

He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written

~ Luke 4:16-17

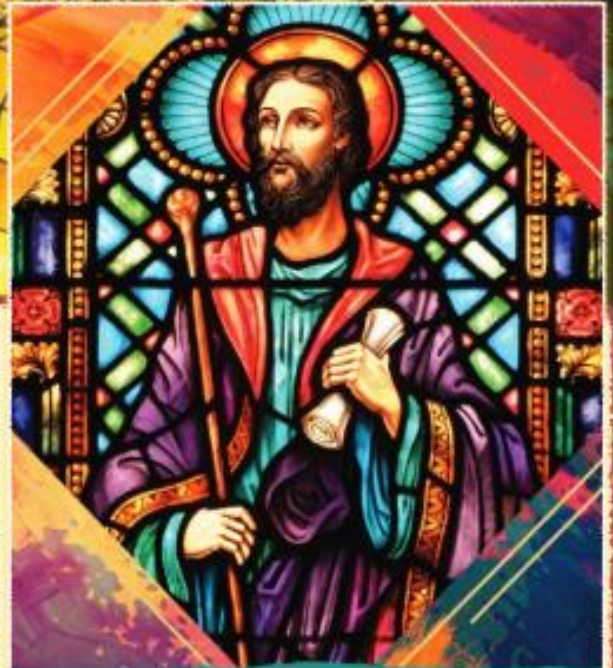
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, "Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news." "Actually," they said, "she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister!*" How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don't approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is "fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize *this man* is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God's word announces the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What's required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God's gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

~ Father John Muir @ LPI



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
- Lk 4:18

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Jesus Greet the Water

It's not that the water sanctifies Jesus at his baptism. Rather, he sanctifies the water. Part 2



What does it mean to *sanctify* or *consecrate* something? It means to set it apart, to mark it somehow. That is the most fundamental meaning of holiness—including, as a transcendent example, the holiness of God. God is utterly unique; he has no equal, no real comparison. When we are baptized, we are consecrated; we are set apart by what the Letter to Titus calls the "laver of regeneration" and the "renovation of the Holy Ghost." And water has specifically been set apart for this purpose.

But think about this: when we are baptized, is this consecration something ultimately contrary to our nature? True, it is an elevation of our nature, yet it is an elevation that was always intended—our nature was, from the beginning, oriented toward supernatural fellowship with God. And so it is not so much that baptism changes us—though from the perspective of sin, it certainly does that—but that it restores and reanimates what we truly are.

We can apply that to other kinds of consecrations. When we bless water for baptism, we aren't adding something to water; we are in a way reminding water of its true purpose, which is the life of God. When Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan, he wasn't somehow invading nature with a foreign substance. He was meeting his own creation face to face and saying, "Remember me?"

There is a liturgical and sacramental shape to creation. When we celebrate the Mass, part of the miracle is not so much to realize that bread and wine can become body and blood, but to realize that so much of the time, they do not do so even though they could. Think of it as pulling back the curtain and showing the true purpose of all time and space—which is to say that it is the time and the place for fellowship with God. This is why we have—in the normal sense—sacred times and sacred places: to heighten our senses and our intellectual contemplation of the fact that God has entered all times and all places to the end of bringing all things into the light of his glory.

Today, as we remember the Lord's baptism, remember also the hope that it contains—the hope that all things can and will be restored to God's goodness. In our own baptisms, we were restored to who we are, but it is only in holding fast to our communion with Christ that we can remain who we are. We can say, with John the Baptist, *I must decrease; he must increase.*

Another way of putting it is this: if I am only myself alone, I am not even that. I can find who I am only in the voice of the one who calls me beloved, who knew me even before I knew myself, and who will call me again to himself in the last day. Amen.

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A FRIENDLY REMINDER

REGARDING ONLINE GIVING

As of September 2024, the MMG online giving services were transferred onto a new platform: OSV, Our Sunday Visitor. If you haven't already, we kindly request that you re-enter your information into this new website (ABOVE LINK).

