

THE EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE

Bread Broken for a New World

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 20-21, 2018

GATHER HYMNAL # 987

JONAH 3:1-5, 10 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31 MARK 1:14-20

The Pastor's Reflections

Last week we reflected on the call of the apostles as it is reported in the gospel of John. This week we're going to reflect on the same topic but from the gospel of Mark. John's account follows the powerful witness John the Baptist gave after he baptized Jesus. He declared, "*Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*" The disciples are taken by this statement, and want to find out more about Jesus, so they follow him. Mark's account is different. He presents the call of the apostles not so much as an invitation to discover Jesus, as John's gospel does, but as a command. "*Follow me!*" Let's explore Mark's text.

Mark begins his account by noting that John the Baptist had been arrested and imprisoned. In doing so, he's implying that the old time, the time of prophecy, has come to an end. A simple statement follows: "*Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God.*"

We've gotten used to thinking of the gospel as a book about the life of Jesus. But to understand what Mark is saying in this passage, we really need to know the true meaning of the word, *gospel*. The Greek word he uses is *euangelion*. The

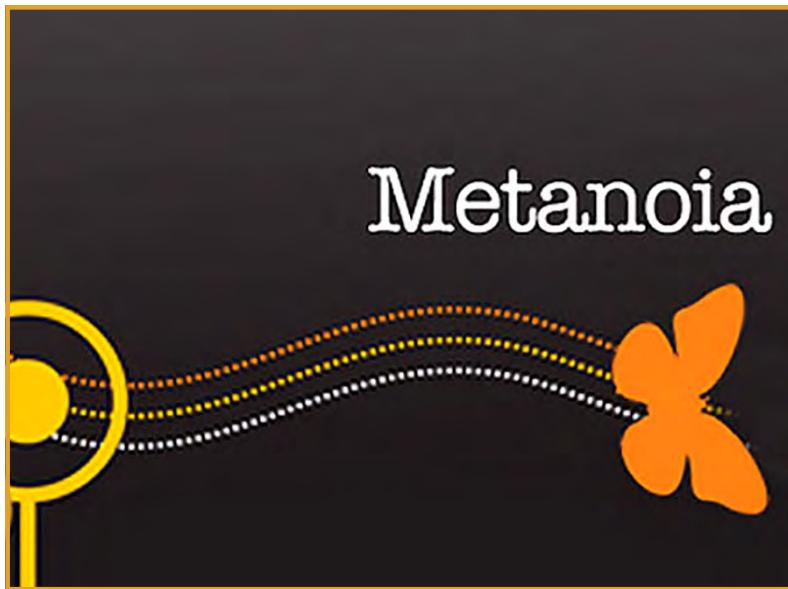
word has two parts, *eu*, meaning good or pleasant, and *angelion*, meaning message. Jesus came proclaiming God's good news, and we're told immediately what it is: "*This is the time of fulfillment.*"

All that the prophets had dreamed of, and hoped for, is becoming reality! But there's a twist to this proclamation. The time of fulfillment won't be the establishment of an independent Israel that will rule over the nations. It won't be the beginning of Israel's golden age as popular thinking had it. This time is so new, so unexpected, that everyone is called to

"*repent*" in preparation for it.

For us, *repent* means to stop acting badly, to stop sinning. But the Greek word Mark uses is much richer, and not so negative. He uses the word, *metanoia*, which means to have a change of mind, to think differently, to reorient oneself, to discover a new way of living. It's more positive

than our word *repent*. That's why Mark writes, "*The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the good news.*" I would translate Mark's words in this way. "*Believe this message, this joyful proclamation! It's true! It's real! Begin to*



think and act in a totally new way. The kingdom of God has erupted into our reality!"

The call in Mark's account demands a radical response – a *metanoia*. “*He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fisherman. Jesus said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’*” Though Jesus retains the imagery of fishing, he’s asking Simon and Andrew to begin an entirely new life. They’re being asked to dedicate their time and labor not to an occupation, but to people. Their response is immediate. “*They abandoned their nets and followed him.*”

As Jesus continues his march along the Sea of Galilee, he spies James and his brother John, “*mending their nets.*” He calls out to them. Their response is immediate. “*They left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.*”

Towards the end of Mark’s gospel, shortly before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus encounters a rich young man who wants to know what he Jesus tells him to sell everything he has, must do to inherit eternal life. In this encounter, to give it to the poor, and then, to follow him. The young man was asking a question from his intellect. He wanted Jesus to give him a formula. Jesus’ answer was simple. You

must be free to inherit eternal life. The young man went away sad. He wasn’t ready to liberate himself from the things he valued.

