



# ST. PHILOMENA

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### GOOD NEWS!

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 21, 2018**

The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.  
— *Mark 1:15*



### THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

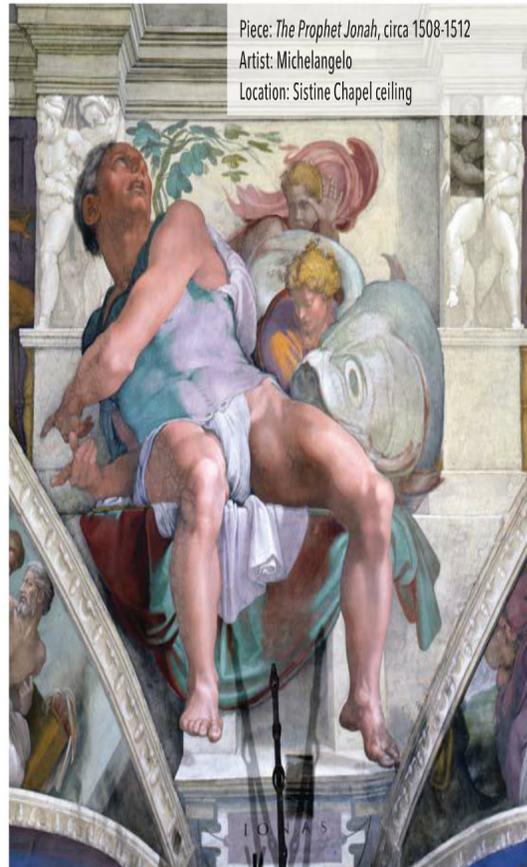
Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out “Repent!” before he calls his new followers. “Come after me,” Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today’s Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

### God’s Patient Call

This painting of Jonah in the Sistine Chapel is directly above *The Last Judgment*. Michelangelo chooses to depict Jonah for his theological connection to Jesus, who said, “just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights” (Matthew 18:40).

Unlike Jesus, Jonah initially balks at God’s call until he grudgingly accepts and preaches to the city of Nineveh. In his rebellion, he gets in a boat and goes the opposite direction from where God was calling. Eventually he was thrown overboard and swallowed by the fish, seen painted at his side. After a three-night stomachache, the fish spewed Jonah up on the shore, back where he had started.

Jonah looks up to heaven with a weary longing, which might denote his melancholy personality. The fig tree further reinforces his weakness because it recalls the episode when Jonah lay under the fig tree in depression and lethargy.



Piece: *The Prophet Jonah*, circa 1508-1512  
Artist: Michelangelo  
Location: Sistine Chapel ceiling

Like Peter and Andrew, James and John, God entered Jonah’s life and called him. Unlike the apostles, it took him a while to say yes. We can also be slow to respond to the invitation of God in our soul, whether in big or small things. Perhaps the attraction of the world or fear of sacrifice keeps us from saying yes. Yet his voice is constant and persistent.

Michelangelo paints Jonah dangling above *The Last Judgment* as if to subtly say, you are cordially invited to say yes to God’s patient callings...while you still have time.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

#### *For Reflection*

*Do I understand that putting off the voice of God is also putting off all the good, joy, and peace he wants to bring about by what he is asking?*

*Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*

*Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.*

*(Mark 1:17–18)*

## We are made for greater

Archbishop  
José H. Gomez  
COLUMN



We have no idea. Sometimes when I put the Gospels down after reading and praying over them, that is what I find myself thinking. Just shaking my head in wonder and thinking, we have no idea.

In the pages of the Gospels and in the stories of the early Church, we are given this beautiful sense that something new and amazing has broken into the world and into people's lives. Something is happening and they do not know what it is.

How many stories about Jesus end with words like this: "They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this.'"

The encounter with Jesus makes all things new. The first Christians awaited what they called the new heavens and a new earth. They believed that they themselves had been made a "new creation."

They also felt that things were in process, that the "newness" brought by Christ was ongoing, continuing to unfold. "Beloved, we are God's children now," St. John wrote. "What we shall be has not yet been revealed."

This is the soil that living faith grows from. It is the awareness that life is one and that our lives are part of this great mystery of creation, and that all that is created is alive and connected in the one Creator.

This is the joyful inspiration behind our annual OneLife LA celebration.

This weekend, on Jan. 20, we will hold our fourth OneLife LA procession and festival in downtown Los Angeles.

