They abandoned their nets and followed Jesus.

~ Mark 1:18
The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. — Mark 1:15

** MASS INTENTIONS **

**WEEK of January 21-27, 2018**

**Sun 21**
- 7:30 AM: George Maloof †
- 9:30 AM: Mass for the People
- 11:30 AM: Al McCarthy†

**Mon 22**
- 7:30 AM: Tim Curtain
- 9:00 AM: Special Intentions of Ramona Claxton

**Tue 23**
- 7:30 AM: Dalmacio Briones Sr.
- 9:00 AM: Generoso & Virginia Gonzales†

**Wed 24**
- 7:30 AM: Clarita Rodriguez†
- 9:00 AM: George Maloof †

**Thu 25**
- 7:30 AM: Lisa Nascimento†
- 9:00 AM: Pierre Poydessus †

**Fri 26**
- 7:30 AM: Francisca Aquino †
- 9:00 AM: Special Intentions of Carol Maloof

**Sat 27**
- 7:30 AM: Tim Curtain†
- 9:00 AM: Francisca Aquino†
- 5:00 PM: Dorothy O’Hagan†

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- **Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
- **Tuesday: St. Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope**
- **Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales**
- **Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**
- **Friday: Ss. Timothy and Titus**
- **Saturday: St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary**

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

**Psalm** — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

**Gospel** — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
- **Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
- **Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
- **Thursday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- **Friday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
- **Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
- **Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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**CHAINS OF GRACE**

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms.

—St. Francis de Sales

**We pray for those who have Died…that they may be granted a home in heaven.**

Maureen Reardon, Charles Conefrey & Christian Denefeld

**We pray for the Sick …that they may experience God’s Love and Healing.**

Tom Abdella, Evangeline Agbunag, Nick Aguila, Lennie Aguirre, Sofia Aguirre, Rosa Maria Alonso, Laura Andrade, Gina Arenas, Eunice Ausman, Julianne Beach, Joan Boike, Dalmacio Briones, Jr., Dorothy Briones, Pauline Boffi, Evangelina Calcuta, Janet Cariganai, Remedia Cuchapin, Joseph Chu, Ron de la Cruz, Kathy Doherty, Isabel Dominguez, Patricia Dominguez, Gloria Etchelet, Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Ezequiel, Bob Fisher, Lourdes Gatchalian, Connor Gavney, Genoveva Guevarra, Theresa Ick, Max Kirkham, Richie Kreps, Steven Lee, Dimple Lim, Amelia Lippi, Sai Hung Lo, Tony Lo, Leny Lopez, Flory Magat, Arturo B. Martin, M. McCullagh, Pat McGuigan, Tom Miller, Amy McNally, Mary Medina, Jesus Morales Montilla, Ann Murphy, Inge Nordstrom, Neil O’Sullivan, Susan Sumaylo, Manuel Pacheco, Josefin Palarca, Maryanne Piwowar, Soledad Rico, Maria Salas, Antonio Savedra, Michael Joseph Suntar, Maureen Sweeney, Lawrence Tan, Dodie Teague, Victoriana Tolentino, Aurora Urmeneta, Lauretta Venenciano

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This weekend (Saturday morning), is our Altar Server’s Training. We are in need of more Altar Servers to assist the priests and our liturgies at Church. We have opened the training to those who have entered third grade or older. We thank our Altar Server coordinator, Mr. Tri Nguyen for providing the training for these young people who will help facilitate our Eucharistic liturgies in a regular and reverent manner. The role of altar servers goes beyond just assisting the priests or serving the altar, as the word suggests. The Altar Server is very important in helping God’s people worship in the best possible way. So, let me take this opportunity to thank our current altar servers and I welcome and congratulate the newly trained altar servers.

My sincere condolences and fervent prayer to the families of two of our altar servers who recently lost their loved ones. Angelina Denefeld, 7th Grade, lost her father, Chris Denefeld, last weekend. And just at the start of this new year, Natalie Quock, 7th Grade, lost her grandfather, Jim Wai Ngai. Grandpa Jim is the father of Julie Quock, one of our parish youth coordinators. My sincere condolences and fervent prayer to the families of these two of our altar servers who recently lost their loved ones.

“We recently celebrated a volunteer appreciation luncheon to thank all of the great parishioners who, through their tireless labor, make Holy Name Parish the wonderful Catholic community that we have. Through our mistake, however, we inadvertently left some volunteers off the invitation list and failed to properly recognize others who attended the luncheon. To you, we offer our most sincere apologies. Please know that the oversight was not intentional. We truly appreciate the work you do as part of your religious vocation at Holy Name. Our parish simply would not be the same without your tireless and dedicated service.”

Our young altar servers are considered church volunteers too and also called as liturgical ministers. What beautiful role they play in the church. Occasionally, we encounter unavailability of altar servers because of conflicts of activities especially with sports. Having more altar servers may solve the problem.

Harry walked to the priest and said: “Father, I can’t serve next weekend because it’s the Elegance, the famous video game tournament that day and will be broadcasted on TV. I can’t miss that.” “Oh, Harry, Harry” said the priest putting his arm around Harry, “don’t you know? That’s what recorders are for.” Harry’s face lit up, “you mean, I could record your homily?”

God’s glory are recorded in heaven’s memory. Men will forget the encouraging things you did, the inspiring words you wrote or said, or even the way you made them feel good... But there is no way for God to miss your sincere motives to give Him the glory!

Keep shining for the Lord...
God is mindful of our efforts to serve Him well...
God is good all the time.
Today, members of the Holy Name Ladies Aid will be collecting for the needy in the Parish. Boxes will be by the exits.

