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JESUS SAID TO THEM,

**“COME
AFTER ME,
AND I WILL
MAKE YOU
FISHERS
OF MEN.”**

MATTHEW 4:19



JANUARY 22, 2017 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Times

Mon-Fri: 7:00 am & 8:30 am
Wed: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am,
11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish), 6:00 pm

Sign Language: 1st Sun, 11:00 am
Vietnamese: 4th Sun, 3:30 pm

Confession

Saturday, in the Church
9:00 am & 3:45 pm
6:15 pm in Spanish
1st & 3rd Wed, Convent Chapel, 2:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or by
appointment: 925-447-1585

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access code, call 925-980-4826

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Sunday Readings

COME FOLLOW ME

FIRST READING

The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23—9:3).

Isaiah delivers words of comfort to the first to fall under the Assyrian conqueror to the effect that they'll be the first to appreciate God's deliverance. It's important to our future study of Matthew to realize that even though the people of Israel will eventually go into exile in Babylon and then return to Jerusalem to rebuild it, Israel is in the throes of a steady decline that will leave her a subject state of stronger nations until the time of Jesus and beyond. In Matthew, Jesus is portrayed as the new Moses, who will lead his people out of exile. His primary mission isn't to free his people from the domination of foreign oppressors, but to lead his people, a newly reconstituted Israel, out of the exile they suffer due to sin.

The light that shines when Jesus is celebrated as the "light to the nations" is cast here on the people of Israel, who have been subjected to the rule of the Gentiles. As Jesus is revealed to the Gentiles on Epiphany in the heart of Judah, he's now prophesied in Isaiah as revealed in

the "District of the Gentiles," who've overrun the Jews. In this way, even the subjugation of Israel works for the good of the world, as it is from their midst that the light of Christ will shine.

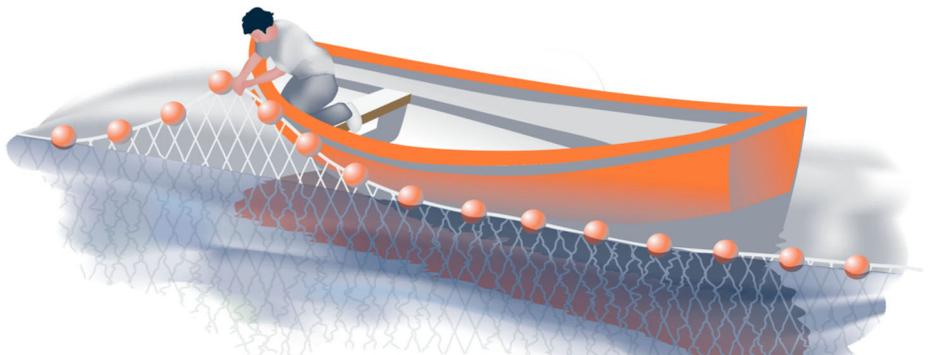
SECOND READING

Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

In Christianity, the message is more important than the messenger (the only exception being Jesus himself—both messenger and the message of the Gospel). Despite having gifts that would have guaranteed Paul a prominent position in Jewish society, he sacrificed everything to embrace the very Jesus whom he'd formerly persecuted.

Although God has graced his Church with people of every conceivable kind of talent and temperament, these gifts are for naught if that diversity isn't united in a common commitment to Christ and his teaching. When all of our diverse gifts are given back to Christ, he directs them through himself in a gift of praise to the Father.

The last phrase in this passage ("that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning" is one



and Meditation

that Pope St. John Paul II has used on several occasions to decry the attempt on the part of some to downplay the seriousness of sin. The one sin that Paul draws into particularly sharp focus for us here is the sin against the unity of the Church. All sin, in some measure, offends against the unity of the Church because it detracts from the witness we're to give of her holiness.



The journey from Galilee to Jerusalem will have its counterpart in the life of the Church when the disciples are told to return to Galilee from Jerusalem after the Resurrection for a meeting with

the risen Lord and as a prelude to their own ministry of proclaiming the Gospel. Matthew's Gospel describes a circuit which is closed at its end but opens onto the future of the Church as well.

GOSPEL

After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

Our reading begins with the account of what happened after the arrest of John the Baptist. With the decline of John, Jesus's rise will begin. Next, we see Jesus calling his first disciples, who come immediately from their work and abandon everything to answer his summons.