Your giving information has been suspended in the WeShare platform, since we are no longer using it. Your donation will continue to be tax deductible, and Mary Mother of God Church is always so grateful for your ongoing contributions!

THANK YOU to those parishioners who have set up new accounts!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of JANUARY 26

Jan. 26: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c) / 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 / Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Jan. 27: Heb 9:15, 24-28 / Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 / Mk 3:22-30

Jan. 28: Heb 10:1-10 / Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 / Mk 3:31-35

Jan. 29: Heb 10:11-18 / Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 / Mk 4:1-20

Jan. 30: Heb 10:19-25 / Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 / Mk 4:21-25

Jan. 31: Heb 10:32-39 / Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 / Mk 4:26-34

Feb. 1: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 / Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 / Mk 4:35-41

Feb. 2: Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

2025 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **SATURDAY, JAN. 25**
9-10 AM - Confessions
4:30 PM - Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM - **VIGIL MASS:** SI - Christine Perovich
- **SUNDAY, JAN. 26 - Third Sunday, Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM - Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM - **MASS:** †Jewel Cheslick
- **MONDAY, JAN. 27 - NO MASS**
- **TUESDAY, JAN. 28**
5:00 PM - Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM - **MASS:** †Consolacion Magtoto
- **WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29**
4:30 PM - Evening Prayer & Adoration
5:00 PM - Confessions & Benediction
5:30 PM - **MASS:** †Carol Bomboy
- **THURSDAY, JAN. 30**
8:00 AM - Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM - **MASS:** †Edath Smith
- **FRIDAY, JAN. 31**
8:00 AM - Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM - **MASS:** †Bill Ogier
9:00 AM - Fatima Rosary
- **FIRST SATURDAY, FEB. 1**
8:00 AM - Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM - **MASS:** †Al Noelke
9:00 AM - Confessions
10AM-Noon - Marian Pathways
4:30 PM - Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM - **VIGIL MASS:** †Msgr. Phillip A. Bucher
- **SUNDAY, FEB. 2 - Presentation of the Lord
BLESSING OF THROATS**
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8:30 AM - **MASS:** †Jewel Cheslick

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Adam Coffman,
fifth grade



Julia McFadden,
eighth grade

"Being Catholic to me means that I know that I am in the one true Church after hundreds of years of my family not being Catholic. I love being Catholic because it's fun to spread my faith, even though I might be disliked sometimes because of my religion."

"Being Catholic means everything to me! The Church's teachings give me purpose and help me live my life to its fullest. Being Catholic also means loving the body, knowing I'm not just a formless soul, but a wonderful union of body and spirit."



Nathan Arthur,
11th grade



Charlize Adamos,
12th grade

"My Catholic faith centers on love, humility and purpose. The Catholic Church is special to me with its sacred traditions — like the Eucharist and Sign of the Cross — and reverence in Mass. Receiving the Eucharist every Sunday is so special to me, helping me feel God's presence in my life."

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE

Arkansas Catholic is traveling to Italy Oct. 28 - Nov. 8 for the Holy Year and we want you to join us. Father Brian Cundall, pastor of Christ the King Church in Fort Smith, will be the spiritual director for this tour. You can experience Florence and Siena on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, plus stops in Milan, Turin, Orvieto and Montecassino. Pilgrims will have four days in Rome and walk through the Holy Doors.



An informational meeting will be held Sunday, February 16 at 3:00 pm at Christ the King Church Parish Hall in Fort Smith.

RSVP at <https://bit.ly/ACpilgrimage2025>.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Primm at Sue Smith Vacations at kathy@suesmithvacations.com or 501-771-0987



The Diocese of Little Rock
Minister for Religious Office
is hosting a

Women's Religious Vocations Come and See Retreat

Women's religious orders with representation in the Diocese of Little Rock have been invited to participate

Friday - Saturday, March 14 - 15, 2025
from 5:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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This retreat is a discernment event aimed at single Catholic women ages of 17-35 who are seeking answers to questions about life as religious sisters.

