

The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 20– 21, 2024



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Weekend Masses:

St. Margaret Mary	Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 10:30 am
Sacred Heart	Sun. 7:30 am	
St. James	Sun. 9:00 am	

Confessions:

St. Margaret Mary	Sat. 4:15 pm
Sacred Heart	Sun. 7:05-7:20 am
St. James	Sun. 8:35-8:50 am

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January 27-228, 2024		Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Jan. 27 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Jan. 28 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Jan. 28 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Jan. 28 10:30 am
Celebrant	Father Ron	Father Ron Deacon Ron	Father Ron	Father Ron
Ushers	Roger Jensen Gery Wright Dan Hoffman Dave Emling	Kyle Ferris David Kirkpatrick	Dave Ladehoff Dan Forsythe Bob Buente Jeff Martin	Joe Smolkovich Wayne Bisailon Brent Fulton Erik Wheeler
Lector	Rob Landeck	Alicia Kirkpatrick	Kelly Buente	Julie Splear
Servers				Caroline Fulton
Greeters			Greeter—Jerry Ogrentz R. Leader ThePeerboltes	Kim Smicker

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 22 (SMM)

8:00 am +John Andrzejeski (Mary Wilkey)

Tuesday, January 23 (SH)

8:00 am (SH) +Connie Dionne (Joe & Rhonda Berns)

Wednesday, January 24 (SJ)

8:00 am +Duane Ferris

Friday, January 26 (SMM)

8:00 am +Lillian Schierer (Gary & Jerrolyn Golden)

Saturday, January 20 (SMM)

5:00 pm +Parish Family

Sunday, January 28

7:30 am +Carson Cross (The Family)

9:00 am (SJ) +Sondra Hertz (Tom &Maureen O'Connor)

10:30am (SMM) +Theresa Oliver (Fritz Family & Friends)

A Look Ahead

Sun., Jan. 28—RE classes at SJ, SMM and SH

January 27/28—Second collection for Latin America

January 24—Adult Ed SMM at 7:00PM

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Guide me
O Lord
in your truth

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Collections Week of Jan. 13-14, 2024

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,352

St. James—\$1,085

Sacred Heart—\$800

Thank you for your generosity!

Knights of Columbus— Our next meeting will be January 22nd, 2024 at St James Hall at 7:00PM. The new shirts are in and ready to be picked up.

If you would like a copy of your giving statement, please call the Tri-Parish office

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—CCW Meeting Monday Jan. 22, 7PM

All ladies of the parish are welcome, we are having an after Christmas gift exchange—bring a non Christmas gift (value up to \$20)

Sacred Heart— Parish Council Meeting Jan. 23 at 7 PM

St. James—

All Parishes—

- ◆ Don't forget to pick up your offertory envelopes in each parish. If you don't find yours, please call the office.

Obscure saint of the week: St. Agathangelus, deacon and martyr. Feast day Jan. 23 rd .

An adult convert to Christianity, he was baptized by Saint Clement of Ancyra. Ordained a deacon, Agathangelus evangelized in Ancyra (in modern Turkey) with Saint Clement, and was martyred with him.

Obscure feast: Espousal of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Feast day Jan. 23 rd .

Feast in honor of the Blessed Virgin's espousal to Saint Joseph. It dates from 1517 when it was granted to the nuns of the Annunciation by Pope Leo X with nine other Masses in honor of Our Lady. Adopted by many religious orders and dioceses, it was observed for a time by nearly the whole Church, but is no longer in the Calendar. It is the subject of a famous painting by Raphael and Viterbo.

Reflections

Where Does God Live?

