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**TODAY – JANUARY 28, 2026**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY**

**Please note:** Due to the winter snowstorm that has been forecasted in our area, it has been decided by the members of our Parish Committee, that there will be no Church services for today. May God keep all of you safe.

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

(Psalm 27:1)

- V. The Lord is my light and my salvation,  
whom do, I fear?
- R. The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom am  
I afraid?
- C. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and  
to the Holy Spirit.
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be, world without end. Amen.

**OPENING PRAYER**

- C. The Lord be you.  
R. And also with you.  
C. Let us Pray: God our Father, Your Son called  
us to be evangelists of Your Kingdom and bearers  
of Your Good News. Renew the spirit of faith  
and service in us, so that our witness may turn  
many to Your lights and peace. We ask this  
through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever.  
R. Amen.



**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**  
**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH**  
(Isaiah 8:23-9:3)

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles. Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

- C. This is the Word of the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

Psalm 22:27-28

- V. The poor will eat their fill: those who seek the Lord will offer praise. May your hearts enjoy life forever!
- R. All the ends of the earth will worship and turn to the Lord; All the families of nations will bow before You.

**A READING FROM THE 1<sup>st</sup> LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS**  
(1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17)

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I

belong to Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

### **ALLELUIA VERSE**

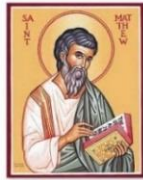
(Isaiah 61:1)

C. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

C. The Lord had done great things for us; Oh, how happy we were.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



### **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

(Matthew 4:12-23)

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And with you.

C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their

boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth  
of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten not made  
of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made  
For us and for our salvation.

He came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He was born of the Virgin Mary  
**AND BECAME MAN.**

For our sake, He was crucified,  
under Pontius Pilate  
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again  
in fulfillment of the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
And is seated  
at the right hand of the Father  
He will come again in glory  
To judge the living and the dead  
and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and Giver of Life  
Who proceeds from the Father  
With the Father and the Son  
He is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in One, Holy  
Catholic and Apostolic Church  
I acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the + life of the world to come. Amen.



### **OFFERTORY VERSE**

(Tobit 1 3:6 e)

V. “Turn back, you sinners!” Do the right before Him; perhaps He may look with favor upon you and show you mercy.

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

V. Heavenly Father, accept this offering and grant to us and to Your Church, the grace to engage in a bold and daring evangelism. May we, who attempt great things from you. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God forever ever.



### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**Let us Pray:** Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

### **COMMUNION VERSE**

(Psalm 27:14)

V. Wait for the Lord, take courage, be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, have mercy on us, for we have known you will but failed to do it. By the power of this Holy Eucharist, cleanse us from indifference and fill us with zeal that we may bring others to a knowledge of You. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.



### **THIS WEEK IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**MONDAY JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

### **The Conversion of Saul**

(Acts 9:1-22)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, was went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. “

Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so, they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul.

At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”

But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

### **Saul Preaches in Damascus**

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” All who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?” Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.



### **THE SIGN OF PEACE** **THE HOLY KISS**

During the celebration of the Contemporary rite of the PNCC, there is a portion of the liturgy, where all are called upon to offer each other a “sign of peace.”

In the Early Church it was also known as the “kiss of peace” or the “holy kiss.” In the various writings of the Early Church fathers such as Saint Chrysostom & Saint Augustine it was referred to as a “sign of peace.”

This traditional “sign of peace”, was to first signify a unity among believers. It was to serve as a wish

and a blessing of “peace” that would be shared and passed unto others.

It was to remind the communities and congregations of the believers, the presence of Christ before them, remembering the Master’s words as found in the Matthew 18:20: “Wherever two or three are gathered in My name, I will be among them.”

It was finally to remind all on how the Risen Lord greeted His Apostles following His resurrection with these words: “Peace be unto you.”

This special greeting is found not only in the liturgy of the Catholic or Western Rite, the Orthodox or Eastern Rite of Christianity, but it is also found in many Protestant denominations as well as many of the “Anabaptist” congregations, which include the Amish and the Mennonite Churches.

This “sign of peace” has made a special “kiss of peace,” which has evolved into more modern forms of greetings: hugs, handshakes, gestures, and even many years have seen kisses, which take place during among our brothers and sisters when we gather in worship services.

In the various writings of Saint Paul and Saint Peter, this greeting, the “kiss of peace” is mentioned several times throughout in their writings, usually at the end of their Epistles.

- Romans 16:16 — “Greet one another with a holy kiss”
- 1 Corinthians 16:20 — “Greet one another with a holy kiss”
- 2 Corinthians 13:12 — “Greet one another with a holy kiss”
- I Thessalonians 5:26 — “Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss”
- 1 Peter 5:14 — “Greet one another with a kiss of love”

It is believed that Saint Paul established as many as 20 churches during his Four Missionary Journeys and that the “kiss of peace” was an integral part of a shared greeting of the Lord’s disciples and with each other.



## PARISH CALENDAR AND NEWS



### **MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY**

Today is **Music Scholarship Sunday** and a special collection will be taken next week following Holy Mass. In the PNCC, this Sunday is set aside to assist organists, musicians and music directors in furthering their education. It should be noted that over the past years, the National United Choirs have stipends to help foster the music that is found in the PNCC.

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026**

10:00 am – Due to having cancelled our Sunday services, we ask for the assistance of our men & women in helping to take down our Christmas decorations.

### **NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

#### **PRE-LENT**

### **SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY**

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist

10:00 am – Fellowship Hour



### **BLESSING OF HOMES**

This week, I will continue with my Pastoral visits and the traditional blessing of homes. I would very much like the opportunity to visit all the families of our Parish in this new year of 2026.



### **PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

**“And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” - Luke 2:9**

May we pray for the health and healing for all those, who we remember in our prayer:

George Sadowski, Wayne Shaw, Linda Puchalski, Richard Foster, Carolyn Rapalye, Karen Herzig, Paula Winn, Stefanik Gadecki, Marge Sanderson, Brandon Poe, baby James, Liam & Evelyn Spatcher, Jennie Harrington, Eric Rose, Lori Lukomski, Mick Szumski, Toka Bara, Laurie Lis, Todd Odell, David Moskin, Laurie Lis, Renata Wos, Jan Clark, Zoe Kinnunen, as well as many of all our own personal intentions

**Let us Pray:** O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness, stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way are ailing. Deliver them, according to Your will, from all their present sicknesses and illnessness, and grant them recovery in Jesus’ holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, and are One God. Amen.



### **ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION** **CALL TO PRAYER**

In the month of January, our Eastern Diocese has called upon all its members and others to offer prayers at 12:00 noon each Wednesday:

Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and unite all those who seek the truth in sincerity:

**Almighty and Eternal God**, Source of our unity, look with favor on all those who follow Jesus, Your Son. Through baptism we are all consecrated to You. Help us to become one in the fullness of faith and in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Our Father**, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Eastern Diocese Mission & Evangelism Commission