HOLY NAME WEEKLY CALENDAR
Week of January 21, 2018

Sunday, Jan 21, 2018
10:30 AM Religious Education Pastoral Center
Monday, Jan 22, 2018
1:00 PM Sewing Group Pastoral Center
7:30 PM SVDP Meeting Pastoral Center
Tuesday, Jan 23, 2018
9:30 AM C/E/ Class Pastoral Center
10:00 AM Funeral Reception Flanagan Center
10:00 AM Lectio Divina Pastoral Center
11:00 AM Sick & Homebound Ministry Pastoral Center
7:30 PM Legion of Mary Pastoral Center
Wednesday, Jan 24, 2018
7:00 PM RCIA Pastoral Center
7:30 PM Chinese Bible Study Flanagan Center
Thursday, Jan 25, 2018
11:00 AM Senior Club Flanagan Center
7:00 PM 2nd First Communion Meeting Flanagan Center
7:00 PM R.C.I.A. Pastoral Center
Saturday, Jan 27, 2018
1PM Chinese RCIA Green Room
2:30 PM Chinese Social Pastoral Center
3:00 PM Chinese Mass Church

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Ordinary Time” began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecorated the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ’s birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don’t enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

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Sunday, 21 Jan 2018: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Seeing today’s Gospel is set by the water’s edge, this story seems appropriate.

One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, “Please God, give me the strength to cross this river.” In an instant God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times.

Seeing this, the second man prayed to God saying, “Please God, give me the strength and the resources to cross this river.” In an instant God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, “Please God, give me the strength and the resources... and the intelligence... to cross this river.” In an instant God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, then walked across the bridge!

The three men’s prayers were all about gaining something: strength, resources, and intelligence. Today’s readings are about gaining things too. Unlike the instant answer to the hikers’ prayers, Jonah, Paul, and Mark know real gain usually comes less dramatically and quickly, and involves letting go of something as much as it involves taking it on. In the Christian life this is called conversion, and it’s at the center of our life of faith.

Christian conversion is not a once-in-a-lifetime moment. It can happen every day in a rich variety of ways. It involves a change in attitude as much as a change in lifestyle.

All three readings show a different facet of conversion. Jonah calls the Ninevites to social conversion. St Paul, who reveals a very strong expectation that the end of time is near, calls the people of Corinth to a conversion of mind. And through relating the call of Simon, Andrew, James, and John, St Mark tells us about personal conversion.

These days we regularly hear God’s call in personal terms. It’s sometimes called “me and God” theology. Modern hymns reflect it best. We regularly sing about how Jesus died “for me,” or that “here I am Lord” or that “I will follow you.” Individually these lines are all true, the problem is that they tend to play down the more ancient and biblical social dimensions of our call to conversion. In the Bible even though God and Jesus call people to conversion through personal relationships, there is no hint that this is where it stops. Every call leads to the wider community, to the people of Israel in the Old Testament, and out to the entire world in the New Testament.

Today’s readings provide a litmus test for our conversion. If our faith has become a self-help club, where we talk about “my” God, “my” prayers, “my” Church, “my” Mass, we are in need of conversion. We don’t need to leave God’s personal love for us behind, we just need to see it as a necessary preparation for belonging to the people of God as we engage with the world at every level. We are challenged to reject the idea that it’s me-and-God-against-the-world, and welcome in the idea that it’s US-and-God-IN-the-world.

May this Eucharist give us the strength, resources, and intelligence we need to be converted personally and socially again this Sunday.

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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is a welcoming multicultural and liturgical community that celebrates
our Christian Faith. In the spirit of the "Joy of the Gospel" we work
together promoting Catholic values and teachings.

Our parish encourages a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary,
who gives us an example of faithful discipleship and a generous stewardship way of life.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass), 11:30 AM, Saturday
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Chinese), 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Holy Days 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00 PM
Confessions: 15 minutes before 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses
on Sunday & 4:30 - 5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday—9:30 AM—12 Noon
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions:
Friday after 9:00 AM Mass
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass
First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction
Baptisms by appointment
Baptismal Preparation—Every 1st Saturday of the month in the
Pastoral Center - 1 PM—You need to register for the class ahead of
time.
Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group): Every Monday 1-3 PM in the
Pastoral Center Event Room
Marriages:
Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.
Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM, Flanagan Center
R.C.I.A. (Chinese):
Every Saturday—Green Room—1:30 PM
Lectio Divina: Tuesday 10—11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Bible Study Group (Chinese):
Every Wednesday—7:30 PM — Flanagan Center
Parish Pastoral Council: contact Fr. Arnold Zamora
St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting—every Monday at 7:30 PM
(Pastoral Center)
Holy Name Ladies Aid: every 1st Wednesday of the Month at
11:45 AM (Pastoral Center)
Senior Club: every Thursday at 10:30 AM (Flanagan Ctr.)
FIL-AM Club: Every 3rd Friday of the month, 7pm
in the Flanagan Center.
HOLY NAME Choir Practice: every WEDNESDAY at 6:00 PM in the
Pastoral Center
The Gabriel Project: Contact Rose Tang (415)793-0967
Youth Ministry: One designated Saturday a month 5 PM—7:30 PM
including Miss. Contact person: Sr. Cristina & Team (415)664-8590
Blood Pressure Screening: every 2nd Wednesday from after the
7:30 AM Mass until 11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Except July & August
Hospitality: Every Wednesday after the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses
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