

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.’

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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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.

The first part of today’s Gospel places Jesus’ ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

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.

Family Connection

Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority?

Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life. Pray today’s Psalm or the Lord’s Prayer.



Parish Bulletin

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

21/22 January 2023

*He went to Capernaum,
that the prophecy of
Isaiah be fulfilled.*



Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor these you break as on the day of Midian.

JESUS, OUR LIGHT.

At times we can find ourselves ‘walking in darkness’. We get caught up in difficulties and cannot see a way out. Today’s liturgy reminds us that Jesus is our light and our salvation. As with the first disciples, he calls us to follow him. In the Gospels we have the Good News that brings light into the dark moments of our lives.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 95:1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

PSALM 26:1,4,13-14

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?. **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R**

I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord! **R**

SECOND READING

Corinthians 1:10-13,17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe’s people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: ‘I am for Paul’, ‘I am for Apollos’, ‘I am for Cephas’, ‘I am for Christ.’ Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am
Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm
Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am
Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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LOVE HEALS

Rosters for 28/29 January 2023 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator / Readers
6:30pm	Fil Ciancio Michelle Page, Bronwyn Glesson
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Grace Yeow, Maureen Fernando
Children's Liturgy	-
Count team	Julie Priem, Leo Priem, Anne Dudzinski, George Dudzinski
Altar	29th Jan to 19th Feb Dolores Arboit Christina Wong
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	14/15 JANUARY
First Collection	\$ 649.35
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$ 509.00
Open Plate	\$ 337.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,495.35



Pope Francis
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Let us pray to God so that he might grant us a pastoral heart that suffers and takes risks in bearing witness. It is not only a burden, but also a duty, to bring the Word of God to those who have been entrusted to us and to those whom we meet in our daily lives.



Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary of death: Bill Browne, Berenice Foley, Stefan Sciancale Pore, Arch. Philip Wilson

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick: We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

Special Intention: Baptism of Aaliyah Enza Scanlon

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
Fr Dean Marin - Director of Vocations

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, on 2 February this year is also the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. It's important for us to celebrate the lives of all the consecrated religious sisters and brothers in our Archdiocese, to pray in thanksgiving to God for them and to pray that God will call many more women and men to this vocation.

Indeed, we thank God for the witness of the lives of our consecrated sisters and brothers. Poverty, chastity and obedience are hardly understood and appreciated in our society these days. More than ever, we need the living witness of the passing value of material goods, that the love of God always remains the context for all true love, and that there is real freedom in dedicating ones live in committed connection with others. Above all, we need living witness to the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God that is always beyond us and this life.

Thanks for all that you are doing to promote Vocation in our Archdiocese and may God continue to bless your ministries.



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!



Saint Thomas Aquinas January 28

THOMAS AQUINAS WAS BORN IN 1225 IN ITALY, THE SON OF A COUNT AND COUNTESS. AT THE AGE OF 5 HE WAS SENT TO STUDY WITH THE MONKS.

Tomorrow you will be going to the monks to start school.

HE SURPRISED THE MONKS BY HIS LOVE FOR GOD AND HIS GREAT INTELLIGENCE.

But what is God?

SO THOMAS WAS SENT TO BETTER SCHOOLS. HE SOON KNEW MORE THAN THE TEACHERS!

So God became man without ceasing to be God.

My son become a poor friar? Never!

THOMAS' DECISION TO GIVE HIS LIFE TO GOD AS A DOMINICAN UPSET HIS MOTHER.

HIS BROTHERS KIDNAPED HIM AND KEPT HIM IN A TOWER FOR TWO YEARS!

You'll be here until you decide to be sensible!

FINALLY THEY LET HIM JOIN THE DOMINICANS. HE WAS SENT TO ROME TO STUDY UNDER ST. ALBERT THE GREAT.

He knows more than we do! Let's send him to Fr. Albert.

BECAUSE HE UNDERSTOOD SO MUCH ABOUT GOD, ST. THOMAS WAS ABLE TO TEACH AND WRITE ABOUT HIM. HE WROTE MANY IMPORTANT BOOKS THAT WE STILL USE.

SAINT THOMAS WROTE A GREAT WORK CALLED THE SUMMA THEOLOGICA, WHICH EXPLAINS MANY THINGS ABOUT GOD, MAN AND CREATION. HE NEVER FINISHED IT, THOUGH, BECAUSE HE REALIZED HE COULD NOT SHOW IN WRITING HOW AWESOME GOD REALLY IS. SAINT THOMAS DIED AT AGE 49.

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Parish Announcements

Rosters for Volunteers 2023
Our office will soon be preparing the rosters for the volunteers (Commentators, Readers, Counters, Flowers and Altar teams) Please let us know if you can no longer participate or if you want to join any of these teams this year. New Roster will start in March as the current one ends on the last weekend of February 2023.

Australia Day Mass at St Joseph's
Thursday 26th January
Holy Rosary 8:45am
Morning Mass 9:15am
Parish office will be closed for the day and resume activities on Friday 27th



The Southern Cross – No January Edition
As usual, there will be no edition of The Southern Cross published in January. Our first issue for 2023 will be available in parishes on the weekend of February 4/5 and online from February 6 December Issue is free to take home, feel free to do so.

Australia Day Mass at the Cathedral
The Therry Dramatic Society, Catholic Women's League and Knights of the Southern Cross invite you to Australia Day Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral which will be celebrated at 9am.

DISCERNMENT GROUP - "Follow me"
A time of prayer, reflection and discussion for young men discerning a call to the priesthood. Saturday February 4 at 10am in the Sacristy of the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, Wakefield St. For further enquiries contact Fr Dean Marin, Director of Vocations on 82108122 or at vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Walk for Life
Saturday 11th February 2023
Pennington Gardens 10am-12pm
Free tickets available from www.loveadelaide.org.au
Please get in contact with Alan Tyson if you would like to attend and organise a car pool.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass with anointing of the sick
February 11, 11.30am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. For more info, particularly regarding the needs of those who are ill and require special arrangements please contact the Archdiocesan Events office on 8210 8220 or email events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Festival of Hymns
On Sunday February 19 at 1pm, James Lloyd, Cathedral Organist at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral will give a free concert featuring well-loved hymns played on the magnificent Cathedral Casavant Frères pipe organ to which you are warmly invited to both attend and join in singing. The concert is part of the 2023 Fringe Organ Recitals program at the Cathedral.

Mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government Although the mandates have been lifted, we highly recommend you continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.
Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety