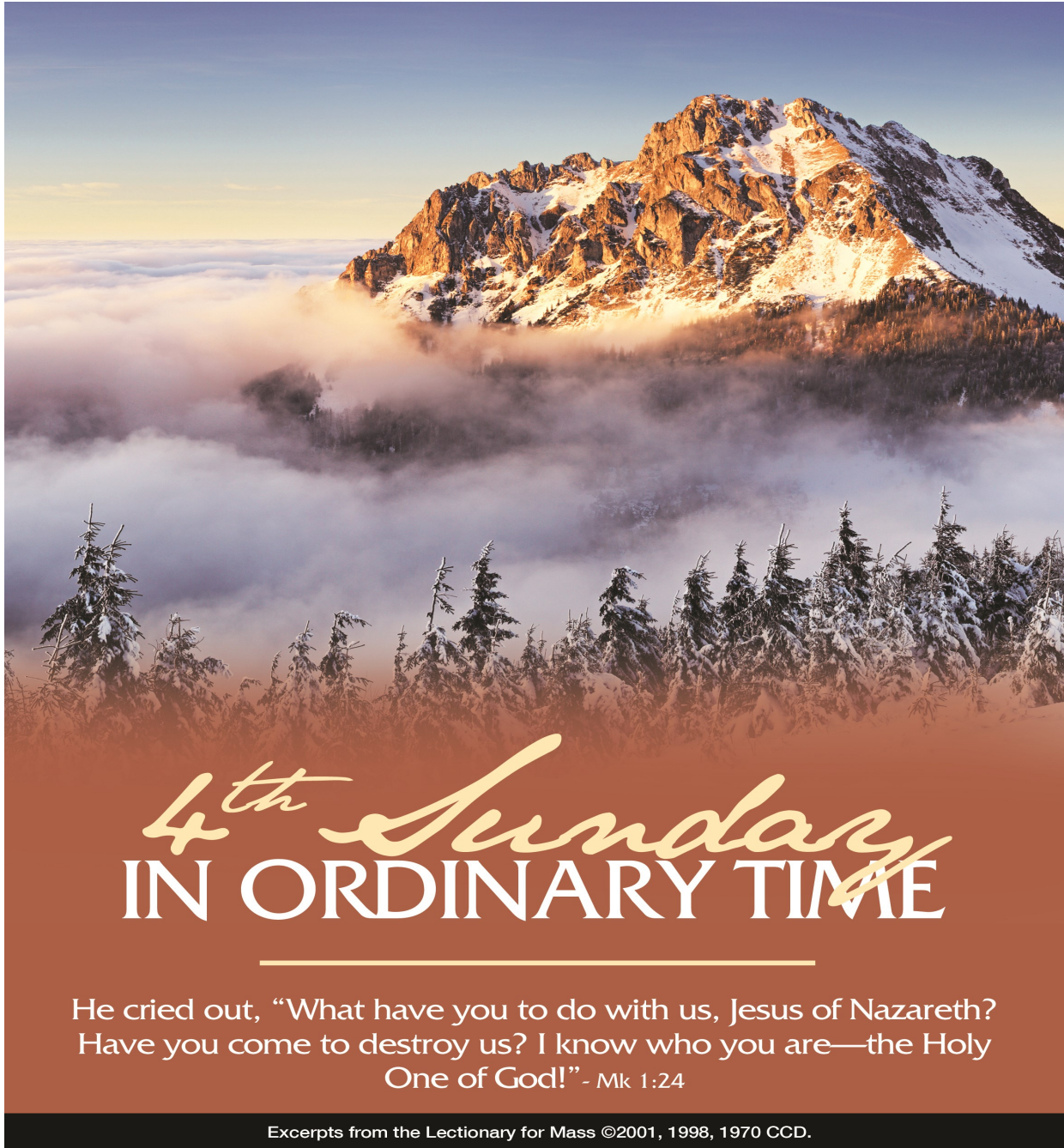


# Saint John Catholic Church Iglesia Católica San Juan

January 28, 2018 – fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
28 de enero de 2018 — cuarto domingo en tiempo ordinario



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?  
Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy  
One of God!” - Mk 1:24

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday .....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.  
Daily Masses: ..Thursday ..... 8:30 a.m.  
                  ..Wednesday and Friday ..... 12 noon  
CONFESSIONS (Saturday)..... 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

### HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo.....12:15 p.m (Español)  
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves ..... 8:30 a.m (Ingles)  
                  ..Miércoles y Viernes ..... 12:00 del medio día  
CONFESIONES (Sábado)..... 4:30 p.m. o por cita

### HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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### St John Parish Calendar

**SATURDAY JANUARY 27, 2018**  
 4:30 PM Reconciliation  
 5:30 PM Mass for souls Prescila Tanghinan & Damaso Bas Jr.

**SUNDAY JANUARY 28, 2018**  
 9:00 AM Mass for parishioners St. John, St. Peter & St. Patrick  
 10:00 AM Rosary  
 12:15 PM Misa

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31, 2018**  
 12:00 Noon **NO MASS**

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2018**  
 8:30 AM **NO MASS**

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2018**  
 12:00 Noon **NO MASS**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2018**  
 4:30 PM Reconciliation  
 5:30 PM Mass thanksgiving for Fr. Frank

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2018**  
 9:00 AM Mass  
 10:00 AM Rosary  
 12:15 PM Misa Eulalio Carrillo

**ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON**



In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-

### Readings for the Week of January 28, 2018

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34  
 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 14

9:00 AM English & 7:00 PM Bi-Lingual



*Pray for*

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard Painter, Deborah Shorter, Maxine DiMarino, Isaias Fuentes, Melanie

Patterson, Lillian Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez, Sherry Wright, David Stull, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Sulma Rojas, Elena Chavez, Doris Bartlett and Shirley Griffy.