To be honest, when we started OneLife LA, I was not sure how people would respond. We are accustomed to holding public demonstrations to protest things that are wrong. This will always be important. One way we stand up for what is right is by standing up against what is wrong. One way we show people what we are "for" is by showing them what we are "against."

We must keep doing that — especially with regards to abortion, which for too long has been an "everyday evil" in this country and, indeed, in every country.

As Pope Francis said in his New Year's address to diplomats in Rome, we must defend "the right of every person to life." We need to continue in this struggle for life. As the pope said, we can never accept a world where there are "innocent children discarded even before they are born, unwanted at times simply because they are ill or malformed, or as a result of the selfishness of adults."

In the service of this great cause, we wanted OneLife LA to be something different.

We wanted this to be a day when we remind people why life is sacred and precious. We wanted to celebrate the dignity and beauty, even the glory of human life as created by God and made new and greater in Jesus Christ.

Our theme for this year's celebration is "Made for Greater." And really, that has been the vision of OneLife LA from the start.

"The book of nature is one and indivisible," Pope Benedict XVI said in words quoted by Pope Francis in "Laudato Si."

The cause of life is about more than political change. The cause of life is about the nature of things and the beauty and purpose of the world.

We are working for the kingdom, for the new heavens and a new earth.

In order to accomplish our mission, we need to help our society see the "connections," the ties that can never be broken between the Creator and every aspect of his creation.

We need to help our neighbors to see that every creature has a purpose in God's creation, that all things speak to us of God, and the Creator is reflected in everything he creates — and especially in the human person made in his image and likeness.

Jesus promised his disciples, "You will see greater things."

And each one of us — and everything we see in creation — is "made for greater." St. Paul said that all of creation will be set free and will share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

And again, we return to this awareness that we "have no idea."

And it is true. St. Paul said we have not seen anything yet, that we have no idea what God has prepared for those who love him. So we continue on this journey of love, seeking the greater things that we are promised and made for.

Pray for me this week and I will be praying for you. And please join me on Saturday for OneLife LA. Together, let us praise God and celebrate the beauty and holiness of human life and creation.

May our Blessed Mother Mary, the Queen of All Creation, help our society to a new awareness of these greater things and the precious love that God has for every life.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Tuesday: St. Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope
Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales
Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Friday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
Saturday: St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturdays: 7:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM
Sundays: 6:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:45 PM, 2:30 PM (Spanish), 4:15PM, 6:00 PM
Weekdays: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM
First Wed. & First Fri. Only: 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 7:00PM
Eve of Holy Days: 7:00 PM
Holy Days: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, Thursday before First Friday and Day before Holy Days: 4:00PM – 5:00PM & 6:00PM– 7:00PM
First Fridays: 6:15 PM – 7:00 PM

PRIESTS

Rev. Albert H. Avenido-Administrator Pro-Tem
Rev. Alidor Mikobi -Associate Pastor
Rev. Demetrio Bugayong– Canonical Pastor

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Anna Marie Sharkany—Director, Youth & Confirmation

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

\*Saturday, Jan 20, 2018
7:30am: Liz Pham (L)
5:00pm: Felicitas Mendoza (+)
7:00pm: Erwin Ballesteros (+)
\*Tuesday, Jan 23, 2018
6:30am: Eduardo C. Bernal (+)
8:00am: Jenny Bui (L)
\*Wednesday, Jan 24, 2018
6:30am Benny C. Legaspi (+)
8:00am: Paul Bui (L)
\*Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018
6:30am: Angela Guzman (+)
8:00am: Guillard J. Cudiamat Jr. (+)
\*Friday, Jan. 26, 2018
6:30am: Felix Frackiewicz
8:00am: Anthony Tri Pham (+)
\*Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018
7:30am: David Bui (L)
\*Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018
6:00am: Raymond R. Gragas (+)
7:30am: Justina G. Jose (+)
9:15am: Diana Pham (L)
11:00am: Concordia M. Guray (+)
12:45pm: Victorino Domingo (+)
2:30pm: Edgardo Ramirez (+)
4:15pm: Philip Ryan Reclusado(+)
6:00pm: Elvin John Minor (+)
\*Monday, Jan 22, 2018
6:30am: Anallyn Natividad (L)
8:00am: Mary Ann Bui (L)

Legends: (L) Living (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving (+) Deceased