Jesus begins in Galilee, called Galilee of the Gentiles in Matthew's version of Isaiah 9:1. That Jesus should begin a "reconquest" of Israel in the same area where Assyria had begun its conquest of the northern kingdom 750 years earlier is significant—particularly since the ten northern tribes had ceased to exist for all practical purposes. This is just the first of many signals in Matthew's Gospel that Jesus has come to reconstitute Israel. His choice of twelve apostles, who he says will judge the twelve tribes of Israel, is the clearest indication of this (Matthew 19:28).

MEDITATION

Imagine that you are working alongside Peter and Andrew. You see a man walking along the shore. He stops and begins talking. What is he saying? What is he talking about? All of a sudden, he says to Peter and Andrew, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." What is your reaction to those words? Now see Peter and Andrew putting down their nets and getting ready to walk off with this man, Jesus. What are you feeling? What do you do? As they walk away, Jesus turns back and looks directly at you. "Come, too," he says. "Come with us. Come with me." What do you say? What do you do?

RESOLUTION

What are some ways that Jesus may be asking you to "come and follow" him more closely? Write down a resolution to help you follow Jesus more in this area in your life this week.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales

Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul

Thursday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Friday: St. Angela Merici

Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Prayer to St Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the divine power of God, cast into hell satan, and all the evil spirits, who roam through out the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayers & Devotion

Dear Jesus,

You called your disciples from the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Today you call us from different shores and different seas. From the shores of our ordinary lives.

From the seas of pain, illness, sorrow. But you do more than merely call. You come to meet us where we are, to extend your love and friendship, to invite us to change our lives.

This week, help us to hear your voice and answer your call, knowing and trusting in your everlasting love and care.

Amen.



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Mon, January 23

All the faithful are strongly encouraged to pray for the end of abortion this Monday.

Use the prayer to the right, or one of your own.

Offer a Rosary for an end to the culture of death, and a restoration to a culture of life.

Spend a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel, offering your prayers.

Offer a sacrifice this Monday, such as abstaining from meat or giving up a favorite food or past time.

Prayer for the Unborn

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 1/21

8:30am Thelma Torio †
5:00pm Michael D'Andrea Diaz †
7:00 pm Melanie Maher †

Sunday 1/22

6:45am Fathers Tom and Lex Byrne
8:00am Leo & Rosaleen McEnnerney †
9:30am Mike Battaion †
11:00am Louis Alvarez †
12:30pm Lilia Escobar †
3:30pm Antony Pham Van Hoi †
6:00 pm Danny Ramos †

Monday 1/23

7:00am Trinidad Matta †
8:30am Rae Winslow † and
Asunta, Greman & Justiliano
Gonsales †

Tuesday 1/24

7:00am Grace Boyle †
8:30am Claudia Santin †

Wednesday 1/25

7:00am Mary Ann O'Reilly †
8:30am Mike Battaion †
7:00pm Gabriel, Sabino and Jose
Ramos † and Hilaria Soto

Thursday 1/26

7:00 am Mary Ann O'Reilly †
8:30 am Walter Perry †

Friday 1/27

7:00am Joao Mota Salvador †
8:30am Marilyn Isom †

Saturday 1/28

8:30am Ursula Edwards †
5:00pm Abraham Mata †
7:00 pm Melanie Maher †

To request a mass intention, please visit the church office.

News

If You Were Not Married in the Church, It's Not Too Late!

Like other couples in our parish, you may be wondering if your marriage is fully recognized by the Catholic Church. Catholic Church law ordinarily requires baptized Roman Catholics to marry before a priest or deacon. Unless they received a "dispensation from canonical form," Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

Regardless of what happened in the past, the Catholic Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives

by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family's mission to sharing God's love.

Catholic Marriage is unique among other marital relationships because it is a sacrament that makes Christ present in our world. The relationship between husband and wife mirrors the relationship of Jesus Christ for his people. In the Catholic tradition, husband and wife accept a role in God's plan for humanity. They are ambassadors of God's love, and they collaborate with God to keep humanity alive.

The Next Step

Call the church office today to make a Convalidation appointment with Fr Van or Fr Rafael at 925-447-1585 x 10.

The required Convalidation preparation classes will be held on March 4-5, June 3-4, October 14-15. Save one of the dates on your calendar!



ForYourMarriage.com



We Want YOU in the Centennial Parish Directory!

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of our church family and to strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new photo directory.

Schedule your FREE portrait appointment between February 8 – February 11 and March 8 – March 12 online at StMichaelLivermore.com or at the tables after Mass.