Jesus took the opportunity to direct a teaching to his disciples. He was cautioning them, and challenging them at the same time. “*Amen I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age...and eternal life in the age to come. (Mark 10:29-30)*”

What insights can we glean from our reflection on the call of the apostles? First of all, the call can come to anyone, at any time, and in any situation. It can come while we’re at work, or during our down time. We’re never quite ready for it. It seems to come out of the blue. Secondly, our response to the call must be radical. It calls us to move beyond all that’s familiar,

whether it be our profession, or our family, or our possessions. It requires a *metanoia* – a change in our lives’ direction. We must truly understand that the reality we know, and grasp on to so dearly, withers when we say yes to his call. It’s just like falling in love.

When we say yes, nothing else matters.



SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT DAILY

MASSES

WEEKDAYS

7:30 – 12:15

SATURDAY

12:15 – 5:30 Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00 – 11:00 – 5:30 – 7:30

HOLY DAYS

7:30-12:15-7:00pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

RECITED ON WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

SUNDAY

5:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

WEEKDAYS

11:45 until 12:10

SATURDAY

11:45 until 12:10

5:00 until 5:30

ROSARY

WEEKDAYS AT 11:55

NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Anne – Tuesday after the 12:15 Mass

St. Peter Julian Eymard –

Thursday after the 12:15 Mass

JOIN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Please register at the parish house, 184 East 76th Street any day during office hours from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily or fill out a registration card found at the rear of the church.

BAPTISM & MARRIAGES

To schedule a baptism or a marriage please contact the parish office to speak with Fr. John Kamas.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to schedule a home visit with one of the priests. 212-288-5082 Ext. 10

NEW INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Every Sunday, the Our Lady of Peace Prayer Group leads an hour of intercessory prayer from 1 o'clock until 2 o'clock in the church. Everyone is invited to join them.

We ask all parishioners to submit the names of friends or relatives who need prayers for whatever reason. You may bring your intentions to the group personally on Sunday, or leave them with the parish receptionist who will pass them on to the group. Praying for each other is a powerful ministry.

Please consider joining the group for the prayer. But also remember to bring your intentions to them or to the rectory office.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR AN ADULT NEEDING COMMUNION AND/OR CONFIRMATION?

Make an appointment with Joan Prenty, Director of Religious Education, through the Parish Office by calling 212-288-5082 ext 30. Leave your contact information and she will get back to you to set up an appointment.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

The Charismatic Prayer Meeting will be held every Sunday from 2:30 PM-4:30 PM in Wave Café of the High School, 173 East 75th Street. You may enter through the ramp on 76th Street at the east end of the rectory building .



MUSIC OF THE LITURGY

The scripture readings may be found in GATHER at No. 987

HYMN OF GATHERING:

No. 513 "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"

KYRIE

GLORIA

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *"Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord,
Teach Me Your Ways."*

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

HOMILY

CREED, NO. 143

INTERCESSIONS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

No. 679 "You Walk Along Our Shoreline"

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

ACCLAMATION

*When We Eat This Bread and Drink This Cup,
We Proclaim the Death of the Lord
Until He Comes Again*

THE GREAT AMEN

MUSIC AT COMMUNION:

No. 824 "Behold The Lamb"

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

RECESSSIONAL:

No. 490 "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"

"A person who sings prays twice." ---St. Augustine

MUSICIANS WANTED

If you sing or play an instrument, come join the music ministry. We always welcome new volunteers to join us at the Sunday Masses:

ADULT CHOIR OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE:
11:00 AM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal Sunday 10:00 AM , Choir Room.
5:30 PM Sunday Mass: Rehearsal 5:00 PM. Choir Room.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:
11:00 AM Sunday Mass
(1st Sunday Each Month)
Rehearsal Wednesday 5-5:30 PM, Choir Room

MODERN ENSEMBLE :
7:30 PM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal 7:00 PM,
in the Church

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Processional: No. 513 "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"**Offertory: No. 671 "Here I Am Lord"****Communion: No. 678 "Lord, When You Came"****Recessional: "Come Magnify The Lord With Me"**

Come mag - ni - fy the Lord with me, Come bless his ho-ly name
 He does a-maz-ing things for me and for you He does the same.
 1. For He looks up-on his ser-vant in her low-li-ness. From now on all ge-ne-ra-tions,
 call me great-ly blest. 2. The migh-ty God works mar-yels for me,
 ho-ly is his name. His mer-cy for all who fear Him, lasts from age to
 a - ge. 3. He stret-ches out his migh-ty arm, and scat-ters the proud of
 heart. He pulls down prin-ces from their thrones and lifts the low-ly up, high
 up. 4. He fills the starv-ing with good things, sends the rich, emp-ty a-way. To
 Is - ra - el He is pro-tect - or, re - mem - ber - ing his mer - cy.