Sick Relatives & Friends Please pray for the sick of the parish

Aida Torion Zanoria, LaVerne Wilkom Levenson, Juanita Cariaga, Anita S., Irene Santos, Wilfreda & Alicia Florita, Ellis Robinson, Jack Hogue, Carmelita & Ernesto Bayog, Laura Medeiros, Michele Nartea, Louigee Capati, Nick Cruz, Baby Vicente Maldonado, Ada Charisze Espanola, Sony Batucal, Thelma Lago, Merlinda Guerro, Aida Dollente, Rey Nacino, Rowena T. Lynden Abalos, Alfonso Mendiola, Anna Dumlaio, Luz P. Dominguez, Ester Jornacion, Raul De Leon, Marilou Bautista, Rafael Ilustre, Jacen Castillo, Angie McKittrick, Nelson Mate

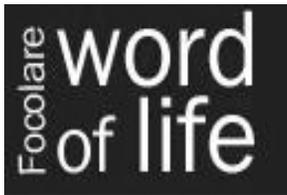
and all those in our community who are in need of prayers.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

All powerful Creator whose loving in hope, look kindly upon,

Arturo Balatero, Mario Torres, Arturo Salas, Luz E. Poli, Gloria Miller, Telesforo Francisco, Raymond Umali, Eliseo Monzon, Robert Palanca, Crisofora Cabanban, Reynaldo De Jesus, Galen Dulany, Suzanne Janet Soucy, Ernesto Abanilla, Corazon Guillermo, Maria Kienholz, Claire Bertha Dors, Pauline Mc Millan, Panny Gagajena

& all who have departed this life confessing your name. Number them among your saints forever.



## JANUARY 2018

**“Your right hand,  
O Lord, glorious in  
power.” ( Ex 15:6)**

The word of life for this month comes from a verse in the Song of Moses, part of the Old Testament in which the Israelites exalt God’s intervention in their history. The song proclaims God’s decisive action for the salvation of this people, on the long journey from their liberation from slavery in Egypt to their arrival in the Promised Land.

Although the Israelites encountered difficulties and sufferings on the way, this all happened under the steadfast guidance of God and through the collaboration of men like Moses and Joshua, who put themselves at the service of God’s plan of salvation.

**“Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power.”**

When we think of power, we can easily associate it with the power of might that is often the cause of oppression and conflict among people and nations. Instead, God’s word reveals to us that true power is love, as was manifested in Jesus. He went through all human experience, until death, to open for us the path to freedom and to our encounter with the Father. Thanks to him, God’s powerful love for humankind was revealed.

**“Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power.”**

If we look at ourselves, we have to admit frankly that we are limited. Human fragility, in all its aspects — physical, moral, psychological and social — is a reality we cannot deny. However, it is actually there, in our limitations, that we can experience God’s love. In fact, he wants happiness for all people, who are his children. He is always ready to help those who put themselves humbly in his hands for the sake of the common good, peace and fraternity.

This text is a wise choice for this month’s celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, considering how much suffering we have inflicted on one another down through the centuries, creating divisions and sowing suspicion, dividing communities and families.

**“Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power.”**

Through prayer, we need to ask the grace of unity, as a gift from God. At the same time, we can build bridges by offering ourselves as instruments of God’s love. During an event held at the World Council of Churches in Geneva in 2002, Chiara Lubich was invited to share her thoughts and experience.

“Dialogue is carried out first by putting ourselves on the same level as our partner, whoever he or she may be,” she said. “Then we listen to our dialogue partner, being completely empty of ourselves ...

This enables us to receive the other person within ourselves and to understand him or her ...

Because they have been listened to with love, they are ready to listen to what we have to say.”

This month, let us take advantage of our day-to-day contacts, to deepen or reestablish relationships of esteem and friendship with individuals, families or groups who belong to other Christian churches.

Moreover, why not extend our prayer and action to the divisions within our own ecclesial community, or to those in politics, in civil society or in families? We too can witness with joy to “your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power.”

*Letizia Magri*

### FOCOLARE MONTHLY MEETING

EVERY LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
7:00PM ST. PHILOMENA PARISH CENTER  
St. Kateri’s Room

**STEWARDSHIP**

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS**

Father , in every generation you provide Ministers of Christ and the Church. We come before you now, asking that you call forth more men to serve our Archdiocese in the ministerial priesthood.

Give us priests who will lead and guide your holy people gathered by Word and Sacrament.

Bless us with priestly vocations so that we can continue to be a truly Eucharistic Church, strengthened in our discipleship of Jesus Christ your Only Son.

Raise up, we pray, men who are generous in their service, willing to offer their lives and all their gifts for your greater glory and for the good of your people.

We make our prayer in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, Our Lord Amen.