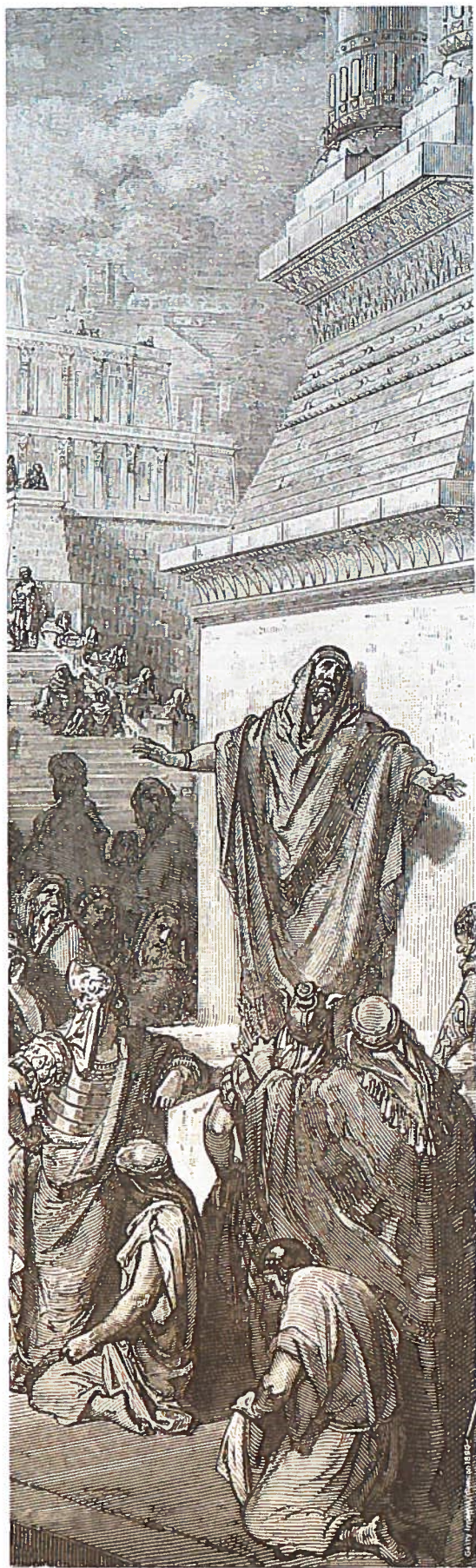
A little girl was standing with her grandfather by an old-fashioned open well. They had just lowered a bucket and had drawn some water to drink.

“Grandfather,” asked the little girl, “where does God live?”

The old man picked up his little granddaughter and held her over the open well. “Look down into the well,” he said, “and tell me what you see.”

“I see a reflection of myself,” said the little girl.

“And that's where God lives,” said the grandfather. “He lives in you.”



January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10 | 1 Cor 7:29-31 | Mk 1:14-20

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Sometimes I feel like I need a Jonah in my life: someone who will come along and shake things up; someone who will nudge me and say, *hey, you're doing it wrong!* No one wants to be criticized, but I know I need loving guidance to help me when I am not at my best. It's easy to get caught up in the swirl of life and neglect (even if unintentionally) what's important. Jonah was given the unpleasant task of pointing out to the people of Nineveh their failings. Unlike many communities who resisted God's words, by the end of the first day of Jonah's anticipated three-day trek across the city, "the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth." For all the evil they had done, and the rebellion they had demonstrated, the people there weren't irredeemable. They simply needed Jonah to point out how they had gone astray, and the grace of open ears and hearts to receive the message. Who has the Lord placed in our lives in the role of Jonah? How has he blessed us with the ability to receive, and repent where necessary?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We don't seem to have obvious prophets like Jonah nowadays, but that doesn't mean God has left us without guides. We have the Church, Christ's body on earth, and the ever-present help of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus selected his first followers: men who would become the Twelve Apostles, anointed to spread his word and speak in his stead even after Jesus left the earth. We know that there were other followers: men, women and children who became his disciples; Jews and Gentiles who were baptized. We are part of that apostolic tradition, each one of us baptized into the common priesthood "exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace - a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit." (CCC 1547) The call to holiness can be hard to hear in the din of today's busy and secular world, but it is not impossible. We can pray for the grace to hear how God is asking each of us to live out his commands and proclaim the Good News to the world.

PRAY Today's psalm (Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9) is a wonderful way to ask God for this favor. Make it part of your morning or evening prayer for the next week. "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths."