



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 25, 2026

GOD'S LOVING CARE

Two readings today refer to the northeast region of ancient Israel: "the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali." Upon hearing these names, some of us might consult maps and determine exactly where these regions lie. Others might let the unfamiliar names drift by unnoticed. If no maps are handy—but we don't want to ignore the references completely—consider this: we might not know the latitude and longitude of Zebulun and Naphtali, but God does. We praise God for watching over every inch of land and sea, caring perfectly for each creature on the planet. While Isaiah celebrates the depth of God's care with "abundant joy and great rejoicing," Saint Paul begs us to remember how the Lord shows this loving care: through the cross. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to follow him. We follow too, confident that God accompanies us, wherever we are.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Between the end of the Christmas season and the start of Lent, the liturgical year begins a period known as Ordinary Time. That season is interrupted by the seasons of Lent and Easter, and then resumes again after Pentecost. The English translation of the Latin name for this season has received much criticism because of our association of the word "ordinary" with something of lesser value, the opposite of something special. Critics point out that Sunday is the original feast day of the Church, that there is nothing at all "ordinary" about our weekly celebration of the Lord's dying and rising. Translators explain that in this context the English word "ordinary" retains the root meaning of "ordinal," something counted "in order," and that the Sundays throughout the year are in fact named by their numerical order.

It is helpful to understand how all five of the "special" seasons of the liturgical year (Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter) fit together to unfold the single mystery of Christ. As we continue the year now with Ordinary Time, we are mindful that what we celebrate is indeed as "extraordinary" an experience of God's grace as one could ever imagine.

HEART In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,7-8a,10; G Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15,17-19; Ps 24:7,8,9,10; G Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5,27-28,29-30; G Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29; Ps 132:1-2,3-5,11,12,13-14; G Mark 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17; Ps 51:3-4,5-6a,6bcd-7,10-11; G Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a,10-17; Ps 51:12-13,14-15,16-17; G Mark 4:35-41

Sunday: Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13(70A); Ps 146:6-7,8-9,9-10 1 Cor 1:26-31; G Matthew 5:1-12a

Respect for Life Prayer

O God, our eyes behold the beauty of your creation, and our ears catch the sounds of your power.

We hold our lives sacred because they are your gift.

Bring us to greater awareness of the sanctity of human life and to sorrow for the times we have ignored or offended it.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The chili bar has been rescheduled for Friday January 30th

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February 1ST-----

LECTOR MARY

SERVER MAX

EUCHRISTIC JIM BEVERLY, JOY

COUNTER

February 8TH-----

LECTOR MARK

SERVER CARLOS

EUCHARISTIC JIM FLORENCIA, ANN F.

COUNTER

February 15th -----

LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVER MAX

EUCHARISTIC JIM ANN C ANITA

COUNTER

February 18th -----

LECTOR MARK (ASH WEDNESDAY)

SERVER CARLOS

EUCHARISTIC. JOY, F LORENCIA, BEVERLY

COUNTER

February 22nd -----

LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVER MAX

EUCHARISTIC ANITA, ANN C. JIM

COUNTER

WEDNESDAY LECTORS

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FEB 11TH MARY

Feb 25th BEVERLY

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