



Our readings today call us to be decisive in our faith. God calls us as stewards to repent and renew our commitment to Him each day.

In our First Reading, God instructs the prophet Jonah to travel through the city of Nineveh and warns the people that the city would be destroyed due to their evil ways. When the people of Nineveh heard this, they declared a fast in repentance. The Lord saw this and had compassion for them.

Every moment is an opportunity to either grow closer to God or further away from Him. We can identify with the people of Nineveh when we recognize that our actions are not drawing us closer to God. We may be attached to certain sins or living in complacency — over time, that can weaken our commitment to the Lord and sever the relationship we have with Him.

When we become aware of our weaknesses, it should not cause us to despair. Instead, it should call us to act quickly as the people of Nineveh did. Jonah had been gone only a single day's walk before the people repented. We, too, should go no more than a single day without acknowledging our offenses towards God and renewing our commitment to Him with greater conviction. God wants to be compassionate towards us, but we must be willing to recognize our need to repent.

Our Gospel today shares Mark's account of Jesus calling His first disciples. In his account, Jesus approaches Simon and Andrew, and later, James and John. These four men were fishermen, casting their nets. Jesus states, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. We rationalize that we will eventually get around to deepening our commitment to prayer when we have time, even though we have been wanting to do so for months. We can justify that we are too busy right now to make time to go to confession regularly, but tell ourselves we will do it soon once our schedules ease up. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now, just like the first disciples did.

These men became members of Jesus' twelve apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. They left their jobs, homes and families, devoting their lives to God's work. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is continuously calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can repent and renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves, what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? If not now, when?

## **YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

### **January 17, 2021**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 2,665.48
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***Second Collection - Jan 30 - 31:  
No Second Collection***



## **CMC - Catholic Men's Conference ALL MEN ARE WELCOME**

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**We are blessed to be Americans!**

We are free because thousands of American soldiers went to war to keep us free. Sadly, a great many soldiers gave their lives and died on foreign soil to achieve this goal.

The expression 'War is Hell' is so true.

Behind all the evil in the world is the devil who comes from Hell. He enters people's minds and souls and unless they have God in their lives, he is able to lead them down a sinful path. The saddest and most heinous war of all time is going on right now. ***It is called Abortion.***

Since 1973, we have actually killed over 62 million little Americans, more than soldiers who died in all the wars put together. Granted, they are human babies still in the womb, but they are alive, they are our future. How did this happen in America? Are we so blind to this atrocity? We must not lose this war! Our soldiers fought for each and every one of us, from the babies in the womb to the elderly, to have life until natural death. God gave us the Ten Commandments and a free will to choose right from wrong.

We will never have peace until our "Little Americans" have life. We are a country of a lot of good people who save animals' lives.

***Now let's save our children, including the unborn!***

*Ruth Weber, Davenport Iowa*

**Somos Bendecidos De Ser Estadounidenses**

¡Somos bendecidos de ser estadounidenses! Somos libres porque miles de soldados estadounidenses fueron a la guerra para mantenernos libres. Lamentablemente, muchos soldados dieron su vida y murieron en tierra extranjera para lograr este objetivo.

La expresión "*La guerra es el infierno*" es muy cierta. Detrás de todo el mal del mundo está el demonio que viene del infierno. Él entra en las mentes y almas de las personas y, a menos que tengan a Dios en sus vidas, él puede guiarlos por un camino pecaminoso. La guerra más triste y atroz de todos los tiempos está sucediendo en este momento. ***Se llama aborto.***

Desde 1973, hemos matado a más de 62 millones de pequeños estadounidenses, más que soldados que murieron en todas las guerras juntas. De acuerdo, son bebés humanos aún en el útero, pero están vivos, son nuestro futuro. ¿Cómo sucedió esto en Estados Unidos? ¿Estamos tan ciegos a esta atrocidad? ¡No debemos perder esta guerra! Nuestros soldados lucharon por todos y cada uno de nosotros, desde los bebés en el útero hasta los ancianos, para tener vida hasta la muerte natural. Dios nos dio los Diez Mandamientos y un libre albedrío para elegir lo correcto de lo incorrecto.