### January 20 & 21, 2018

Weekly		Year to Date	
Actual	\$4,090	Actual	\$138,752
Budget	\$5,266 (\$1,176)	Budget	\$157,980 (\$19,228)
Debt Reduction	\$1860 \$1660 (\$200)		

**Remaining Debt Balance \$34,102**

### MASS ATTENDANCE

<b>5:30</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>12:15</b>
<b>96</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>350</b>

The item being collected for **FISH** for **January**  
**Stove top stuffing and gravy**

En el mes de **enero** necesitamos  
**Salsas espesas para rellenar**

I am always amazed at how the conventional thinking of the world is the opposite of the truth. In fact, one of the things that drew me to wanting to go 'all in' as a young Catholic when entering seminary was how right I continually found the teachings of the Church, which were so often in direct opposition to conventional thinking. This 'old' and 'outdated' institution was full of the treasures of truth and I was continually amazed at that, having grown up as a typical young man that viewed the Church in those derogatory ways.

The letter to the Corinthians that was read today as the second reading is exactly one of those instances.

The reading is about celibacy. Celibacy is the voluntary forgoing of marriage in exchange for a life of dedication to God. Priests are celibate. Sisters are celibate as well as other consecrated individuals.

Now if you were to take a poll of regular folks and ask them what they thought of a life of celibacy, what would they say? Boring? Lonely? Sad? Restrictive? I bet you'd hear all those responses.

But that is the exact opposite of what Saint Paul says in the letter to the Corinthians and is in fact the exact opposite of the truth.

Saint Paul says a life of celibacy is one where you are LESS anxious. He says a life of celibacy is a life where you are LESS divided in your focus. He says it is a life of MORE freedom from the concerns of pleasing a wife. He says it is a life of MORE freedom from concerns of the world.

I guess women were difficult to please even then.

The point is that whereas the world would say a life of celibacy is restrictive, oppressive and binding, Saint Paul says the opposite. He says it frees a person up, takes away restrictions associated with married life and unbinds a person for total service to God (which is the most rewarding work there is).

Obviously marriage is a wonderful thing that we revere dearly in the Church. It is also a vocation and a godly way of sacrifice and service. And, obviously, there is a difference between being a bachelor and being celibate. Being a bachelor is being single but still pursuing the potential for matrimony. Unfortunately today, many people do not get married, not out of an embrace of celibacy, but out of a lack of commitment. These relationships are usually characterized by immoral and unchaste living...which is the farthest thing from the holiness of a married vocation or a celibate vocation. I digress...

But celibacy is a unique path and one filled with many blessings and benefits, even though the world would not suspect this. It is a life of dedication to the Lord God. And the Scriptures tell us 'where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is FREEDOM.'

Fr Rossi

**Looking for a Ministry? Perhaps you want to fulfill a New Year's resolution?** Well, maybe this ministry is for you. We are in need of someone to be in charge of flowers and decorations during the most important seasons of the year, Christmas and Easter. Please give us a call at the office if you would like to volunteer or would like more information.

### Lenten Fish Dinner Sponsorship Opportunity

Lenten dinners will be here before you know it. In order to keep our prices the same as last year we need sponsors. Please take a look at these sponsorship opportunities and let us know if you can help us and help our community:

Fish -	\$1,700
Sea Food -	\$200
Vegetable Oil & Margarine-	\$300
Breading & Hushpuppy & Mac&Cheese	\$200
Big Potatoes & French Fries -	\$300
Dressings -	\$250
Produce -	\$350
Coffee, Ice Tea, Sugar -	\$200
Paper Product -	\$500

Please consider sponsoring any of the above items or give a donation of a portion of the total amount. All amounts of donations help.

Thank you in advance. The Lenten Fish Team

### Can you believe that Lent will start in only two weeks??

That means the Lenten Dinners will also be starting. As always, in order to make this year another successful year we **NEED YOU**. If you are interested in pitching in (and perhaps making a Lenten sacrifice or commitment) now is the time to step up. We can always use help performing food prep work, set-up, food donations (especially desserts) cooking, serving and cleaning up. If you are interested in any of these please call the office, or just show up. Can't do any of these!! Come and eat and bring a friend.

**Fat Tuesday** coming right up! February 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. all of those yummy pancakes, bacon sausage and apples. Music by Louis Armstrong and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. Mardi Gras theme : Kids get to make their own Mardi Gras masks with prizes for participation. Lots of fun, food and music for great prices, Adults \$6.00, kids 3 to 10 \$4.00 and under 3 eat free.

We have received a grant in the amount of \$3000.00 from the diocesan "**Fuel and Hunger Fund**" program. This grant program is one of many supported by the Annual Bishop's Appeal. We are grateful that St. John's community outreach program supports Eastern Henrico FISH and is recognized by the diocese as a valuable service to those in need in our immediate area. Thank you also to Sean Stewart, Lloyd Mercer and Elena Cussatti for their service on the FISH board of directors, to all who bring food donations for FISH week after week, and to those who volunteer their time at FISH

**Thank you to all who shop at KROGER.** We have received a check in the amount of \$276.13. If you are not signed up with your Kroger Plus card? Please do so, St. John's number is 88098. Happy Eating!

**SJP winners** for January Gabriel Inge, Trudy West, Hughlett Goodman, Marie Farrah, Georgina Gerhardt, Phil Tuck, Stephanie Forshey and Cathy Outland. The next drawing February 15.