

DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 26	3 rd Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week III SS. Timothy and Titus	2 Tim 1: 1-8 (or Tit 1: 1-5); Lk 10: 1-9.	5:30 PM
Tues 27	3 rd Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week III St Angela Merici	2 Sam 6: 12-15, 17-19; Mk 3: 31-35.	5:30 PM
Wed 28	3 rd Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week III St Thomas Aquinas	2 Sam 7: 4-17; Mk 4: 1-20.	5:30 PM
Thu 29	3 rd Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week III	2 Sam 7: 18-19, 24-29; Mk 4: 21-25.	5:30 PM
Fri 30	3 rd Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week III	2 Sam 11: 1-10, 13-17; Mk 4: 26-34.	12:15 PM
Sat 31	3 rd Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week III St John Bosco	2 Sam 12: 1-7, 10-17; Mk 4: 35-41	5:30 PM
Sun 1	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Zeph 2: 3; 3: 12-13; 1 Cor 1: 26-31; Mt 5: 1-12.	8:00 AM 5:30 PM

7th Sunday of the Word of God

25th January 2026

Today the Church is celebrating the Sunday of the Word of God. It is a Sunday "devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God" (Aperuit Illis, 3). What we have received from the Apostle is not a simple moral exhortation, but the indication of a new way of living. Paul does not ask that the Word be merely listened to or studied; he wants it to dwell, that is, to take up stable residence, to shape our thoughts, guide our desires, and make credible the witness of the disciples. The Word of Christ remains a sure criterion that unifies and renders fruitful the life of the Christian community.



**The Word of
Christ dwells
among you
Col 3:16**



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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Isaiah 8: 23 – 9: 3;
Responsorial Psalm: 26: 1, 4, 13-14;
Reading II: 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17;
Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23 (or 4: 12-17).



Revised Roman Missal: 491 (Bahasa 892)

REFLECTION: Be United

In the second reading, St. Paul urged the Corinthians to Overcome divisions within their community: *"I appeal to you... to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice."* Paul reminded them that their identity was not rooted in personalities and preferences, but in Christ alone. When we allow differences to separate us, whether in opinion, character, or style, we forget Jesus, who has called us to be one body, united in love and mission. The Church is strongest when we stay united, centered on Christ rather than on ourselves.

The Gospel echoes this call in a different way, Jesus began his mission by proclaiming, *"Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is close at hand."* Repentance is more than turning away from sin; it is turning our hearts back toward God, realigning our priorities, thoughts, and relationships with His love. When Jesus called the first disciples, they left their nets immediately and followed Him. Unity begins here – when people respond to the same voice, walk behind the same Lord, and allow His call to reshape their lives. Discipleship draws us to communion and mission. Today, let us examine what divides and turn again to Jesus who unites us

Reflective question:

How can I work for unity and follow Jesus more wholeheartedly this week?

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Second Collection

The Second Collection today will be for St. Angela's School Fund.

Sunday School Classes Registration (25th January)

Registration for Sunday School and COM Classes continues today and on 1st Feb from 10:30AM to 12:00PM at the Parish Hall. The registration fee is \$20. A Parents' Orientation will be held on 8th Feb at 10:30AM in the Parish Hall. Sunday School classes will commence at 10:30AM on 8th Feb.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (2nd February)

As customary, we will have the Blessing of Candles on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Mass on 2nd February will begin at 5:30 PM with the blessing of candles. Parishioners who wish to have their candles blessed are kindly requested to place them on the tables at the entrance of the church and label them with your names.

Blessing of Throats (3rd February)

The Blessing of Throats will take place on Tuesday, 3rd February, the feast of St. Blaise, at the end of the 5:30 PM Mass.

Infant Baptism

Infant Baptism is normally celebrated on Saturdays at 2:00PM. Parents are kindly requested to register with the parish office so that the baptism of your child can be scheduled accordingly. The pre-baptism class for parents and godparents will be held on the Wednesday before the baptism at 7:30PM. Attendance at this class is compulsory for godparents. Please submit/bring a copy of both parents' Baptism Certificates, Marriage Certificate, and the child's Birth Certificate, together with an administrative fee of \$50 per child.

COOL Daily Bread and Evening Prayer

Every Christian and every community must rediscover the *primacy of the Word of God*. When space is given to the Word, each person discovers that the Word of God dwells in the heart like a seed that, in due time, sprouts and bears fruit. Did you know we have WhatsApp groups for Daily Gospel Reflections and Evening Prayer (Vespers)? If you are interested in subscribing to any of these resources, please register by scanning the QR code on the right.



Old Blessed Palm Leaves

Do you still have any of last year's blessed palm leaves? Kindly place them in the box provided at the church foyer. They will be burnt and used for the Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, 18th February.

Jesus Tells us to Repent

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!