Nunca tendremos paz hasta que nuestros "*pequeños estadounidenses*" tengan vida. Somos un país de mucha gente buena que salva la vida de los animales.

***¡Ahora salvemos a nuestros hijos, incluidos los no nacidos!***

*Ruth Weber, Davenport Iowa*

**San Antonio Right to Life Walk**

The San Antonio Right to Life Foundation,  
(the oldest Profile Group in San Antonio)  
will hold its Annual Rally / Walk  
to commemorate the unborn.

***Sunday, January 31, 2021***

We will Assemble @ 12 Noon at Milam Park - 500 W. Commerce St.  
San Antonio, 78207  
(across from the Santa Rosa Hospital)

The Walk (approx 1 mile) will begin at 1 pm and we will return to Milam Park at about 1:45 pm.

Those who do not wish to walk or who are unable to walk may either remain in their cars  
or walk around the Park area praying.

Parking is available over the Mexican Market area as well as on the streets abutting the park.

***Please be sure to wear your masks at all times and  
maintain the six foot social distancing.***

For more information call Mary Thomas at: (210) 601-9719

**Mid-Year Enrollment Drive**

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the School Office at (210) 655-2882

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

### MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – 3er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Creer para cambiar, es el secreto para no destruirnos. Recuerdo, al inicio de la pandemia, que muchas personas no creían la magnitud y alcance del virus. Hubo quienes hasta que lo vivieron en carne propia creyeron. Y luego comenzaron a decir: "Yo no creía esto, pero les digo cúdense, no se expongan, guarden la distancia, lávense las manos". En la primera lectura, los ninivitas no creyeron hasta que Jonás predicó que la ciudad sería destruida. Sin embargo, ellos escucharon el mensaje y creyeron en la advertencia del peligro. Ayunaron e hicieron penitencia. ¡Hubo cambio del corazón, hubo conversión!

El Evangelio narra que Jesús llama a sus cuatro primeros discípulos, y proclama la Buena Nueva de Dios. Decía: "El tiempo se ha cumplido, el Reino de Dios está cerca. Renuncien a su mal camino y crean en la Buena Nueva" (Marcos 1:15). Observemos, que, después del anuncio viene la invitación al seguimiento. La similitud entre las lecturas es muy parecida. Jonás proclama, la gente de la ciudad responde. Jesús, anuncia la Buena Nueva y llama al ministerio a sus discípulos. Llamado, conversión, y misión están entrelazados. Lo principal en todo es creer, sin ese detalle del corazón, no puede darse respuesta. Ahora, se sigue proclamando la cercanía de Dios de muchas maneras, los caminos se abren al seguimiento, a darnos la mano unos a otros, a luchar hasta el cansancio por la salud de los demás. ¿Lo has visto o vivido así? Yo creo que sí. La conversión, sin duda es ablandar el corazón y el compromiso viene del mayor hasta el menor.



**St. Thomas More English  
Prayer Group**



Jan 21 Meeting @ 6 pm - Church

Contacts: Olga Guerrero: (210) 657-1610 or  
Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977



**Grupo de Oración  
Familias compartiendo la palabra**



El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.  
Para mas informacion contacte Maria Isabel Hernandez.

