

Sunday, January 21, 2024
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Jonah 3:1-5, 10
- 2) 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
- 3) Mark 1:14-20

FOCUS: Jesus is calling us today.

Jesus is calling *us* today. Maybe he is calling us to drop something we have been clinging to. Maybe he is calling us to lay down our weeping or rejoicing, to move into something new. Maybe he is calling us to listen. In the precious time we give to him, he will give us all we need to answer his call, big or small.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Jonah answers God's call to preach in Nineveh and the city repents. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to act as if *time is running out*. The Gospel tells of the beginning of Jesus' ministry, as he calls the Galileans to repent and believe in the Gospel. We also hear of the call of James, John, Andrew, and Simon.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Aware of God's quiet presence at work in our lives, we place our needs before him.

- 1) For all clergy, may the Holy Spirit continue to sanctify and purify them in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For the world, may all be drawn to Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer at the hands of others, may the Lord grant them reprieve, and bring them justice, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered here, may we be given the grace to recognize the gifts we are offered in this liturgy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may they be shepherded by our compassionate God into the kingdom of heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of all good gifts, we offer you these prayers today through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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