



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

The first message that Jesus preached when He began His public ministry is coming to us today: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Repent. We are all called to repent, however, there is one preceding step of repentance; that is **"recognizing that we have sinned."** This tendency to sin is present in every one; that is one of the consequences of original sin: "(Someone) made me do it!"

Repentance is what Jesus called us to do because the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Repentance is necessary to see, recognize and enter the kingdom of heaven. Many see, but do not recognize. Many recognize, but are not able to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Repentance is being sorry for our sins and also an effort to amend our life. Repentance includes words (Lord, I am sorry, forgive my sins) and actions (confession and intention to avoid the occasions of sin).

God so loved the world! He is ready to say to those who come to Him with repentance (God knows who is playing "games" with Him; God knows who is sincere in repenting) that "Your sins are forgiven."

Therefore, be humble before God; have courage to come to Him; to trust in His love and power. Knowing that God had given the power to forgive sin to His Church, so trust in the Church that Jesus built on the rock, Peter, who holds the keys to heaven!

In reality, Satan does not leave us alone. He tries many ways to make us doubt, fearful, confused. He might even remind us that "God loves you so much, so He will not punish you for eternity just because of one "small" sin." Don't you remember that we have free-will, that we are totally free to make our decision saying yes or no to God, that we are totally responsible/accountable for every action we have done before the Almighty God, that we should not "blame" Satan alone for our evil/immoral/disobedient acts? Satan and the devils tempt us, but we are the ones to decide, not Satan or the devils. We have FREE-WILL.

Jesus established the Church, so the Church will continue to preach this message: REPENT. The Apostles had been called and sent to spread this message. The priests have been called and sent for this message (by the virtues of Baptism and Sacred Order). The Laity have been called and sent for this message (by the virtues of Baptism and the preaching of ordained ministers).

Let us pray fervently to God to send more laborers for His harvest. Let us also pray that many will listen to God's message through their teaching and preaching, and be able to return to God and the Church.

Peace,
Fr. Tien



Please remember to keep Saint Francis Parish in your will.

OCIA-Adult Education on Monday night January 26th at 7 PM is **Penance-Anointing of the Sick**. Sacraments of healing. Where is the

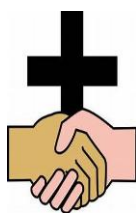


proof Jesus gave his power to forgive sins through his priests? What is meant by the 'seal' of confession? What happens with the anointing of the sick? Come join your fellow parishioners in the spirit of fellowship. Snacks provided. Deacon David and the Education team.

Unwritten dress code: While the Catholic Church has no strict dress code, there is an unwritten code that demands proper attire out of respect for the Real Presence of Our Lord.



What does the 'sign of peace' mean in the Catholic Church?



The Catholic liturgical tradition regards the Sign of Peace at Mass as a disciplined and restrained public gesture to those nearest you, and **not** an affectionate gesture of intimacy or friendship. When we exchange the sign of peace with those near you at Mass with a handshake or bow, we do so with the same words Jesus spoke to the disciples, "Peace be with you".

Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Patricia Ruehle, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Steve Keener



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:

Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez and Elizabeth Scoon



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, January 24

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4:00 P.M. ✠ Camille Destefano by Stan Michalik

✠ Nancy Vera by Dee O

✠ Michael Manilli Jr. by Frances

✠ Bill and ✠ Germaine Moffitt by Dee Moffitt

5:30 P.M. ✠ Felipa Diaz, ✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, January 25

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Monday, January 26

Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 27

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Fonder

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

5:30 P.M. ✠ Felipa Diaz, ✠ Francisco Ortiz

✠ Raquel Merlin, ✠ Alfonso Trujillo

Thursday, January 29

9:00 A.M. ✠ Felipa Diaz, ✠ Francisco Ortiz

✠ Raquel Merlin

Friday, January 30

9:00 A.M. ✠ Felipa Diaz, ✠ Francisco Ortiz

✠ Raquel Merlin

Saturday, January 31

Saint John Bosco Priest

4:00 P.M. ✠ Felipa Diaz, ✠ John Caroselli,

Melissa Diaz, Brigida Ramos

Sunday, February 1

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. ✠ Gonzalo Barriga, ✠ James & ✠ Nancy Putnam

Melissa Diaz

11:30 A.M. ✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory

✠ Marciano Diaz Ordaz

✠ Antonina Arango Diaz

✠ Marciano Diaz Acevedo