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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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<b>Weekdays</b>	8:30 a.m. <b>Spanish</b> (Mon-Fri.)	12:10 p.m. <b>English</b> (Mon-Fri)
	7:45 a.m. <b>Vietnamese</b> (Thu & Sat)	

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### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon open (12 pm - 1 pm closed)  
1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed) 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open  
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (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 (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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### BEAUTY AND TRUTH

Today the poetry of Isaiah washes over us with stunning beauty:

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness:

for there is no gloom where but now there was distress.

Isaiah's lines enchant us with their music as well as with their meaning. Haven't we all felt burdened by gloom and distress? Don't we all long for an end to darkness? Isaiah promises that God's majestic strength crushes our anguish, blowing away our troubles on a breeze. These words are lovely, but what do they mean for us really, when our day-to-day struggles are so real? How can it be true that darkness is dispelled, when so many of us suffer terribly?

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

#### Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Sunday of the Word of God;  
Catholic Schools Week

#### Monday

St. Angela Merici

#### Tuesday

St. Thomas Aquinas

#### Friday

St. John Bosco

#### Saturday

Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

### DAILY DOSES OF LIGHT

Jesus assures us: "God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5b). But how, exactly, does God's light overcome the darkness that we still experience? Saint Paul shows us how: through the cross. Today's reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians implores Jesus' followers to get along with one another, to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." We believe that two thousand years ago, Jesus saved the world and destroyed darkness; but until Jesus comes again, we must unite as the Body of Christ to continue pushing back the gloom of sin and division. As followers of Jesus, we work against these evils in simple ways. We intentionally attempt genuine conversation with a person we find irritating; we ignore gossip and refuse to talk behind someone's back; we befriend an awkward or needy individual. These daily doses of light bring hope to our world, which is both redeemed and not yet finished. Jesus wants our help. Like Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel, we are called by Christ to participate in salvation. Jesus chooses us, calls us, and invites us to accompany him—and imitate him—as we live in, and wait for, the Light of the World.



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
**JANUARY 27, 2020**

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41  
**Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**JANUARY 27, 2020**

**Monday**  
**8:30am**  
**12:10pm**  
**Tuesday**  
**8:30am**  
**12:10pm**  
**Wednesday**  
**8:30am** Thanksgiving  
**12:10pm** Shirley CB Boyle (D)  
**Thursday**  
**7:45am** Binh an Gia dinh  
**8:30am**  
**12:10pm**  
**Friday**  
**8:30am** Boris Beltran (D)  
**12:10pm** Peter Gaine (D)  
**Saturday**  
**7:45am** Ta on  
**7:00pm**  
**Sunday**  
**8:00am** John Joseph Ambrose & family (D)  
**9:30am** Roberto Emilio Vazquez, hijo (D), Feliciano Vargas Luna (D); Ysolina Vizcaino & Alfredo Gomez (D)  
**11:30am** Thomas Gaine (L)  
**1:30pm** Daminh Bac Ninh (D)

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Jan 26	David Le Genevive Persaud	Felisha Fabian Andre Johnson
Feb 2	Juan Dones Elisia Dones	Daisy Soler Josephine Nguyen
Feb 9	Genevive Persaud David Le	Ruth Santana Josephine Nguyen

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE**

DATE	8: 00 AM	11:30 AM
Jan 26	Bethzabe Vera Rosa Susana	Fitzroy Williams Dhariana De La Cruz
Feb 2	Juan Dones Elisia Dones	Gregory Ender Marilyn Martin
Feb 9	Rosa Susana Yvonne Ebea	Ed Nolan Pereta Rodriguez

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**JANUARY 12, 2020**

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**WHY IS IT?**



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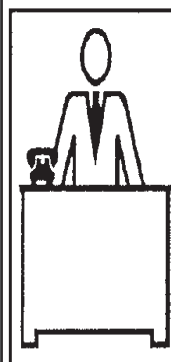
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