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, January 24, 2021**  
9:00 am Faith Formation (Eng) - School

**Monday, January 25, 2021**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**  
5:30 pm Diving Mercy Cenacle - Church

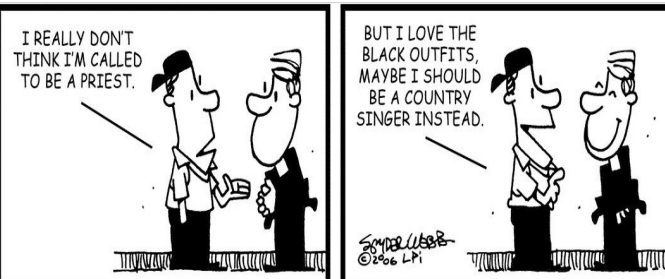
**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

**Thursday, January 28, 2021**  
7:00 pm Prayer Group - Church  
RCIA - Rectory Meeting Room

**Friday, January 29, 2021**  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

**Saturday, January 30, 2021**  
9:00 am Faith Formation (Span) - School  
4:00 pm Reconciliation

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**  
9:00 am Faith Formation (Eng) - School

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 23, 2021**  
8:00 am †Jose Alcantar  
5:00 pm †David Krause by Family

**Sunday, January 24, 2021**  
8:00 am **All Clergy and Religious**  
10:00 am †AnnMarie Oswald by Family  
†Fr. Gilbert Pansza by Brother  
†Baldemar Saldiva by Volpenhein Family  
†Salome Briseno and †Carolina B. Briseno  
By Morales & Briseno Families

12:00 pm †Felipe Gaytan by Isela Bazan  
†Juan Nieto Galvan by Wife  
†Daniel Antuna & Jose Luna  
By Deacon Rolando, Martha and Marisol

**Monday, January 25, 2021**  
8:00 am †Richard C. Vaughn by Mendez Family

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**  
8:00 am †Max Pena, Sr by Maryann Garcia &  
Amelia Pena Silvas  
†Richard C. Vaughn by Mendez Family

**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**  
8:00 am †Rosie Reyes & †Suzell Waller by Eddie Reyes  
†Richard C. Vaughn by Mendez Family

**Thursday, January 28, 2021**  
8:00 am †Alejandra & Alejandro Reyes by Eddie Reyes  
†Richard C. Vaughn by Mendez Family

**Friday, January 29, 2021**  
8:00 am †Edgar & Adeline Richardson by Family  
†AnneMarie Oswald by Family  
†Richard C. Vaughn by Mendez Family

**Saturday, January 30, 2021**  
8:00 am †Richard C. Vaughn by Mendez Family  
5:00 pm †David Krause by Family

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**  
8:00 am †Richard C. Vaughn by Mendez Family  
10:00 am †Adeline & Edgar Richardson by Volpenhein Family  
12:00 pm †Candelaria Villicana by Isela Bazan

**Lecturas de la Semana del jan 25 - 31**

**Lunes:** Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22; Sal 116:1,2; Mc 16:15-18  
**Martes:** 2Tm 1:1-8 o Tit 1:1-5; Sal 95:1-3,7-8,10; Mc 3:31-35  
**Miércoles:** Heb 10:11-18; Sal 109:1-4; Mc 4:1-20  
**Jueves:** Heb 10:19-25; Sal 23:1-6; Mc 4:21-25  
**Viernes:** Heb 10:32-39; Sal 36:3-6,23-24,39-40; Mc 4:26-34  
**Sábado:** Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lc 1:69-70-75; Mc 4:35-41  
**Domingo:** Dt 18:15-20; Sal 94:1-2,6-9; 1Cor 7:32-35;  
Mc 1:21-28

**Readings for the week of Jan 25 - 31**

**Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc,2; Mk 16:15-18  
**Tuesday:** 2Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10; Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40; Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41  
**Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; 1Cor 7:32-35;  
Mk 1:21-28

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

†Jeff Manning

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, January 30, 2021** done  
5 pm Altar Servers - (None)  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim  
Lector - T.Garza

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**  
8 am Altar Servers - (None)  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando  
Lector - M.Fisher

10 am Altar Servers - \*\*\* School Servers \*\*\*  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim  
Lector - \*\*\* School Lectors \*\*\*

12 pm Altar Servers - (None)  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando  
Lector - V.Serrano / H.Ruiz