

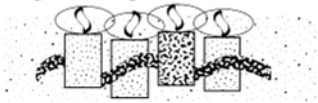
Third Sunday in Ordinary time

January 25, 2026

Today’s Readings:

Isaiah 8:23—9:3
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

In a land overshadowed by death
a great light has arisen



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Today’s Theme: We have seen a great light: Jesus, the Messiah, who heals us of our sin and who is our unity and peace.



Follow Me
The Gospel today has two main themes. First, that Jesus began His public ministry in the north of Israel, in the region of Galilee. Nazareth is where He grew up, and is in the region, but He formally leaves Nazareth and begins to teach in Capernaum, at that time a much larger and more important town on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. St. Matthew summarizes Jesus' teaching very simply: “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.” Like St. John the Baptist before Him, Jesus calls the people to acknowledge their need for repentance and to convert.

The second activity we see Jesus doing, from the first days of His public life, is to call disciples to follow Him. There is a difference here. Jesus calls all to follow Him and to repent, but not all in the same way. Simon Peter, his brother Andrew, James, and his brother John were called away from their livelihood as fishermen to be “fishers of men”. They were to follow Jesus, leaving family, home, and livelihood behind, to live the adventure of following Jesus more closely, living with Him, and participating in some of Christ’s mysteries and teachings that others did not see. There will be eight more called to follow Him in this way, and the twelve will be called Apostles (which means “the ones sent”). The significance of this is that Jesus is already “creating” the Church. The Church was not an “addition” that came later, an institution surrounding Christ’s teaching, but rather the Church was instituted from the very beginning by Christ to be the instrument of the mission: the Church will be sent into the world to proclaim Christ’s word and bring His sacraments to the entire world. She continues this work to this day.

Fr. Peter



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Adoration with Benediction – We invite you to join us for Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction every Sunday from 8:00 to 8:45 am in the church.

The **9 Days for Life Novena** runs through January 24th. It is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and a suggested action to help build a culture of life. Visit www.stmaryoftheangels.com/events or visit our Facebook page for daily reflections.



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January 24 – February 1

Eucharistic Celebrations:

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| Saturday: | 5:30 p.m. | +JOHN & LORRAINE ROBERTSON **62 ND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** |
| Sunday: | 9:00 a.m. | +PAULA, +TOM & +JIM GILLETTE (Cindy Smyers) |
| | 11:00 a.m. | +JOSHUA & +MIGUELINO CRUZ (Crisanta Loera) |
| Monday: | 8:00 a.m. | +VINCENT & +PAUL AVONA (Avona Family) |
| Tuesday: | 8:00 a.m. | STUDENTS IN ROME |
| Wednesday | 8:00 a.m. | +PAT BARRY (Paul Barry) |
| Thursday: | 8:00 a.m. | +VINCENT & +PAUL AVONA (Avona Family) |
| Friday: | 8:00 a.m. | +FR. JOACHIM BLONSKI |
| Saturday: | 5:30 p.m. | +GURVIS & +MAYOLA ESPREE (Anita Colesay) |

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 9:00 a.m. | +DANTE SCHIPANI (Gary & Mary Kay Nelson) |
| 11:00 a.m. | +FR. BILL DAY (Carmen Velasquez) |



NEXT WEEK:

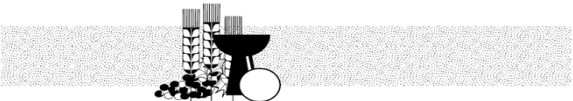
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12a



NEXT WEEK:

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| MONDAY: | 8:00 a.m. | Mass - Church |
| TUESDAY: | 8:30 a.m. | Divine Mercy Chaplet – Following 8 a.m. Mass |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Al-Anon Meeting – Church Overflow Hall |
| WEDNESDAY: | 8:30 a.m. | Novena OLPH – Following 8 a.m. Mass |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Madonna Guild Book Study – Church Overflow Hall |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Religious Education Class - SJFC |
| THURSDAY: | 8:30 a.m. | Rosary for America – Following 8 a.m. Mass |
| FRIDAY: | 8:00 a.m. | Mass - Church |
| | CLOSED | Parish Office Closed |

**AA – call hotline 928-537-7800 for meeting information.



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Parish News

For routine, non-emergency pastoral care for the sick or dying, please contact the parish office at 928-367-2080, Monday through Thursday, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you need immediate assistance from a priest outside these hours due to an emergency involving the sick or dying, call 928-367-2539. To schedule funeral services or other non-emergency services, contact the parish office during business hours.

You may arrange for a weekday or weekend Mass to be said in remembrance of someone deceased, for someone who is ill, or for someone celebrating a special occasion by contacting the Parish Office at 928-367-2080.

Religious Education Class on Wednesday, January 28th, at 6 pm in the St. Joseph Family Center. The class will be the Safe Touch Environment training session. If you choose to opt out of this training for your child, the materials will be mailed to your home on January 29th. To have your child participate in this training, please contact the office to complete the permission form.

Madonna Guild Prayer Shawl: If you know someone unwell or facing challenges and could find comfort in one of these lovely shawls, please get in touch with the parish office. Shawls and pocket shawls are also available at the church before and after each weekend Mass.

The **Madonna Guild Spiritual Book Study** presents “The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality, timeless habits that transform lives,” by Matthew Kelly. We invite you to discuss and deepen your understanding of Confession, Daily Prayer, the Mass, the Bible, Fasting, Spiritual Readings, and the Rosary. The book study meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the church’s overflow hall, through March 4th.

The **Madonna Guild** collects individually wrapped travel-size items, including shampoo, conditioner, lotion, dental floss, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, pens, notepads, hand sanitizer, and Kleenex, for the Annual Christmas Stockings program. Please drop off your donations in the bin in the church vestibule.



For Knights of Columbus membership details, call Jim Giger at 928-242-9604.



Saint of the Day for January 25th
Conversion of Saint Paul
For more information, visit <https://stmaryoftheangels.com/bulletins/>
(Franciscan Media)



Church Support... THANK YOU!
Last Week: Offering: \$4,047.06 Building Fund: \$283.00
Contribution envelopes are available for full or part-time parishioners.
Stop by the Parish Office to register!



Angels Rest Columbarium
Peace...Prayer...Perpetual Care. All faiths are welcome! Angels Rest is located on the grounds of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church. We are the only blessed and consecrated above-ground resting place in the White Mountains. For more information, contact Arleen at 928-367-2080.

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Margie Zavala Ex Officio: Fr. Peter Short

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mike Caruth Don Dodge Greg Smith Ex Officio: Fr. Peter Short

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