You will receive a free 8x10 and a copy of the Centennial Parish Directory when it is published.

Schedule your portrait sitting today. Our directory just won't be the same without your picture!

Collection Report

Thank you for your financial offerings. The gifts of our parishioners and guests are the sole means of our parish's income. The basic operating cost of our very large parish is about \$22,000 per week. We could not celebrate the sacraments, grow disciples and bring Christ to people without your generosity!

1/8/17 Collection: \$16,473.89

1/15/17 Collection: \$25,759.64

Average Collection: \$24,720.01

Maintenance to date: \$4,137

To set up regular electronic donations, or make a one-time donation, visit FaithDirect.net and enter church code CA602.

You can also request donation envelopes in the church office.

A Great New Year's Resolution: Pre-Plan Your Cemetery Needs and Funeral

Planning your funeral may not seem like the highest item on your to-do list. But think about the great comfort it could be to your loved ones during their time of grief to know that everything is all taken care of in advance.

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services is offering St. Michael parishioners a 10% discount on cemetery property and a \$100 discount on funeral and cremation services now thru the end of January. Prices increase in February, so now is the time to give your family the tremendous gift of solace. Zero interest payment plans are also available. Call Frank Draschner at 925-455-9696 to make an appointment today.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 29 – February 4, 2017

Come Celebrate St. Michael School

Sunday, January 29th at 11:00 am Mass

We invite you to visit us, following 11:00am Mass, as we showcase our school at our Open House until 2:00pm. Faculty, staff, and students will be present to answer any questions that you might have. You will experience what makes St. Michael School so special!

Catholic Schools Week Schedule:

SUNDAY (January 29)

Catholic Schools Week Mass at 11:00 am at St. Michael Church. Open House following Mass from 12:00-2:00 pm

MONDAY (January 30)

Our 100th day of school! Free dress for all students who wore their uniform to Sunday's 11:00 mass and open house. Student Leadership will provide hot chocolate for all students during recess as part of student appreciation.

TUESDAY (January 31)

School Tour - Doors open to the public for a school tour, 8:00-10:00

Celebrate our 100th day at school with our St. Vincent de Paul can collection class competition - Student Leadership will count and collect food cans brought in by each class at our 8:00 Flag Salute

WEDNESDAY (February 1)

Our 8th graders will team up with teachers to design a lesson that the students will teach.

THURSDAY (February 2)

Jersey Day - students may wear their favorite sports jersey (professional, local, city league teams, etc.)

Game Show Competition - Friendly game-style competition among grade groups following our morning Flag Salute.

FRIDAY (February 3)

Special Person's Day - Special guests will join their student host at Flag Salute at 10:00. Classroom activities for students and their special guests will be from 10:15-11:15, followed by Prayer Service at 11:15. Dismissal is at 12:15.

ALL WEEK (January 29-February 3)

St. Michael School will host our Annual Scholastic Book Fair starting Sunday, January 29, at our Open House in the St. Michael School Library from 12:00-2:00. The Scholastic Book Fair will continue throughout the school week (January 30-February 3) during morning recesses, lunchtime and after school for an hour. Readers of all ages (preschool children to adults) will find books of interest the Book Fair.

Reserve Tickets for Our 58th Annual Wine Tasting Gala & Auction!

Saturday, February 25th



Reserve your seat at St Michael School's biggest fundraising gala at Robert Livermore Community Center on Feb 25. This year's theme will be "A Night at the Oscars".

- Enjoy food pairings with award winning wines and beers poured by representatives from local wineries and craft breweries
- Dessert Bar
- Wine Pull and Heads or Tails Game with Cash Prize
- Oscar Nominee Pool with Cash Prize \$\$\$
- Silent & Live Auction

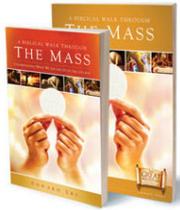
Ticket Prices: \$60 per person/\$75 for VIP (VIP Ticket includes champagne reception from 5:30-6:00 pm)

Purchase tickets online at www.smsliv.org under the "Parent Links" tab under "Auction and Wine Tasting" or via a registration form at the St. Michael School office or St. Michael Parish Rectory.

For more information, contact Vanessa Gallo at 925-963-7958 or vanessa@gallocommunications.com.

Events

Independent Online Bible Study Register Today!



