

**LITURGIES FOR THE THIRD WEEK IN  
ORDINARY TIME AND THE FOURTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 22 - 28, 2024**

**Monday, 1/22 † Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children**

6pm: Milo

**Tuesday, 1/23 † Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr;  
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin**

8am: Doris Neumaier by The Menis family

9am: A.S. Peg Daly by Sister, Mary

**Wednesday, 1/24 † Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop,  
Religious Founder and Doctor**

9am: A.S.-

6pm: Rolly Nielsen by Marita Cervenka

**Thursday, 1/25 † The Conversion of Saint Paul,  
Apostle**

8am: The Neumaier Family by Henry Polochak

9am: A.S.

**Friday, 1/26 † Weekday**

8am: Doris & Harry Neumaier by Henry Polochak

9am: A.S.

**Saturday, 1/27 † Weekday; Saint Angela Merici,  
Virgin, BVM**

8:30am: Roland Nielsen by Sharon Richie)

**Saturday, 1/27 † Vigil: The Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary time**

4:30am: Doris Neumaier by the Menis Family

**Sunday, 1/28 † The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

7:30am: Doris & Harry Neumaier by Harry Polochak

9am: A. S. Special Intention by the Scamerhorn  
Family

11am: Parishioners

**This week at SS. C & M & All Saints**

Sun., Jan. 21 – 7am – 12N – K of C Country  
Breakfast, Parlor

Mon., Jan 22 – 3:30pm – SVDP, Parlor

Thurs., Jan. 25 – 2:15pm - Legion of Mary, All Saints

Thurs., Jan 25 – 4pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help,  
All Saints

Sun., Jan. 28 – 9:30am – Religious Education

Our 2024 collection envelopes will not be here for a while according to the company. We have envelopes (without names) from 2023 you are welcome to use until they come in. You will need to either place one of your personal address labels on the envelope or write your name on it.  
**1/16 - All Saints envelopes have arrived!!**

A special Thanks goes out to Dave & Teresa Switt for donating the "Beautiful Eucharist" books for both parishes to be inspired by its contents.



Don't forget to partake in K of C's delicious breakfast this Sunday from 7am – 12N

Our poinsettias have delighted us with their beauty this Christmas Season! They now need to find a new home. If you would like to re-home one or two, please help yourself.

*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." -  
Mark 1:17*

Jesus' call to "*follow me*" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food, for utility, rent and other bills. May God Bless You!**

# Dear Padre

January 21, 2024

**While on vacation, I attended Mass at a church where many people left right after Communion. Why would they do this?**

Canon law says the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days. We are expected to attend the entire Mass.

A misunderstanding of this law may be traced to a pre-Vatican II teaching. Some theologians taught that the Mass had three main parts: offertory, consecration, and Communion. Some people reasoned that their obligation would be fulfilled by attending only those parts of the Mass. They felt justified in coming late and leaving early.

This changed with the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). The Mass is divided into four sections (introductory rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, concluding rite), and Christ is present throughout the Mass. Attending Mass means being there from the processional hymn through the recessional hymn.

Some people have valid reasons for leaving Mass early, such as feeling ill or taking a crying child from church. Perhaps they are traveling and need to get to the airport on time. Still, I also wonder why there is a great exodus before the Mass has ended in some churches. In my opinion, people who are in the habit of leaving early should reconsider that practice. ●

Fr. Victor Karls, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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# Good News!

January 21, 2024

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 / Mark 1:14-20

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Our lives are filled with calls of one kind or another.** Phone calls, text messages, teachers who call on us in class, those who call us for supper, people behind a counter who call out, "Next!" And, sooner or later, death will call each of us.

Jonah was once called to go to Nineveh, and the people of Nineveh were called to repent and change their lives. Simon and Andrew, John and James were called to follow Jesus. And today God calls each of us, but it is never easy to sort out what it is we are called to do.

Saint Paul took pains to tell us that "the world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). That being true, then God's call is always into a new way of life, which seems to imply leaving something behind, not unlike the four followers in Sunday's Gospel leaving their fishing nets and their father Zebedee in his boat.

The world that is passing away may be childhood, or productivity as we age. The new world may require confronting addiction and leaving a life of what we thought we couldn't live without. Or, like the people of Nineveh who were called to repent, it might be a call for our nation to confront our failure to engage in dialogue about and find solutions to injustice in its many forms at home and abroad. Who knows what God's new world will be? ●

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## Abortion killed 44.6 million people worldwide in 2023, more than any other cause of death

(LifeSiteNews) Jan 9, 2024 – Abortion remained the world’s leading cause of death for the fifth consecutive year in 2023, despite the 2022 overturn of *Roe v. Wade* putting a dent in the United States’ contribution to those totals.

More than 44.6 million abortions were committed across the planet last year, according to Worldometer, a nonpartisan resource that tracks and estimates statistics in real time on a wide variety of subjects, based on data from sources such as the United Nations, World Health Organization (WHO), International Monetary Fund (IMF), and more.

That total is greater than the number of deaths attributed to the next seven causes of death – communicable disease, cancer, smoking, alcohol use, HIV/AIDS, road accidents, and suicide – combined.

“The Worldometer measured the total deaths in 2023 as more than 60.6 million,” the *Christian Post* notes. “However, that figure does not include abortion as a form of death. If abortions were counted as deaths in the statistics, the fatalities last year would have exceeded 100 million, and abortions would have accounted for more than 40% of them.”

In the U.S., 14 states currently ban all or most abortions, with available data so far indicating that now-enforceable pro-life laws could effectively wipe out an estimated 200,000 abortions a year.

In response, abortion allies pursue a variety of tactics to preserve abortion “access,” such as enshrining “rights” to abortion in state constitutions, easy access to abortion pills, legal protection and financial support of interstate abortion travel, constructing new abortion facilities near borders shared by pro-life and pro-abortion states, and making liberal states sanctuaries for those who want to evade or violate the laws of more pro-life neighbors.

President Joe Biden has called on Congress to codify a “right” to abortion in federal law, which would not only restore but expand the *Roe* status quo by making it illegal for states to pass virtually any pro-life laws. The 2024 elections will determine whether Democrats retain the White House and keep or gain enough seats in Congress to make that happen.

In the U.S., getting an exact handle on the scale and details of abortion use has long been limited by a lack of uniform standards from state to state. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) acknowledges that it only collects abortion data voluntarily submitted by states, whose reporting requirements (if they have any) vary significantly. California, Maryland, and New Hampshire – three states that are populous as well as significantly pro-abortion– have historically submitted no data whatsoever, further limiting the public’s understanding of the frequency of things such as late-term abortion and abortion complications. As of January 9, the world has already seen more than a million abortions in 2024, according to Worldometer.

# Prayer to End Abortions

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that You have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen!

## Prayer for Healing After Abortion

Eternal Father,  
Source of all mercy and love,  
out of love for us you sent your Son,  
and willed that blood and water  
flow from his side to cleanse us of sin  
and restore lost innocence.

Hear the cry of each woman who mourns  
the loss of her child to abortion.  
Forgive her sin, restore her to your grace,  
and still the terror of her heart  
with a peace beyond all understanding.  
Through the intercession  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of all tenderness and our Mother,  
strengthen her faith in you.  
Give her the consolation to believe  
that her child is now living in the Lord.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
who conquered sin and death,  
and who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.