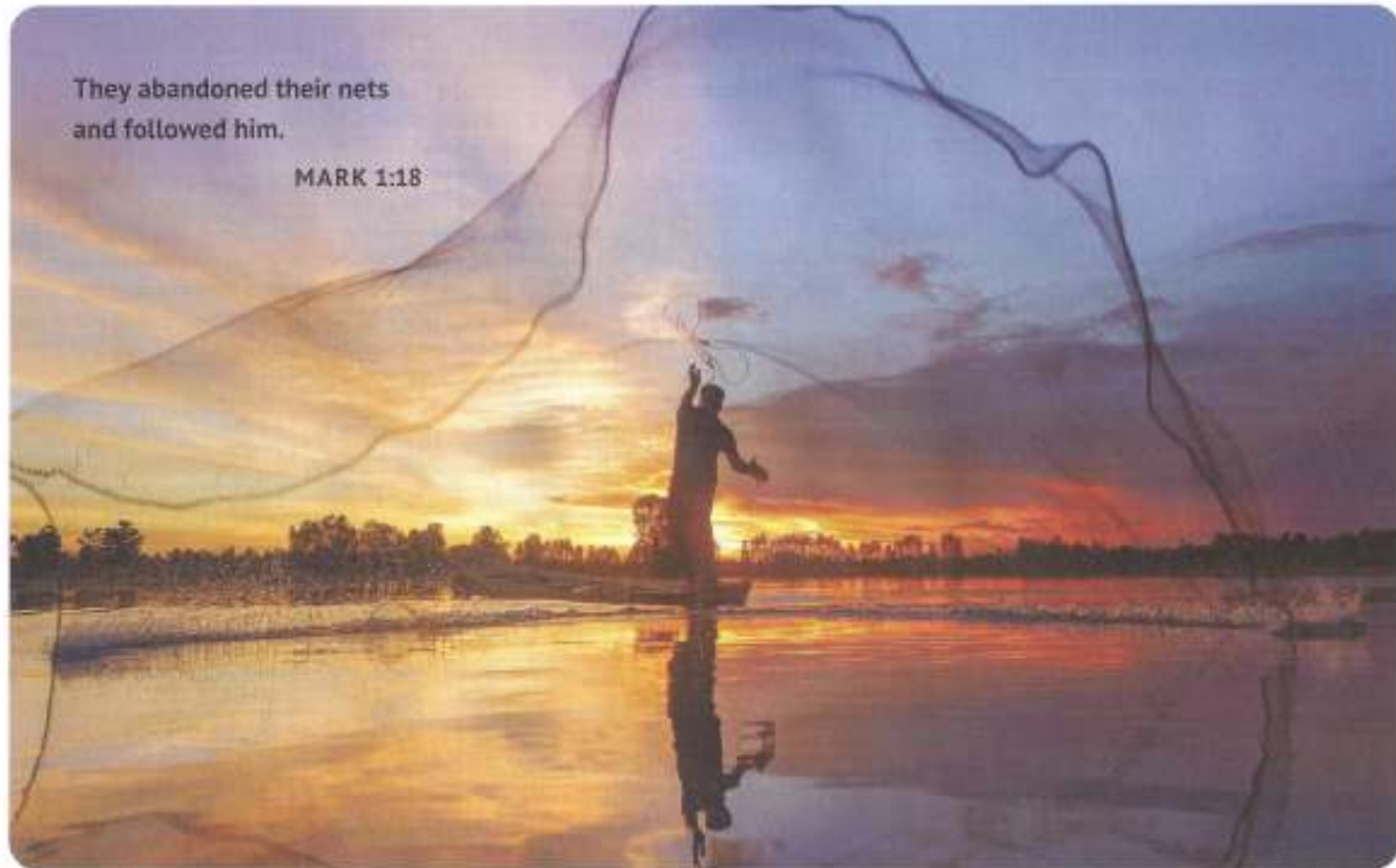




They abandoned their nets  
and followed him.