**SUNDAY MASS COLLECTIONS  
JANUARY 13-14, 2018**

<u>MASS TIME</u>	<u>COLLECTIONS</u>
SAT 5:00 PM	\$ 965.00
SAT 7:00 PM	2,052.00
SUN 6:00 AM	879.00
SUN 7:30 AM	2,372.00
SUN 9:15 AM	2,364.00
SUN 11:00 AM	2,672.00
SUN 12:45 PM	1,979.00
SUN 2:30 PM	849.00
SUN 4:15 PM	1,376.00
SUN 6:00 PM	<u>1,323.00</u>

**TOTAL \$ 16,831.00**

**TOGETHER IN MISSION UPDATE**



<b>PARISH GOAL</b>	<b>PLEDGE AMOUNT</b>	<b>AMOUNT PAID</b>
<b>\$99,200</b>	<b>\$105,262</b>	<b>\$ 95,647</b>

Thank you for your generosity. Our pledge amount already exceeded our Parish Goal but we still need the pledge amount to be paid. We still need \$3,553 to meet our commitment. If you have not done the payment , please send your payment now.

*Give and gifts will be given to you., a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you Lk 6:38*

**Thought of the Week**

“The test of a preacher is that his congregation goes away saying, not 'What a lovely sermon' but, 'I will do something!'”

- St. Francis de Sales

“ You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.” 2 Cor.9:11

Our sincerest gratitude for your generosity and continues support to St. Philomena Catholic Church



**SAVE THE DATE – February 3, 2018**  
**Filipino Ministry of the Archdiocese of LA**  
**General Assembly**  
**“8th New FIL MIN Kickoff 2018”**

All Fil-Am Parish and Religious Organization Leaders are invited February 3, 2018, Saturday, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm St. Philomena Parish Center, Carson, CA Please make sure your parish and/or organization is represented. More information to follow

## UPCOMING EVENTS

“St. Philomena School would like to invite you to the Pancake or Island Breakfast Fundraiser on **Sunday, January 28, 2018**. Enjoy a hearty Breakfast following the 6:00 A.M., the 7:30 A.M., and the 9:15 A.M. Masses. Breakfast will be served from **7:00 A.M. to 11 A.M.** at the Parish Hall. You have a choice of either Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage or Rice, Eggs & Spam with Coffee/Orange Juice for a \$5.00 donation. You have the option to “Eat In” or take it “To Go”. After a delicious breakfast, please come visit our parish school **Open House on Sunday, January 28, 2018**, from **10 A.M. to 1 P.M.** Our Catholic faith is both our foundation and our moving force that is expressed in our love of neighbor and academic excellence. Please come and support our Parish School...

**The African/African Community of St. Philomena Church** is hosting our Annual Black History Mass “**Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and our Ancestors in Faith**”

This year our theme will be **We shall Love, Honor and Respect all people**. Our Celebrant will be Auxiliary Bishop Alexander Salazar. Our Homilist will be Rev. Kenneth Keke, S. J.

Date : Saturday, January 27, 2018

Time : 7:00pm

Place: St Philomena Catholic Church  
21900 South Main Street  
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310-835-7161

At this mass we will honor the **Diamonds** of our church, those who are “75 years and older. Following the mass , we fellowship with each other in our Parish Center with a delicious Soul Food Dinner.

**All are invited to attend and know the joy of worshipping at St Philomena Catholic Church**

*A Mid-Winter's Night  
Celebration!*



St. Philomena School's  
2nd Annual Alumni  
Gathering

Saturday, February 10, 2018  
6:30 ~ 9:00 PM

Join us for a special reception to re-connect!



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*A delightful evening of re-connecting and  
sharing with friends, faculty, staff,  
& the Carmelite Sisters.*

Saturday, February 10, 2018  
Time: 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Place: St. Philomena Parish Hall  
21832 Main Street  
Carson, CA 90745  
Attire: Casual

RSVP:  
[alumni@stphilomenaschool.org](mailto:alumni@stphilomenaschool.org)  
or call: 310-835-4827 ex.331

## Attention all alumni of St. Philomena School!

If you graduated between 1958 and 2013,  
we are having a gathering and would like you to attend.

**February 10, 2018 ~ 6:30-9:00 PM**

Don't miss out on a very special reunion  
to re-connect with friends, faculty and the Carmelite Sisters!

*For more information please contact our Alumni Coordinator at:*  
[alumni@stphilomenaschool.org](mailto:alumni@stphilomenaschool.org) or call: 310-835-4827 ex. 331

See you soon!! God bless you!