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys



On Friday, January 12 the Church celebrated the feast day of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, the Foun-dress of the Congregation de Notre Dame of Montreal. The Sisters of her community live and serve here at St. Jeans. We thank God for the legacy left to the Church by this heroic woman.

A Woman of Dreams and of Action

Marguerite Bourgeoys set off for Canada in 1653. She dreamed of taking part in the founding of a society that would embody the ideals of the first Christians. Very quickly, God's call for her to serve became clear. Plague broke out on the ship bringing her from France to Canada; she then served as nurse with a compassionate heart.

In Montreal, Marguerite entered whole heartedly into the lives of the families she met. She was their social worker, marriage counselor, mentor, grief counselor, mother and friend.

Wanting to pass on the faith to chil-dren, she opened the first school in Mont-real in an abandoned stable in the spring of 1658. A daring teacher, she created a place where young women could gather to learn new domestic skills to earn a living.

In all situations, she sacrificed herself so that the great precept of the love of God and of the neighbor be written in every heart.



SACRAMENTS FOR ADULTS--RCIA

Are you interested in exploring Catholicism for yourself, or perhaps you know someone who might be interested in finding out more about our faith?

Were you baptized in another Christian Church, and are thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you Catholic, but never received Confirmation or First Communion? Please consider joining the RCIA program.

USHERS/GREETER NEEDED!



Ushers/greeters are needed for the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses. Please contact Joan Prenty director of St. Jean Baptiste Religious Education at 212-288-5082 ext. 30

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



Following the 11:00AM Mass each Sunday we invite everyone in the church to gather for coffee, juices, bagels and fellowship in the High School Auditorium. Enter the Auditorium through the large doors behind the organ area. We look forward to having you join us.

CALLING ALL SENIORS!

All are welcome at the Senior Luncheons which take place every Wednesday at 1:00 PM in the Great Hall of the Community Center. Donation: \$3.00.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Sunday collection.....Checks: **\$6,213.00**

Cash: **\$2,868.00**

WeShare donations amounted to: **\$1,298.00**

Total: \$ 10,379.00

The Collection for the Catholic University Of America amounted to: \$179.00

Please take note: All user data, scheduled recurring donations, and scheduled one-time donations are now handled by WeShare another online giving service.

DIVORCED AND REMARRIED CATHOLICS

Please invite your Catholic friends and family members who are divorced, or divorced and remarried, to attend an informal meeting at the church on Sunday, February 11th at noon. We are attempting to reach out to Catholics who suffer the pain of separation and alienation from the community because they have divorced.

We held a meeting like this in November of last year. It was a relaxed and fruitful meeting – a start in healing the separation. Please reach out to your friends and relatives. Invite them to attend the 11 o'clock Mass. The meeting will take place in the rectory after the Mass. Please be our voice of welcome. Please be the Church's hand reaching out to them. Thank you.

BECOME AN ASSOCIATE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We will be hosting an Information Night for those who are interested in learning more about being an Associate of the Blessed Sacrament on February 6th at 7 o'clock. The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, the Order that has ministered at Saint Jean Baptiste since 1900, is a Roman Catholic religious Order of priests and brothers who center their lives on the Eucharist.

Associates of the Blessed Sacrament are the lay branch of the Order. Associates follow a Rule of Life similar to that of the Order, and partake in the spiritual life of the Order. The meeting will take place in the Eymard Room. Please enter through the 76th street ramp (next to the Siena).

ASSOCIATES OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We will resume our monthly meetings on Tuesday, January 30th at 7 o'clock. As always, we will meet in the Eymard Room. Please enter by the courtyard ramp.

FAMILY LIFE

TODDLER PLAY GROUP

Our Toddler Play Group is in session in the Community Center From September through June.

The children enjoy their first "school" experience in our well-equipped and friendly play room.

For information call the Play Group Director Pauline Reenock, at 212-472-2853 Ext. 2

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes are available for children preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation and their continuing religious education.

For more information call Ms. Joan T. Prenty, Director of Religious Education, at 212-288-5082, ext 30, or email her at:

stjeanbaptistereligious@gmail.com.

