

# FAITH FOR SUNDAY

January 21 2024 Year B

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## OPENING PRAYER

**+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen**

Father God, thank you for this time with you. May the Holy Spirit be upon me, that I may receive wisdom from your Word, be open to Your holy Will and give glory to You always. Through Christ our Lord, Amen  
Our Father + Hail Mary + Glory Be

## LECTIO DIVINA

Invite the Holy Spirit - Read - Reflect - Respond in Prayer - Rest in Silence

### **Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

We are invited to heed Jesus' call to follow Him. In this passage here, what does it take to be a disciple of Christ? Discipleship does not necessarily require one to break away from family. How do we prioritize our earthly relationship from our primary relationship with God?

### **Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, " when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

God spared the people because they heeded God's message sent by Jonah, who tried to avoid God's calling on him at first. What feelings if any, did you experience when God through the Holy Spirit asked you to do something? What does this say about God's persistence? Jonah did very little to proclaim the message to the Ninevites. How does God respond to Jonah's efforts?

## Notes

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE:** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

St. Paul warns us to act differently in the world, as time is running out. What feelings do you have, knowing that this world is passing away? How should we live as Christians? What types of things in this world take your attention away from your faith? How can we more completely turn our lives over to Christ?

**Feast days this week**

**SUNDAY 21** 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WEEK III  
**MONDAY 22** WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OR ST VINCENT,  
DEACON, MARTYR  
**TUESDAY 23** WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
**WEDNESDAY 24** ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF  
THE CHURCH *MEMORIAL*  
**THURSDAY 25** THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE FEAST  
**FRIDAY 26** SS TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS *MEMORIAL*  
**SATURDAY 27** WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OR ST ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN



"Saul, Saul, why are you  
persecuting me?"  
He said, "Who are you, sir?"  
The reply came, "I am Jesus,  
whom you are persecuting".  
*Acts 9:4,5*

*reflect*

What can I put aside to  
focus my attention  
more on the Lord?

*pray*

Father God, teach me to  
give more of myself for  
You that Your Will be  
done.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen

*live*

Be aware of the sense  
of urgency in the work  
for God's kingdom.