People come forward to offer their gifts and abilities motivated by their faith and love of the parish. This wonderful combination can create great things.

On a more personal note, I am very pleased to congratulate Fr. Christopher Coyne on his recent selection as Auxiliary Bishop of Indianapolis, Indiana. Fr. Coyne is a very fine priest, great pastor and well educated. He has served this Archdiocese very well for the last 24 years. I have been friendly with him since our Seminary days and served with him for four years on the faculty at the Seminary during his ten year tenure there. Bishop Designate Coyne will be ordained on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and then will immediately begin his duties. The Archdiocese's loss is Indiana's great gain. Personally, I am losing one of my regular ski and golf pals, but there are enough priests around who ski and golf regularly and so we will dedicate the occasional run or round to his ministry. I hope you will join me in wishing him well and praying for him and his ministry to the people of Indiana. Peace, Father Murray

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen." From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:16-17*

### Readings for the Week of January 23, 2011

Sunday:	Is 8:23---9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23
Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41

**Background on the Gospel** Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested. The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah. When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave. The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

### Mass Schedule Jan 22-23

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Murray  
4:00 PM St. James Fr. Walsh  
7:00 PM St. James Fr. Joseph  
8:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray/ Deacon Leo  
8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Walsh  
10:30 St. John's Fr. Leo  
11:30 St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Nelson  
5:00 PM St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Leo

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...** Watch the bulletin NEXT WEEK for an Exciting announcement regarding our Religious Education Program...Thinking Outside the Box!

**PARENT MEETING ...**Parents of children who will receive First Communion in May will gather at St. James School for an informational meeting on Sunday morning, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. At least one parent from each family is required to attend this meeting. Coffee will be served! Mark your calendars...First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00 P.M. Mass.

### Religious Education Schedule for February

06	Class	Grades K-9	9:45-11:15	School
06	Parent Meeting Re:	First Communion	10:00AM	.School
13	Class	Grades K-10	9:45-11:15	School
		Confessions - Grades 7& 8	9:45-11:15	School
20	Family Mass & Social	8:30AM		.Church
27	Class	Grades K-9	9:45-11:15	School

**Family Connection** Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In today's Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus. Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew's Gospel, however. In [Matthew 8:14-15](#) for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. [Matthew 20:20-28](#) relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honor in Jesus' kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples' separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today's Gospel might lead us to believe. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships. Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life. As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23. Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority? Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life. Pray today's Psalm or the Lord's Prayer.

For those who are interested, Father Murray will be offering a four week course on the Gospel of Matthew. We will meet in the lower Church at 7:00 PM and study for one hour. All are invited. We will begin on Thursday, January 28 and continue to February 3, 10 and 24<sup>th</sup>.



**On the Road Again**-Members of the St. James and St. John the Baptist Youth Choir will be attending the all day Chorister's Guild Children Choir Festival on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>. This guild, made up of musicians of all denominations, concentrates on the

development of young voices. Last year several of us went to this event and this year we have even more children attending! We are very excited that more of our youth are interested in the program and we are happy to once again be collaborating with St. John Parish! This event is for children who are already part of a parish music program. For information about joining our program and taking part in events like this, please email [stjamesmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:stjamesmusic@hotmail.com).

**An Evening of Wedding Music** will take place on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. James Church. If you just became engaged, plan to marry soon, or have a wedding already scheduled at St James, we invite you to attend this concert. Even if your wedding is not at St. James you are invited to come listen to some ideas. The concert lasts one hour and we present over 40 excerpts of music appropriate for your special day. Reservations are required only to assure that we have enough handouts available. Come yourself or bring some friends. To reserve a spot please email [stjamesmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:stjamesmusic@hotmail.com)

Quiero empezar con otra palabra de gratitud a todos los que ayudaron a Yairelis Rivera y su madre durante las dos últimas semanas. La niña murió el miércoles pasado y fue enviada a Puerto Rico por su velatorio y entierro. Fueron momentos fuertes y muy tristes por la familia, pero para nosotros fue una oportunidad para servirle a esta familia en un momento de crisis. Gracias a todos que los que durante la semana se encargaron de los desayunos, almuerzos y cenas para la mamá y su amiga. También gracias aquellas personas que visitaron a la niña, y a los que donaron dinero para ayudar a pagar por la preparación del cuerpo para enviarlo a su pueblo. En realidad no estoy seguro como ella llego aquí a Haverhill, pero voy a citar lo que me dijo una a persona al final de la tragedia. "Padre, Dios sabía que si ella venía aquí, por su tratamiento, ella sería recibida como un miembro más de nuestra comunidad, como una verdadera católica, que ella era". Yo he compartido esta experiencia con mis amigos pastores sobre esta respuesta santa a esta tragedia. Ahora he venido a entender la seriedad y la esencia de su respuesta.