FAMILY MASS 2018 CALENDAR



February 4, 2018

March 4, 2018

April 8, 2018

May 6, 2018

Every Family Mass will be held at 11:00 AM followed by a reception in the SJB High School Auditorium immediately following the Mass. All are welcome!

--VERY IMPORTANT--

Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the New York Common Pantry. The children will have the opportunity to bring these to the Altar.

COMMUNITY CENTER SCHEDULE

JANUARY 22-JANUARY 28

MONDAY:

- 9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
4:00-6:30 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
4:00-9:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
6:00-8:00 **LA Meeting** (Toddler Center)

TUESDAY:

- 9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
4:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
3:00-9:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)

WEDNESDAY:

- 9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
1:00-2:30 **Senior Luncheon** (Great Hall)
3:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
4:00-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
6:00-10:00 **AAII Meeting** (Great Hall)

THURSDAY:

- 9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
3:15-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
4:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
6:00-10:00 **Elegant Dance** (Great Hall)

FRIDAY:

- 6:00-8:00 **OA Meeting** (Room #2)
6:00-10:00 **Manhattan Dance** (Great Hall)

SATURDAY:

- 9:00-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
9:00-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)

SUNDAY:

- 11:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)

The Center is available for seasonal and special events, parties, business meetings, wedding receptions, lectures and birthdays. For information as to availability and rates, contact the Director: Mr. Antonio Boccia at (212) 472-2853, ext. 1.

ABOUT OUR WEBSITE

The website for the Church of St. Jean Baptiste, www.stjeanbaptisteny.org, now has an active “DONATE” feature. You may now use your credit cards to donate or pay fees for programs at the church. These include:

1. Building Maintenance and Restoration
2. General Support
3. Concert Tickets
4. Religious Education Fees
5. Toddler Program Tuition
6. Support for Scholarships for SJB High School

You may also designate whether you would like to give a one-time gift, a bi-weekly gift, a monthly gift or yearly gift. A “comments” section also allows you to relay further information concerning your gift. An e-mail confirmation is sent to you upon completion of your transaction.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 21**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 9:00 Lennix Lewis
11:00 Andre Lufau
5:30 Beasley Family
7:30 Estelita Gonzalez

MONDAY, January 22

- 7:30 The Zocche Family
12:15 Peter Gaine

TUESDAY, January 23

- 7:30 For the Parishioners
12:15 In Honor of St. Anne

WEDNESDAY, January 24

- SAINt FRANCIS DE SALES**
7:30 Vincent McDonnell
12:15 Mrs. Malone

THURSDAY, January 25

- THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL**
7:30 Adolfo Zimbaro & Family
12:15 Thomas O'Neill

FRIDAY, January 26

- SAINtS TIMOTHY AND TITUS**
7:30 Ray E. Stout, III
12:15 Janice B. Liva

SATURDAY, January 27

- 12:15 Sr. Marie Buckley, CND
5:30 Elaina Camacho

CELEBRANTS FOR JANUARY 27-28

Saturday 5:30 Fr. John Kamas, SSS

Sunday 9:00 Fr. Norman Pelletier, SSS
11:00 Fr. John Kamas, SSS
5:30 Fr. Bernard Camiré, SSS
7:30 Fr. John Kamas, SSS





2nd Annual PASTA BOWL

Join us in providing warm, nourishing winter meals for hungry New Yorkers.



In 2017 the SOUP-er Bowl Food Drive became the PASTA Bowl.
The competition was fierce and it's time for our teams to bring their best again!

Please help us stock up for the **PASTA BOWL** by:

1) Donating PASTA*

- Use this form to schedule a food pick-up: <http://bit.ly/2jchaup>
 - Contest for participating schools ends Wednesday, February 14th.
 - Last day for pickups is Friday, February 16th.
 - Questions? Please contact: PastaBowl@nycommonpantry.org
- * DRY pasta only, Whole Wheat preferred.

2) Helping NYCP purchase PASTA

- \$1 = 1 pound of pasta
- Donations accepted in any amount

by CREDIT CARD

- Visit www.nycommonpantry.org & click “DONATE NOW”.
 - Select “PASTA BOWL” in the Donation Category,
 - Enter School Name in “This donation is in honor of”.

by CHECK

- Make payable to “New York Common Pantry”.
- Send to NYCP, 8 East 109th Street New York, NY 10029, Attn: Neill Bogan.
- Please indicate Pasta Bowl and School Name in the memo line.

HAPPY PASTA BOWL — MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN!**

** Participating school scores will be posted online.

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