It is free of charge and includes lunch. The retreat is staffed by the sisters of religious communities in the Diocese of Little Rock. No one will pressure you to commit.

The retreat includes a variety of sessions, presentations, discussions with Q&A periods, as well as personal one-on-one visits with the sisters. The meal and gatherings allow attendees to interact with the sisters and other participants.



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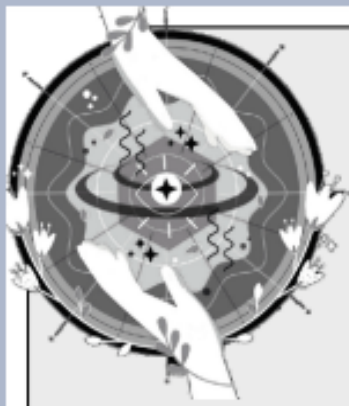
"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." ~ St. Augustine

Faith Formation

Please keep the 2nd grade PRE class in your prayers as they will receive the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** Wednesday, January 29

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."

~ 2 Corinthians 5:18-21



Virtual Healing Resource Gathering for February 2025

Anyone suffering from the trauma of a past abortion is invited to join a virtual small prayer group and discussion meeting on
Monday, Feb. 3, 2025 • 6:30-7:30 pm

You may join anonymously from the comfort of your own space. This gathering is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of the Diocese of Little Rock.

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INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS



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MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH - Harrison, Arkansas

JANUARY 2025

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<p><i>January 5</i> <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i></p> <p>8AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection <i>Maintenance Fund</i></p>	<p><i>January 6</i></p> <p>NO MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg ++ NO Handbell Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>January 7</i></p> <p>5PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting ++ NO OCIA CLASS</p>	<p><i>January 8</i></p> <p>4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Adoration 5:00 PM Confessions & Benediction ++ 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:00 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes</p>	<p><i>January 9</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9:00 AM Rosary CCW Meeting Coffee & Sweets ++ 5:30 PM Council Mtgs ++ NO Choir, NO P&W Rehearsals</p>	<p><i>January 10</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary</p>	<p><i>January 11</i></p> <p>9-10 AM Confessions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass</p>
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<p><i>January 26</i> <i>3rd Sunday Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>8AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection <i>Black & Indian Missions</i> ++ 10 AM Scripture Study REVELATION Begins</p>	<p><i>January 27</i></p> <p>NO MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg ++ 7 PM Handbell Meeting</p>	<p><i>January 28</i></p> <p>3 PM Scripture Study REVELATION Begins ++ 5PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM Dinner 6:30 PM OCIA Class</p>	<p><i>January 29</i></p> <p>4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Adoration 5:00 PM Confessions & Benediction ++ 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:00 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes</p>	<p><i>January 30</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 5:30 PM P&W Rehearsal ++ 6:30 PM MMG Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>January 31</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary</p>	<p><i>February 1</i> <i>First Saturday</i></p> <p>8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Confessions & First Saturday Devotions ++ 10AM - Noon Marian Pathways ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass</p>

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February 2 <i>4th Sunday Ordinary Time</i> BLESSING OF THROATS 8AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection <i>CASA Appeal</i> ++ 9:30 AM KofC Breakfast ++ 10 AM Scripture Study REVELATION	February 3 NO MASS ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg ++ 7 PM Handbells	February 4 3 PM Scripture Study REVELATION ++ 5PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting ++ NO OCIA CLASS	February 5 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Adoration 5:00 PM Confessions & Benediction ++ 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:00 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes	February 6 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 5:30 PM P&W Rehearsal ++ 6:30 PM MMG Choir Rehearsal	February 7 <i>First Friday</i> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	February 8 9-10 AM Confessions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass
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FEBRUARY 2025