¡Gracias! La Paz, P. Roberto

Ahora estamos en el tiempo ordinario. Este un tiempo entre las estaciones de año litúrgico que la iglesia celebra. Por supuesto, sabemos que no hay tiempo ordinario en la luz de Jesucristo. Este tiempo nos da la oportunidad para reflexionar sobre nuestras vidas en espera de la venida del Señor y para vivir en este mundo como verdaderos cristianos. Podemos notar dos tipos de tiempo en nuestras vidas. Hay tiempo cronológico, que entendemos y podemos contar con segundos, minutos, y horas etc. Y hay un tiempo "Chairos" que es el tiempo de Dios. Podemos oír una referencia a este tiempo en la frase, "Si Dios quiere". A veces quiere decir si va a ocurrir, otras veces, he notado, quiere decir *cuando* Dios quiera. Gracias a Dios hemos experimentado los dos en esta comunidad. Quizás durante este tiempo todos pueden reflexionar como usar su tiempo y el tiempo de Dios.

## **Suy Niệm Lời Chúa Mùa Thường Niên**

Độc hành hay đồng hành

Khi phải làm một chuyến hành trình dài, người ta cần có bạn đồng hành, để có bạn đường mà chia vui xẻ buồn, nói chuyện với nhau, và giúp đỡ nhau. Hai môn đệ hành trình Emmau nhờ đi chung với nhau nên đã san sẻ cho nhau nỗi buồn nặng trĩu sau những biến cố đau thương xảy ra tại Giêrusalem. Họ lại có được một bạn đồng hành nữa là Đức Giêsu Phục Sinh. Chính Người Bạn đồng hành này đã xóa tan mọi sầu lo của họ và làm cho niềm tin của họ sống lại.

Đời người trên dương thế là một cuộc hành trình dài thăm thẳm, không biết bao giờ mới xong, cũng không chắc sẽ đi đến đích hay không. Vậy mà có nhiều người cứ mãi độc hành: một mình tìm đường, một mình đi, một mình xoay trở trước những khó khăn... Thật là phiêu lưu!

Mùa thường niên của năm Phụng vụ cũng là một cuộc hành trình, nhưng không phải độc hành, mà là đồng hành với Chúa Giêsu, với anh chị em tha nhân: chúng ta cùng với Ngài đi qua những chặng đường từ Nadarét đến Galilê để tới Giêrusalem; từ gian khổ đến vinh quang; từ chết đến sống lại. Có Ngài cùng đi với chúng ta, chúng ta không sợ lạc đường. Cùng đi với Ngài, cho dù nhiều lúc gặp khó khăn, chắc chắn chúng ta sẽ tới đích. Chúa Giêsu đồng hành với chúng ta nghĩa là Ngài sẽ vui khi chúng ta vui, Ngài sẽ buồn khi chúng ta buồn; chúng ta đồng hành với Chúa Giêsu cũng có nghĩa là ta sẽ được vui niềm vui của Ngài và buồn với nỗi buồn của Ngài. Đời ta không cô độc, buồn tẻ...

Tuy chỉ là "mùa thường niên" không có những lễ trọng, nhưng nếu chúng ta sống mùa này như một người đồng hành với Chúa, cuộc đời chúng ta chắc chắn sẽ rất có ý nghĩa.

*Lm. Carôlô Hồ Bạc Xái*

### **Thông Báo:**

Cộng đoàn chúng ta sẽ mừng Tết Nguyên Đán Tân Mão vào Thứ Bảy ngày mùng 5 Tháng 2 Dương lịch (Nhằm Ngày Mùng 3 Tết), và Thánh Lễ tạ ơn đầu năm sẽ bắt đầu vào lúc 6 giờ tối. Năm nay, để cho phần ẩm thực được thêm phần phong phú, Xin 2 hoặc 3 gia đình làm chung một món đồ ăn, để sau Thánh Lễ chúng ta cùng nhau vui Xuân mừng Tết. Xin vui lòng liên lạc với Ông Nguyễn Văn Phát để biết thêm chi tiết về việc chọn làm những món ăn. Xin cảm ơn Quý

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