Reflection of today Gospel
Mark 1:14-20

First Reading	Jonah 3:1-5,10
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 25:4-5,6-7,8-9
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mass Intentions for the Week

"I'm going to prepare a place for you"
"For this momentary afflictions is causing an eternal weight of glory"

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 2023
All members of Center of Jesus The Lord
Trung Ngo (Loving Memory)
Arthur Davis (Loving Memory)
Harold Baquent (Loving Memory)
Cheron Brylski (Blessing)

Tuesday, January 23, 2024
Trung Ngo (Loving Memory)
Arthur Davis (Loving Memory)

Sanctuary Candle *End to Abortion*
To schedule Mass Intentions or Sanctuary Candle Memorials ***call the Center 529-1636***

Next Weeks Reading

Sunday, January 28. 2024
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B

First Reading	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,7-9
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel Reading	Mark 1:21-28

Center of Jesus Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 3
Eucharistic Mass/Adoration and Healing Prayer
10am-12pm

Sunday, February 11
Social Potluck/Mardi Gras Parade

Wednesday, February 14
Lent Begins: 1/14-3/23/24
Ash Wednesday Mass at OLGC church 12pm
Followed by Stations of the Cross inside OLGC Church
Light lunch/soup

Saturday, March 16
St. Patrick's Day Parade

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?
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Diocese Announcements:

All are welcome to pray with us at the Memorial Service for the Unborn in the Holy Innocents Prayer Garden (St. Patrick #1 Cemetery, 5000 Canal St., NOLA) on Monday January 22, 2024, at noon. We will be praying for those lost to miscarriage, still-birth, or abortion and those who mourn them. ***Archbishop Aymond***

Second Collection
In connection with the celebration of Catholic Schools Week the last week of January, we will take up a second collection in all parishes on January 27-28, 2024, to support Catholic schools. Please click here to view my letter. Thank you for your support and generosity in this effort

The Religious of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will gather to celebrate ***World Day for Consecrated Life*** on Saturday, February 3, 2024. We will begin with 11:00 a.m. Mass at Notre Dame Seminary Chapel. Lunch will be served after Mass by the Serra Club at Schulte Auditorium . Please rsvp to lhood@arch-no.org or call (504) 861-6281 no later than January 17th if you plan to attend so we may arrange for food preparation and seating.

SILVER WEDDING 25th Year ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, New Orleans. The celebration is open to couples married between 1994 - 1999. To register, please contact your parish office before Tuesday, January 16, 2024. www.nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary no later than Tuesday, January 30, 2024 Contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (504) 861-6243 or mfl@arch-no.org

Fulfilled:Foundations of Catholicism
Small Christian Community is starting weekly Bible study. Please contact your community leader or Helen Owens for more information.

CLC Dinner at DiMartino's. Put away our differences for one night….for a night of fun and fellowship! Thank you to all the members of the leadership committee for their time and commitment to ensure enrichment and growth of our community.! (Some members were unable to attend due to health reasons or illness...we missed you!)

Diocese Announcements:

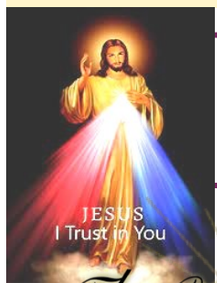
The 2024 Archdiocese of New Orleans ***Men's Conference*** will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at St. Catherine of Sienna church in Metairie. The conference theme is "I Have Called You Friends" and will call men to deeper and more authentic friendship with Christ and with one another – the kind of true friendship that is essential for growth in the spiritual life as well as the key to the health and vitality of our parishes. Registration, Group Discount Information, and details about the conference can be found at NolaCatholicMen.com.

"CHRIST AND THE QUESTION OF TRANSCENDENTAL BEAUTY," 3RD ANNUAL CATHOLIC ART LECTURE All are invited to attend the St. Louis IX Art Society's 3rd annual Catholic Art Lecture, co-hosted by Notre Dame Seminary, on the evening of Thursday, February 15th, 2024, from 7:00-8:20pm in Schulte Auditorium at Notre Dame Seminary. Caitlin Smith Gilson, Ph.D., a SL9 Literary Artist and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Holy Cross (New Orleans), will offer a lecture entitled "Christ and the Question of Transcendental Beauty." We hope you will join us for a thought-provoking evening as we explore the nature of beauty in light of Christian revelation with the help of some of the Church's greatest philosophers, theologians, and authors. This event is free and open to the public, so we hope you will join us.

The Rite of Election will take place at 3 PM on Sunday, February 18, 2024, at St. Dominic Church in New Orleans for parishes on the Southshore, and Monday, February 19, 2024, at Most Holy Trinity Church in Covington for parishes on the Northshore. Please keep our candidates, Catechumens, and those who are preparing them in your prayers.

PRAY THE ROSARY
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROSARY GROUP EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

"There are no strangers here, only friends we have not yet MET"



Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with us Sunday 9:45am

The Unity Prayer

My Adorable Jesus,
May our feet journey together.
May our hands gather in unity.
May our hearts beat in unison.
May our souls be in harmony.
May our thoughts be as one.
May our ears listen to
the silence together.
May our glances
profoundly
penetrate each other.
May our lips pray together to
gain mercy from the Eternal Father.
Amen

Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel

January 21, 2024 SUNDAY Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B

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Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel is a joy filled, loving Charistmatic Catholic Community where all are WELCOME! We are active in service to others, living the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE CENTER'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY *Praise and Worship*:10:00 AM; *Eucharistic Celebration* 10:15 AM;
Healing Prayer after Mass; *Fellowship* follows in dining hall

TUESDAY *Praise and Worship* 10:30 AM; *Eucharistic Celebration* 11:00 AM;
following Mass all are welcomed to join in lunch and fellowship (1307 Louisiana Avenue)

MONTHLY SATURDAY *Eucharistic Adoration*10am with *Healing Prayer at* 11 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation before Sunday & Tuesday masses or call Center to schedule an appointment with Father Lance Campo or Father Anthony Inam