

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:15am
Saint Alexander

Saturday Vigil at 4pm
(Preceded by Confessions at 3pm)
Saint Mary of the Bay

Sunday at 8am, 10:30am and 6pm
Saint Mary of the Bay

Monday-Friday 8am
Saint Mary of the Bay

Holy Days as Announced



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Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

Today we observe **Sunday of the Word of God**, instituted by Pope Francis in 2019. In the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*, Pope Francis wrote: "With this Letter, I wish to respond to the many requests I have received from the people of God that the entire Church celebrate, in unity of purpose, a Sunday of the Word of God. It is now common for the Christian community to set aside moments to reflect on the great importance of the word of God for everyday living...I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity." We hope that this annual observance provides an opportunity for us as a worshipping community to recommit ourselves to studying and praying with the Bible. We should always be seeking to achieve greater and greater biblical literacy as Catholics. And what better way to pray for Christian unity than by joining the Warren Churches Association at 1pm today at Warren Baptist Church?

This will be a historic week for the Diocese of Providence, as **we will gather at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul on Thursday, January 26, at 2pm as we welcome our new Coadjutor Bishop, Bishop Richard Henning**. A Coadjutor Bishop assumes leadership of a diocese upon the retirement of his predecessor, so this will be the only major public ceremony to mark Bishop Henning's appointment. Whenever the Holy Father accepts Bishop Tobin's resignation after he reaches the mandatory retirement age of 75 (April 1, 2023), Bishop Henning will automatically become Ordinary. At Mass this Thursday, Pope Francis' delegate to the United States will present the Papal Bull from the Holy Father appointing Bishop Henning to Providence, and it will be shown to the College of Consultors and to all present. It will be a wonderful opportunity not only to welcome Bishop Henning, but also to renew our bonds with the wider diocesan church and with our Holy Father. Would you consider joining us on Thursday? A shuttle service will be provided from the Convention Center, which will also host the public reception after the Mass. I hope to see you there!

Lastly, please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for the next **open, parish-wide meeting**, which will be held on **Tuesday, January 31, at 6:30pm** in the lower church hall. All are strongly encouraged to be a part of the next stage of the discussion as we discern together what our best options are for moving forward as a parish community. As at the last meeting, wine and cheese and other snacks will be offered by our generous volunteers. I hope to see you there!

Until next week,

Fr. Joe

∞ MASS INTENTIONS ∞

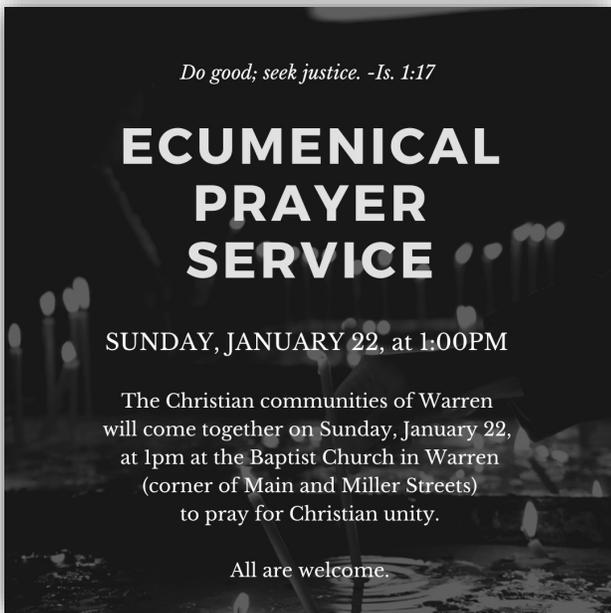
January 22, 2023

9:15am: John & Barbara Karcz
Requested by the family

January 29, 2023

9:15am: John Karcz, 11th Anniversary
Requested by the family

∞ UPCOMING EVENTS ∞



Do good; seek justice. -Is. 1:17

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, at 1:00PM

The Christian communities of Warren will come together on Sunday, January 22, at 1pm at the Baptist Church in Warren (corner of Main and Miller Streets) to pray for Christian unity.

All are welcome.

∞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ∞

Today's Readings:

Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

From today's First Reading:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. (Is 9:1)

Consider: **The prophet Isaiah foresaw a future reversal of fortune for the people living in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali. When have you received an unexpected blessing or gift in your life?**

From today's Second Reading:

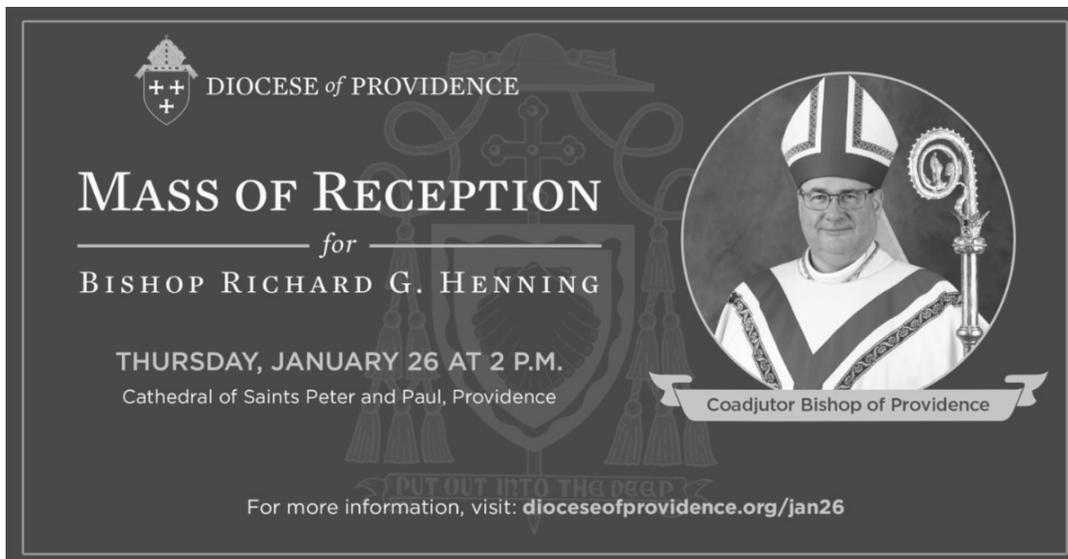
I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

Consider: **Paul urged the believers in the city of Corinth to be of one heart and one mind as a community of faith, united in Jesus. How do you resolve division or conflict in your home or workplace?**

From today's Gospel:

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

Consider: **In the Gospel reading we hear about the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in Capernaum which included teaching, healing, and calling the first four disciples. How do you think people initially reacted to Jesus?**



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for

BISHOP RICHARD G. HENNING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 2 P.M.
Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence



Coadjutor Bishop of Providence

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