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January 25, 2026: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Jesus went back to Galilee.”

Today, St. Matthew tells us that by settling in Capernaum, “a lakeside town on the borders of Zepbulun and Naphtali”, Jesus fulfills the words of the prophet Isaiah. Without saying or doing anything particularly spectacular, Jesus fulfilled a prophesy in the scriptures by staying in a certain place. Zebulun and Naphtali were ancient tribes that settled in Galilee. They were two tribes to be crushed by the invading Assyrians and thus subject to the darkness of oppression. But Isaiah looked forward

to a new king in Jerusalem who would come and set Israel free and bring hope to a people who walked in darkness. For St. Matthew, Jesus is this new king. Jesus is the one who has come to call people from darkness into the light with a relationship with him. Whatever darkness meant to them, they saw and met in Jesus a great light. When the light of God’s merciful love dawned on them, they left everything and followed him. In today’s Gospel, when Peter and Andrew also were called by Jesus to “Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people” they left immediately and followed him. Whenever we have a sense of walking in darkness, may we turn to Jesus, who calls our name and invites us to tread in his steps and follow him. How do we respond to his call?

| Date | Intentions | Lectors | Communion | Collection |
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| Saturday, Jan. 24 4 pm | <i>No Mass</i> | | | |
| Sunday, Jan. 25 11 am <i>Word Of God Sunday</i> <i>Youth Mass & Bake Sale</i> | <i>Liturgy of the Word</i> <i>with Communion</i> | Youth | Rob Masi Claude Lagace | Youth |
| Wednesday, Jan. 27 | <i>No Mass</i> | | | |
| Thursday, Jan. 28 | <i>No Mass</i> | | | |
| Saturday, Jan. 31 4 pm | + Eveline Lagace Therese Lavallee | Randy Bossuyt | | Dolores Mogg |
| Sunday, Feb. 1 11 am | + Marie Therese Levesque Parishioners of St. Hyacinthe | Frenzie Bulacso Suzanne Lavallee | Claude Lagace | Jean Rochon Rheal Rochon |

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD - January 25, 2026

“Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the Risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.” (Pope Francis)

“Life Is Better With Jesus!” – 2025-2026 PARISH THEME

St. Hyacinthe Parish News

- ❖ **Youth Mass and Bake Sale:** Mark your calendars! Our next youth mass is this Sunday, January 25. The profits will be donated to the Good Shepherd Campaign of the Archdiocese.
- ❖ **Children invited to the altar for the Lord's Prayer:** Father will be inviting all children and youth to gather with him around the altar for the Lord's Prayer during Mass every Sunday!
- ❖ **Let us celebrate your milestones with you!** Once a month, beginning in February, we will have a cake to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions. Join us after Mass on Sunday, February 1st!
- ❖ **Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ:** We will be re-introducing Communion under both species regularly in our parish beginning with the First Sunday of Lent. One is never obligated to receive both, but for those who will appreciate receiving the consecrated bread and the sharing of the blessed wine, we now feel comfortable in doing so at every Sunday Eucharist, at the Saturday 4 pm Mass and the Sunday 11 am Mass. Father will speak more about this matter in the coming weeks.



Remember in Your Prayers

- ✠ We pray for the repose of the soul of Shirley Hansen, mother of David Hansen (Gayle), who passed away Thursday January 15, 2026, and for her family and friends, may they find comfort in their time of mourning.
- ✠ We pray for all who are ill, in distress or lonely that they find support and courage within their communities.
- ✠ For the grace, wisdom and commitment needed to actively live the message of Christ and become living apostles, proclaiming His love and goodness by our words and examples.
- ✠ Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. (Pope's prayer intention for February 2026)



What do intentional Catholic disciples look like? How do they act? What is qualitatively different about their lives and personalities? The answer is Disciples are ordinary people who have experienced the love, forgiveness, presence, consolation and challenge of God poured out through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. They have fallen in love with the Lord and find their deepest identity in their relationship with him.

They find God and the mission of his Kingdom to be the fundamental purpose of their lives and, having a strong Catholic identity, find the whole Catholic experience of the Scriptures, sacraments, moral life and prayer to be the transformative means of their ongoing conversion. They are people loved and forgiven by Jesus Christ.

Marriage Tip –When you and your spouse disagree on something, try switching places, figuratively speaking. Take your spouse's position for a moment (even if it seems ridiculous to you) and pretend to defend the other person's point of view. Try to see how you feel from your spouse's perspective. You don't have to agree, but it will help your spouse know that you understand them.

Stewardship Reflection – *“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.”* (MATTHEW 4:22) Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

Did You Know? – *St. Peter* – Though he never officially took the title during his lifetime, St. Peter, whose original name was Simon, was the first head of the Catholic Church, or the first pope. His image is typically pictured with a set of keys in his hand, the keys to heaven. The keys Saint Peter holds are seen as a symbol of papal authority and are seen on papal coats of arms (those of individual popes) “Behold he [Peter] received the keys of the kingdom of heaven, the power of binding and loosing is committed to him, the care of the whole Church and its government is given to him”.

