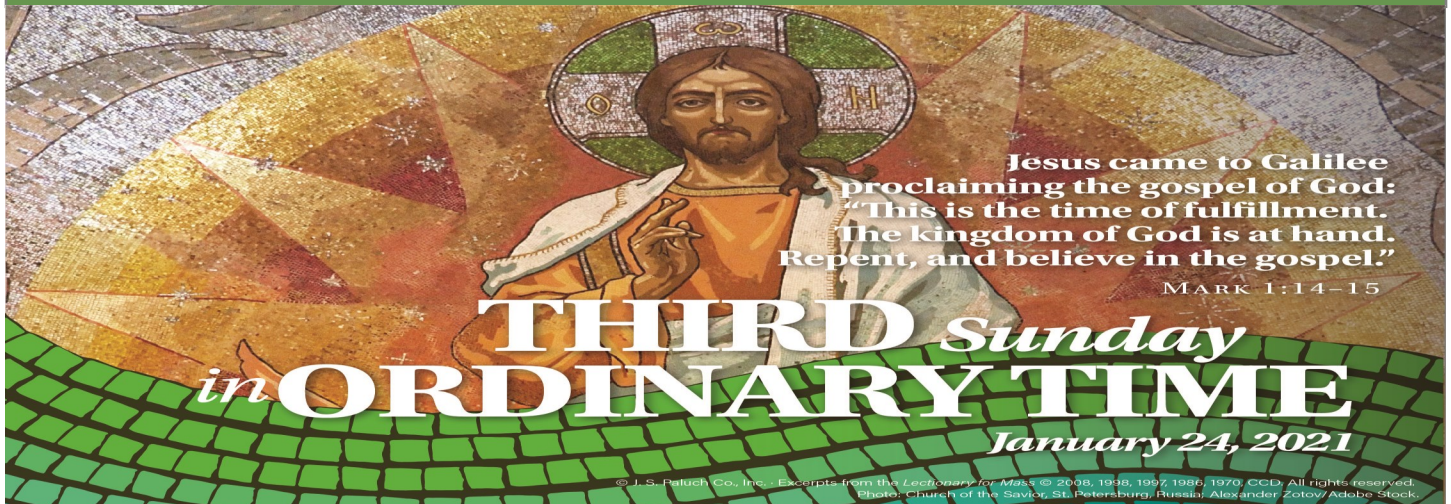


# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Pastoral Team

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday**  
**9:00AM - 3:00PM**

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**  
Sunday 11:15am to 12:15pm

## Sunday Masses

English: 8:15am - 10:00am  
Spanish: 12:30PM

## Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday 9:30AM

## Confessions Sundays

9:15am - 9:45am  
11:45am - 12:15pm  
or by appointment

## THE INAUGURATION

Mark describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry with his proclamation that the "kingdom of God is at hand." The rest of Mark's Gospel—all of Jesus' preaching and healing, his death and resurrection—describes the inauguration of this kingdom of God. For Mark, the life of Jesus is the center point of history, where everything leads up to Jesus, and everything follows from Jesus. Mark then tells us that the first disciples follow Jesus immediately and wholeheartedly. They leave their work and family, all for Jesus. Because compared to Jesus and the life he offers, everything else is secondary.

Perhaps our invitations from God do not entail such dramatic life changes. But all who follow Jesus are called to align our life and values with his ways of love. As we continue to mature in love and in faith, we might ask: What needs to be renewed, re-oriented, or discarded in light of our life in Christ?

## JONAH AND NINEVEH

Jonah makes a rare appearance this week. The book of Jonah is a fascinating tale of God, stubborn Jonah, surprising Nineveh, and the famous fish (or whale). Please consider reading the whole book, just 48 verses, together with a good commentary. The book is read at Jewish services at Yom Kippur, as a profound reflection about God and about all of us. Today's passage takes place shortly after Jonah's time in the fish's belly. Jonah finally performs the task that God asks of him, to call the people of Nineveh to repentance. (Nineveh was notorious for its brutality.) Their sudden repentance is bitterly accepted by Jonah, as he resents God's mercy for Nineveh. God reminds Jonah that the people of Nineveh are God's beloved too. Like the parable of the Prodigal Son, the story hints at the vastness of God's mercy, especially forgiveness of those who seem least deserving. We are reminded that all of us are sinners, and we are all in need of God's mercy.

Today's Readings: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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## **ATTENTION PARENTS**

Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult to use the restroom  
The safety of your child is very important to us



**FEAST OF FAITH****The Penitential Rite**

Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins and faults and failings. But the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God's mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness. When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish—when he realizes who is in the boat with him—he falls at Jesus' feet with the words, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord's presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness.

The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional *Confiteor* or "I confess" to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words *Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison*—Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East, and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ.

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Our Rosary makers meet  
every 3rd Thursday of the month  
at 11:30am. For more information  
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(229)482-2364

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Garden**

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garden. The cost is \$100 we do  
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about our engraved bricks, please  
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**Adoration Of The  
Blessed Sacrament  
First Saturday  
7:00PM to 10:00PM  
Wednesday 10AM - 12PM**

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament

**NOT WITHOUT  
LOVE**

The soul cannot live  
without love.

—St. Francis de Sales



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Ray O' Keefe, Eva and Alfonso Angel, Tony Christiano, Nestor Beroch,  
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