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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 25, 2026

HE LEFT NAZARETH AND WENT TO LIVE IN CAPERNAUM BY THE SEA

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested. Matthew shows that Jesus fulfills Israel's prophecies by pointing to Isaiah. Isaiah foretold that the Messiah would begin his ministry in Galilee, and when Jesus starts preaching there, Matthew presents this as evidence that Jesus is the promised Messiah.

The Gospel describes how the first disciples immediately left everything to follow Jesus, even though it gives little detail about their prior relationship with him. This suggests that Jesus must have been a powerful and compelling presence to inspire such an immediate and total response.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

DEJANDO EL PUEBLO DE NAZARET, SE FUE A VIVIR A CAFARNAÚM, JUNTO AL LAGO.

En el Evangelio de Juan, Juan el Bautista no describe el bautismo de Jesús, sino que da testimonio de que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios. Lo reconoce al ver que el Espíritu descende sobre Él y llama a Jesús el "Cordero de Dios" y el "Hijo de Dios", revelando así su misión de redimir a la humanidad.

El testimonio de Juan el Bautista acerca de Jesús distingue claramente su propio bautismo del Bautismo que Jesús inaugurará. Juan bautiza con agua; Jesús bautizará con el Espíritu Santo. Juan también sitúa su práctica del bautismo dentro del contexto del ministerio de Jesús. El propósito del bautismo de Juan era dar a conocer a Jesús a Israel.

El sentido de misión de Juan el Bautista se identifica claramente en esta lectura: él bautizaba para preparar y dar a conocer el ministerio de Aquel que vendría después. Su testimonio es un excelente ejemplo de lo que significa ser discípulo. Por nuestro Bautismo, estamos llamados a dar a conocer a Jesús al mundo entero con nuestras palabras y con el testimonio de nuestra vida.



THE ROLE OF CANTOR AT MASS



In the Catholic Church, a cantor is a trained music minister who leads the congregation in sacred song, particularly during the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation. Following the first reading, there is a moment of silence to reflect on the Word of God that was just proclaimed. After reflecting on the Scripture message, all are invited to respond by singing a response taken from the Book of Psalms.



It is called the **Responsorial Psalm** because it is **our response to the Word of God**. The Book of Psalms is chosen because it has expressed the faith of believers for centuries and is filled with prayers of praise, thanksgiving, repentance, sorrow, trust and hope that serve as an appropriate response to the reading just proclaimed. After the second reading, but prior to the Gospel reading, the congregation stands as the Gospel acclamation is sung. During all of the liturgical seasons except for Lent, the



Gospel acclamation is “Alleluia.”



The word Alleluia comes from a Hebrew word, which means “Praise God.” This acclamation is a way of praising God and preparing our hearts to receive the Word of God in the Gospel. It takes courage to stand before the congregation to sing solo.



In addition to our choir director Tamara Sommerville, OLMC is fortunate to have 6 different music ministers who serve as cantors: Toñita Borling, Clint Dyer, Carlos Flores, Kim Hartford, Kyle McKay, and Jonathan Morgadinho.

We are grateful to them for using the gift of their voices to inspire and lead us in communal worship.

LET'S SING OUT WITH ALL OUR HEARTS IN RESPONSE.

Written by Trudy Dowd

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 24TH – FEBRUARY 1ST

Sat. Jan. 24th 4:30 Vigil: + **Walt**

DeFaria

7:00pm: **Mass in Cachagua**

Sun, Jan. 25th 9:00: **Health of Jerry**

Ellis

11:00: + **Melida Sanchez (Fr. J.'s**
grandmother)

Wed. Jan. 28th 12:00 : **Health of Jed**

Koch

Thurs. Jan. 29th 12:00: + **Peter Coakley**

(2nd Anniv.)

Fri. Jan. 30th 12:00: + **Mark Holltrop**

Sat. Jan. 31st 4:30 Vigil: + **Patricia**

Merrifield

Sun, Feb. 1st 9:00: + **Ray Ramos**

(2nd Anniv.)

11:00: **Health of Pat Ryan**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 17th & 18th

General Fund: \$ 2,391

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Ticket sales for our three Lenten Dinners will begin this weekend after all the Masses.



P.S. Second Collection next Sunday February 1st.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



This Sunday Gospel invites us to witness the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. As Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God and calls his first disciples, we are reminded that God's light reaches all people and calls each of us to follow Christ with open and willing hearts.

Fr. Jhonnatan



Human Trafficking Awareness: Sunday February 1st

In early February the Church asks for our prayers and support for those impacted by human trafficking. At our masses on **Sunday February 1**, we will have a short talk given by Monterey Rape Crisis Center on their work in the community.

We ask for all your prayers and support to their efforts.

Jerry Ellis and Pat Ryan are all long-term parishioners facing serious health challenges.

Please keep them in your prayers.






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SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass
Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM
Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month
1:00 PM in the Church
4th Saturday of the Month at 7:00 PM in Cachagua

Reconciliation
Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours
Wednesday — Friday 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM
Sundays: 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

"At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service."

— St Teresa of Avila

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