MARK 1:18



## A New World Is Coming

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**ur 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? ●

### Reflect

**To what is God calling you, your community, our nation?**



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9:45 am - 11:00 am at Cherry Church Hall  
Sunday, January 21st - K thru 4th Grade & Confirmation Class  
Sunday, January 28th - 5th thru 8th Grades

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of January 22, 2024**

Monday	1/22			† No Mass
Tuesday	1/23	9:00 am	STM	† Doug Samolinski
Wednesday	1/24	5:30 pm	HT	† Daisy Kopek
Thursday	1/25	9:00 am	HT	† Wayne, Leroy, Lucille Pinter
Friday	1/26	9:00 am	STM	† Kathy Sondgeroth

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of January 27-28, 2024**

Saturday	1/27	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Mindy Tabor
Sunday	1/28	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† For the Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Virginia Lucas
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Temporarily Suspended



## A Reflection on Christian Unity

The week of January 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> is designated as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In light of this, we would like to invite you to reflect on the topic of Christian Unity as we read the following article written by Chris Tomlin, a famous contemporary composer of Christian hymns. This is what the author wrote:

"The most persuasive statement Christians can collectively make about the love and truth of Jesus is through our unity. So crucial is unity to Jesus Himself that it was the focus of His prayer just prior to entering the Garden of Gethsemane (John 17:20-26), the night before He was tried, beaten and crucified. This should be evidence enough that unity is in the heart of God.

True unity is rooted in humility. It can only happen when we place ourselves in a posture of "others first." In a world that continues to be more and more me driven and focused on the conviction, I have to get mine, a humble heart that sees we as greater than me is incredibly powerful. This is the opposite of the flow of the world. This is the kingdom of God.

Jesus said that the world would know we are His by our love (John 13:36). Interestingly, He did not say "by our doctrine" or "by our denomination," but by our love. The heart of unity can see the bigger picture and say to our fellow Christians, "Although we may not agree with one another on every little thing, I love you and will walk alongside you, because we are each sons and daughters of God." There is great power in unity. Conversely, there is a debilitating weakness in division. Just as Scripture teaches us, we are all part of one body, and Jesus is the head. God wired each of us uniquely with different gifts, and when our gifts are brought together under the banner of one great name, Jesus, the world is changed." *(Excerpted from nationsu.edu)*

## Church Announcements

### From the Pastor's Desk

After careful consideration, Fr. Thaddeus has decided to temporarily suspend the Sunday 5:00pm Mass at STM Church during the winter months, starting this weekend. Please let others know.

### Lent Retreat Feb. 18-20, 2024

An Invitation – Come for a three day retreat given by Dominican Father Lawrence Lew, O.P., Promoter General of the Holy Rosary & author of 'Mysteries Made Visible' (Ignatius Press, 2022) and discover Mary's unique gift to humanity: the Rosary. Fr. Lawrence will explain how Our Lady gave St. Dominic the Rosary to console and help us, to empower us for the Gospel mission, and to bring peace to our hearts. More information will follow.

### Missed Christmas Flower Remembrance

The Kenny, McNally, Bonnell Family  
The Joseph Klein Family  
The David Hunter Family  
The Justin Legner Family



### **Hollowayville United Church of Christ**

Pancake & Sausage Brunch  
Sunday Feb. 4, 2024  
Serving 9am-1pm

Featuring: Pancakes, Pork Sausage,  
French Toast, Scrambled Eggs,  
Biscuits & Gravy, and Applesauce  
Cost: \$10.00 Adults  
\$4.00 Children 12 & under  
Under 3 is Free

### LATEST OFFERING'S

JAN 14TH WEEKEND

HT – \$

SP – \$

STM – \$1,027.00

### CONFESSIONS

CONFESSIONS WILL BE  
SAT. JAN 27TH  
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT  
ST PATRICK  
IN THE CHAPEL



# Dear Padre,

***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. ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Weekday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10	2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19	2 Sm 7:4–17	Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22	2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5	2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17	Dt 18:15–20
Mk 3:22–30	Mk 3:31–35	Mk 4:1–20	Mk 16:15–18	Mk 4:26–34	Mk 4:35–41	1 Cor 7:32–35
						Mk 1:21–28



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Brothers and sisters, before the Lord's call, which can reach us in a thousand ways—through others, happy or sad events—our attitude at times might be rejection. But God's call is always love: we have to try to discover the love behind each call, and it should be responded to only with love.***

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