

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 2018

*Dear Parishioners,*

Come. (Mark 1:17)

Scripture has a way of condensing a lot of information into a few short sentences, and today's Gospel is a perfect example. It's possible that all Jesus had to do was say, "Come after me" to get Peter and Andrew to drop their nets, leave their families, and become disciples. But it's far more likely that this story is the climax of a number of other encounters Jesus had with them. This observation can teach us two things.

First, our decision to follow Jesus is never a onetime choice. Second, our decision to help other people follow Jesus is never a onetime choice.

Some people marry only a few days after they meet. It's unusual, but it does happen. And when it does, the couple has to deepen their marriage commitment if they want to stay together. Just so, even if Peter and Andrew said yes at a moment's notice, their commitment to Jesus needed to grow. If it didn't, they would have eventually left Jesus.

The same is true for us. No matter how mature our yes is, the Holy Spirit wants to take it to a deeper level. He wants to help us mature in our commitment to him so that we can know him better and become more effective servants of his kingdom.

This principle applies to our call to help other people follow Jesus. It's always possible that our children and friends will immediately take our advice and give their lives to the Lord. But knowing human nature, it's more likely that they will need more time and attention than one simple invitation. This means we need to be consistent in mirroring Jesus to them. Never stop showing them your love. Never stop caring for them. Never stop telling them that Jesus is about love and mercy, redemption and reconciliation.

Jesus is calling you to follow him today. He is asking you to keep evangelizing people with love and compassion. It's a challenging call, but you don't have to do it alone. Jesus has all the grace you need.

"Lord, I will follow you all the days of my life."

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

## **Stewardship Thought**

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to "*Follow me*" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

## **Mass & Healing Service**

St. Bernadette Catholic Church is hosting a Mass & Healing Service on **Friday, January 26, 2018** with Father Jim Clarke presiding. The celebration will begin with Praise and Worship at 6:30 PM and Mass at 7:00 PM. Please call 323.293.4877 for more information.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Sunday</b>	Jon 3:1-10, Ps 25: 4-9, Mk 1:14-20
<b>Monday</b>	2 Sm 5:1-10, Mk 3:22-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Sm 6:12-19, Mk 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Sm 7:4-17, Mk 4:1-20
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 22:3-16, Mk 16:15-18
<b>Friday</b>	2 Tm 1:1-8, Mk 4:26-34
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Sm 12:1-17, Mk 4:35-41
<b>Sunday</b>	Dt 18:15-20, Ps 95:1-9, Mk 1:21-28

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday January 20**

5:15 PM Soul of Barbara Samuels

### **Sunday January 21**

8:00 AM Soul of Stacy Franklin

10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

12:15 PM Soul of Angela Dupré

### **Thursday January 25**

8:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

### **Sunday January 28**

10:00 AM Intention of Briana & Aaron Katz

12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners



## WEEKLY OFFERING

**January 14, 2018**

\$4,146.00 Tithe and Offering

238.00 Building Fund

66.00 "We Care"

## Religious Education Congress

**March 15 – Youth Day**

**March 16 -18, 2018**

**Anaheim Convention Center**

800 West Katella Avenue

Anaheim, CA 92802

*This year theme is: Rise Up!*

To register please see Ms. Refugio Godinez  
or call the rectory at 323.291.1136.

## 2017 TAX STATEMENT!

Tax letters will be mailed by the end of January. If you do not receive a statement please contact Jo Ann Levi in the rectory. This is also a good time to make sure that you are registered in the parish. Only registered parishioners who are contributors will receive a tax letter.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

God has a  
*purpose* for your pain  
a *reason* for your struggle  
and a *reward* for your faithfulness.  
*Trust him* and don't give up.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Communication is key for making sure you are up to date with your kids' lives, especially as they grow older and you can't be with them every step of the way. One way to keep communication strong is to ask your kids open-ended questions. Kids may not spontaneously tell you things that would be important for you to know, so you have to consider how to phrase questions that draw them in and allow them to share their thoughts and experiences. When you do ask open-ended questions, make sure you are patient in waiting for the answers. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.