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Kaelyn Snyder

Lector: Nathan Arthur

E/M: Carrie Culhane
Anna Culhane

BACKUP
E/M's

USHERS: Chuck Draper
Terry Draper
Bill Markham
Jerry Hogue

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Carmen Andrade

Lector: Eric Bausch

E/M: Virginia Cantu
Stacy Burge
Judy Keith

BACKUP
E/M's

USHERS: Steve O'Laughlin
James Virnig
Larry Benner
Jerry Hogue

ALTAR SERVERS: FEBRUARY 2025

JAN 25 Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

JAN 26 Thurifer: Michael Adamos
Book/Cross: Sam Shoemaker
Candle: Liam Lampe
Candle: Aurora Lampe

FEB 1 Book/Cross: Ladnon Snyder
Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Kate Sidfrid

FEB 2 Thurifer: Julia McFadden
Book/Cross: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Liam Lampe
Candle: Aurora Lampe

FEB 8 Book/Cross: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kori Eddings
Candle: Laurel Eddings

FEB 9 Thurifer: Jacob Simon
Book/Cross: Michael Adamos
Candle: June Simon
Candle: Ella McFadden

FEB 15 Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Kate Sidfrid

FEB 16 Thurifer: Julia McFadden
Book/Cross: Sam Shoemaker
Candle: Liam Lampe
Candle: Aurora Lampe

FEB 22 Book/Cross: Erin Culhane
Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Adam Coffman

FEB 23 Thurifer: Jacob Simon
Book/Cross: June Simon
Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Ella McFadden

If you are unable to serve, please contact Holly or Carrie. Thank you.



Prayer to
St. Michael
the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our safeguard against
the wickedness

and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,

by the power of God,

cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who roam through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Instructions to donate online through OSV (Our Sunday Visitor)

1. Visit harrisoncatholic.org and click on the GIVE tab.
2. Select which church you would like to donate to
(MMG or St. Andrew's)
3. You can choose from the following funds:
 - Offertory
 - Building / Maintenance
 - Cemetery
4. Fill in the amount, frequency, start date, and account information.

For quick access to the donation page, please **scan the QR** code with your smartphone camera.



Your contribution is tax-deductible.

The Truth About **Abortion** & **Women's Health**

Abortion does not save women's lives.

Abortion is the **direct** and **intentional** killing of a child in the womb.

Abortion is never medically necessary. It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.

In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has already died.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a **living child** with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.**

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. **Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.**

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.¹

Ectopic pregnancies result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion. Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

Bottom line: Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.²

If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit www.hopeafterabortion.org for more information.

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¹DuMontier, C. 2010. "The ethics of interstitial and cesarean ectopic pregnancies: four case studies and a review of the literature." *The Lincoln Quarterly* 8(2): 252-269.
²For further information on these topics, reference: [1] National Catholic Bioethics Council, "Medical Interventions During Pregnancy in Light of Diabla," <https://www.nccb.org/media-room/fact-sheets-public-policy-report-2022-02-2022-00007>. [2] American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "Myth vs. Fact: Correcting Misinformation on Maternal Medical Care," https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/04PLDG-Myth-vs-Fact_v5.pdf.

MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!

In The Diocese of Little Rock



WHO must do safe environment training and background checks:

1) Employees

2) Volunteers with Routine Contact w/Minors

- a. This includes only volunteers who have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their volunteer duties.
- b. Volunteers who do not have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their duties do not have to do safe environment training or background checks

3) Eucharistic Ministers who serve the homebound

WHAT training programs:

“CMG Connect” online training for adults
(<http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment>)
(Or directly at: <http://littlerock.CMGconnect.org>)

“Circle of Grace” in-classroom training for children/youth

We will no longer use VIRTUS's "protecting God's Children" or "Touching Safety". Instead, we will use products supported by **Catholic Mutual Group (CMG)**.

All data from VIRTUS will be moved over to CMG Connect. No one who has already done safe environment training and a background check will have to re-do anything at this time. Users who are due for a 5-year recertification will be notified how to do that by their parish/school safe environment coordinator, who will also have information on both new programs."