If you did not register for a Small Group Bible Study because you cannot commit to showing up in person to meetings, you can still study online at your own pace. See the registration links at StMichaelLivermore.com/BibleStudy Order your books, complete the assignments and watch the lecture videos on your own.

Golden Friends Trip: Thunder Valley Casino Wed, Jan 25

Join us for a trip to Thunder Valley Casino! Price is \$27 per person, which includes \$15 in slot play and \$5 food coupon. Bus leaves promptly at 8:15 am from St Michael's and returns approximately 5 pm. Contact Wilma at 925 447-8198 or wilma.matuska@gmail.com. Make checks payable to St. Michael Church.

WINGS Presents Kindled by the Holy Spirit Thus, Jan 26 at 9:30 am St Charles

Women of all ages are invited to join us in welcoming our guest speaker, Fr. Tom Bonacci, for his presentation on exploring the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John. He is the founder and director of the Interfaith Peace

Project of Contra Costa County, which helps promote better inter-faith relations through small group discussion, study, prayer, ritual and practice. Contact: Phyllis Clearwater at 925-337-4299.

Blessing for Small Group Bible Study Jan 28 & 29 at All Masses

If you joined a Small Group Bible Study, or if you are in an ongoing group, please stand when instructed to receive a special blessing at Mass on Sat, Jan 28 at the 5 pm Mass or at any Sunday Mass on Jan 29.

New Parishioner Potluck Sat Jan 28 at 6:00 pm Convent

New parishioners and current parishioners are all are invited to attend. It's a great place to meet new friends! Contact Marie DeVasconcelos at 510-301-8928.

Portuguese Crab Feed Jan 28, 5-8pm at Robert Livermore

IDES Livermore & Pleasanton invites you to join us for all-you-can eat hot cioppino crab and cold cracked crab, garlic bread, salad, wine and dessert.

Contact 925-455-8359 or email ideslp@outlook.com for tickets or more information.



Birthright "For the Love of Family" Benefit Dinner and Auction Feb 11, 5:30 pm at St Raymond

Hosted by Birthright of Livermore & Knights of Columbus, Fr. John C. Murphy, Council #7987, come learn about God's plan for our families & enjoy live music, fine food & fellowship. Reserve tickets by calling 925-449-5887.

Knights of Columbus 44th Annual Crab Feed Feb 11, 4:30-11 pm at Robert Livermore

Enjoy crab and pasta dinner in town, along with a no host bar - wine, beer and cocktails, live entertainment and dancing, door prizes and raffles, live and silent auctions.

Contact Dennis Lundbom at 775-772-6369

St Michael's El Salvador Mission Dinner Dance Feb 18. 6-11 pm at St Francis of Assisi

Join us at a fundraising dinner dance at St Francis of Assisi in Concord to help the families who are a part of our El Salvador Mission.

Contact Edwin Henriquez 650-279-5175.



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8 de Febrero al 11 de Febrero
8 de Marzo al 12 de Marzo

Para su conveniencia, toda revisión de fotografías y retratos se llevará a

cabo en nuestra iglesia SIN tarifas por sesión. A ustedes le serán tomadas varias poses. Se seleccionará una pose para el directorio. En adición a los retratos de 8x10 gratuitos, ustedes tendrán la oportunidad de comprar retratos adicionales el día de la sesión fotográfica. Las listas con los precios para retratos de Lifetouch se encuentran disponibles en la oficina de la iglesia para aquellas personas que deseen dicha información antes de la sesión fotográfica.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los retablos de metal son famosos en muchas partes de Latinoamérica. Estos pequeños retablos o laminas contienen imágenes de Cristo, la Santísima Trinidad, María, los ángeles u otro santo/a pintados sobre lámina, madera u otro material para decorar los altares familiares de los hogares hispanos. Aunque los retablos no siempre siguen las normas del arte cristiano, los retablos latinoamericanos son bellos ejemplos de la mezcla de culturas amerindias, europeas y africanas. Pero no todos los retablos son pequeños. En muchas iglesias coloniales de Latinoamérica se encuentran retablos gigantescos hechos de mármol o madera,

cubiertos de oro y joyas que recuerdan los grandes retablos europeos, pero con el color y folclor latinoamericano.

Originalmente, los retablos europeos eran pequeños y móviles, de tal manera que se podían colocar sobre un altar para la celebración de la Misa. Cuando la Iglesia fue construyendo sus propios templos, los retablos empezaron a formar parte de la decoración de los santuarios y tomaron dimensiones impresionantes. Los retablos pequeños pasaron a los hogares de los fieles, quienes quieren tener a Cristo y sus santos como parte de su diario vivir.



