

Calendar

Monday

January 23
Day of Prayer for
the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children
Heb 9:15, 24-28
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

January 24
St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:1-10, Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

January 25
The Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16
or Acts 9:1-22
Mk 16:15-18

Thursday

January 26
Sts. Timothy and
Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
Mk 4:21-25

Friday

January 27
Weekday
Heb 10:52-59
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and
Doctor of the Church
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

January 29
Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-12a

Dear Padre,

1 Corinthians 10:13 states, "God...will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out...." My brother committed suicide, and I wonder why he wasn't "able to bear it." Please help me to understand.

The death of a family member is never easy to deal with. I pray for your peace and your brother's eternal rest.

We can't be sure what your brother was thinking when he ended his life, but we can be certain God was with him. God remains faithful to his covenant and will never disappoint the hope and trust of his children. Does this mean your brother failed to trust in God? We don't know that. Only God and your brother know the extent of his condition and suffering.

When we recall Jesus' lament from the cross—"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Psalm 22:2)—we see that in his darkest moment, his Father was with him. In the same way, God was present in the worst of your brother's trials. Why he was nevertheless unable to bear them is a question we may never have the answer to on this side of heaven. It's important to remember that the Church has great compassion for those who commit suicide. To leave your brother in God's merciful hands is to act with the conviction of our faith.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"To evangelize...it is necessary to open ourselves once again to the horizon of God's Spirit, without being afraid of what he asks us or of where he leads us."

—General audience, May 22, 2013



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Assumption of Our Lady



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January 22, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hay River, NT

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon.-Thurs. 5:30 pm

Friday 12:00 noon

Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Don for any other sacraments or funerals.



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Jan 01	Sylvia Boyer Julia Flumerfelt	Horst B. Emmanuel Da-Rosa	DaRosa Family	Theresa Swallow Bea Lepine Shirley Gutierrez	Grace Engen
Jan 08	Dee Dee Lepine Sheila Ryan-Hachey	Kyle Reid Doug Swallow	Eva & Merv Templeton	Tessie Gonzales Julia Flumerfelt David Delorey	Shirley G.
Jan 15	Andrew Cassidy Michaela Crook	Darm Crook Emmanuel Da-Rosa	Ramirez Family	Kyle Reid Louisa Schrumm Doug Swallow	Reggie, Liz B.
Jan 22	Bea Lepine Katherine Lenoir	Paul Delorey Hort B.	Capulso Family	Doris Caudron Theresa Swallow Sylvia Boyer	Nanette
Jan 29	Ruth Boden Sherry DaRosa	Kyle Reid Andrew Cassidy	Lance, Nanette & Family	Bea Lepine Tessie Gozales Kyle Reid	Sancie & Family

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Come follow me!

It is important to remember that Jesus was a very special person, an extraordinary man. Today we hear him ask some fishermen to leave their boats, nets, homes and families to follow him. The remarkable thing is, that's just what they did!

FIRST COMMUNION classes resume this Wednesday at 2:45 in the church hall.

CONFIRMATION classes resume this Sunday from 7 – 8:30 pm in the church hall.

SNACKS Please see Grace or call to (876-1063) to sign up.

: Weekly Revenue	
\$1,755.10	Collection
\$0.00	Hall Rental
\$1,755.10	Revenue Total
\$1,764.00	Expenses Total
(\$8.90)	
Expenses are based on the 2015 average	



January 22, 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 8:23–9:3

1 Cor 1:10–13, 17

Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–17

Piece: *The Calling of the First Apostles*, circa 1481-83
Artist: Domenico Ghirlandaio
Location: Sistine Chapel



His First Followers

We began the Church year with the foundations of our Christian life. We focused on our baptismal call to preach the word of God. Now we focus on the call of the first apostles.

Today's painting is again from the Sistine Chapel, where Ghirlandaio based this scene on today's Gospel. The Sea of Galilee spreads out behind Jesus, who is once again front and center. Several towns line the shore and remind us of Capernaum, where Jesus lived and near where he called his first followers.

Two apostles kneel in front of Jesus; another pair stand behind him. Their gestures and postures reveal their interior attitudes. One apostle crosses his arms in acceptance while another prayerfully looks up at

Jesus. The third apostle, behind Jesus, has his hand at his chest as if to say, "Are you sure you want me?" The fourth seems to look away. Many others surround Jesus, but not all of them are called to be apostles.

The call of Jesus is real. He may not ask us to leave behind our business or family, but he does ask for the same totality of trust and following. The result of fully saying "yes" to this call is what the first reading proclaims: "You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing; They rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest..." (Isaiah 9:2). The "joy of the gospel" that Pope Francis proclaimed in his 2013 apostolic exhortation is exactly this: that joy that comes from a sincere and generous "yes" to Jesus' call to be a disciple.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Jesus asks us to leave all and put him first. How can I do that better this week?

"At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:20).