Misión de El Salvador de San Miguel Celebración del décimo año y cena-baile

18 de febrero

Estamos en el décimo año de la Misión de San Miguel en El Salvador y hemos terminado 28 casas, gracias a sus generosas contribuciones. Después de su visita a El Salvador el 3 de enero, el padre Ismael Gutiérrez informa que hay 14 nuevas familias en la propiedad, y que necesitan nuestra ayuda.

Acompáñanos en una cena de recaudación de fondos el 18 de febrero de 6:00-11:00 en San Francisco de Asís en Concord para ayudar a estas familias. Las entradas son \$ 20 por persona. Para comprar boletos, o simplemente para ofrecer una donación, comuníquese con Edwin Henriquez 650-279-5175.



La Parroquia de San Miguel

En la Parroquia de San Miguel nosotros como misión celebramos los sacramentos, formamos discípulos, y llevamos a Cristo a la comunidad.

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UN NUEVO AMANECER

La oscuridad es una experiencia humana muy común. ¿Te ha tocado estar en un lugar bastante oscuro recientemente? Cuando está muy oscuro, no solamente no ves donde dar el siguiente paso sino que además no puedes ver absolutamente nada de lo que está pasando a tu alrededor, ya sea bueno o malo. Este es el tipo de oscuridad del que habla el profeta Isaías en nuestra lectura. En esta oscuridad, el pueblo de Israel, y toda la humanidad no pueden ver como obra Dios por ellos. Así que cuando Jesús llega a la escena en nuestro pasaje del Evangelio, es como esos primeros rayos del sol del nuevo amanecer, dando claridad y esperanza. En Jesús podemos comenzar a ver como Dios obra por todas las personas, y de hecho ya había empezado a obrar antes de que oscureciera. Podemos empezar a ver donde tomar nuestros siguientes pasos, y aprender cómo compartir esta luz con los demás.



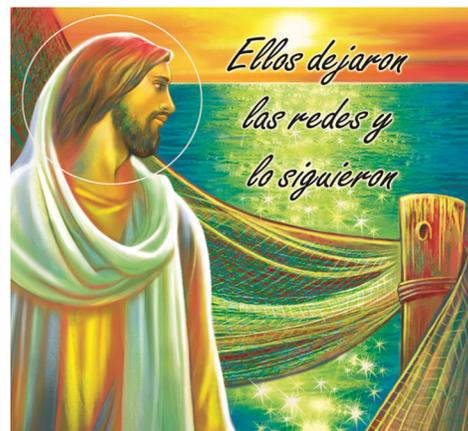
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DE LO ORDINARIO

Cuando Mateo menciona acerca de la llamada de los primeros discípulos de Jesús, es sorprendente lo ordinario que estos hombres eran. Jesús no llamó a "los mejores o más brillantes" como su equipo principal. Los cuatro discípulos mencionados aquí tienen poco o casi no tienen grados académicos, no son de familias de alta sociedad, ni influencias en la vida política o religiosa. Ellos tienen trabajos comunes, ordinarios en la vida común. Pero esto es frecuente de cómo Dios obra, a lo largo de la historia de Dios y el Pueblo Elegido en la Biblia. Recuerda el llamado de personas comunes como Abraham, Moisés, David, María y muchas otras. Hoy se nos recuerda que Dios nos ama y nos llama como somos, donde estamos, en el presente. Dios no nos pide ser alguien más aceptable antes de tiempo para poder estar más cerca de Dios. Estamos llamados por Dios a ser discípulos y compañeros, y Dios nos enseñará el camino. Dondequiera que nuestras vidas se encuentren, Dios nos llama de nuestra cotidianidad para unir nuestros corazones con el Corazón divino y para unir a Dios en el trabajo que debe hacerse.

Para obtener información en español sobre eventos y noticias de nuestra parroquia.

Si están interesados en agregar o presentar un artículo en el boletín en español, por favor contactar a Brenda Zavala 510-691-2864



LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- El Señor glorificó el distrito de los gentiles (Isaías 8:23 -- 9:3).

Salmo -- El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación (Salmo 27).

Segunda lectura -- Les ruego que se pongan de acuerdo, que no haya divisiones entre ustedes (1 Corintios 1:10-13, 17).

Evangelio -- Cambien su vida y su corazón porque está cerca el reino de los Cielos (Mateo 4:12-23 [12-17]).