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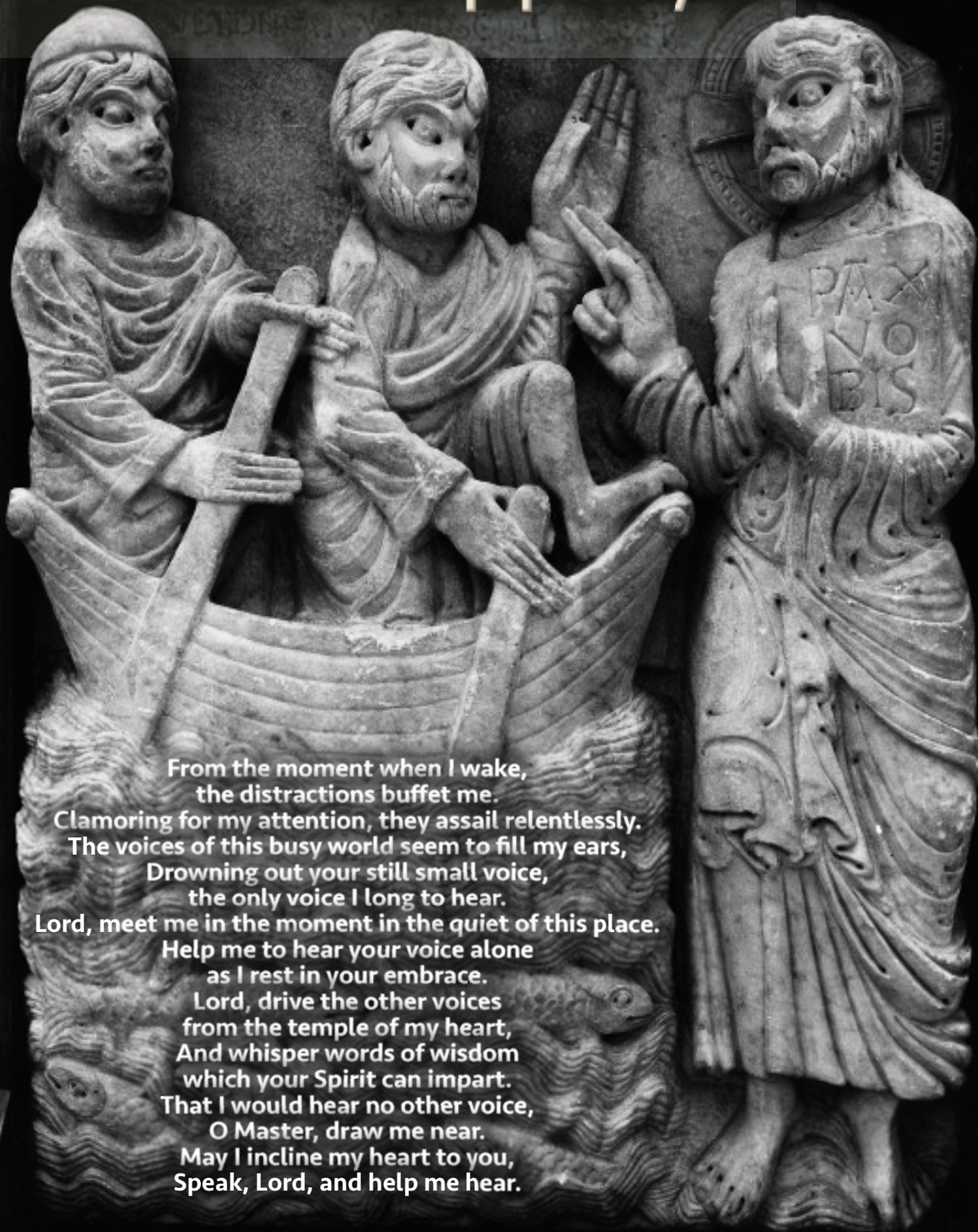
January 21, 2024

"I will make you
fishers of men"

Third
Sunday of
Ordinary Time



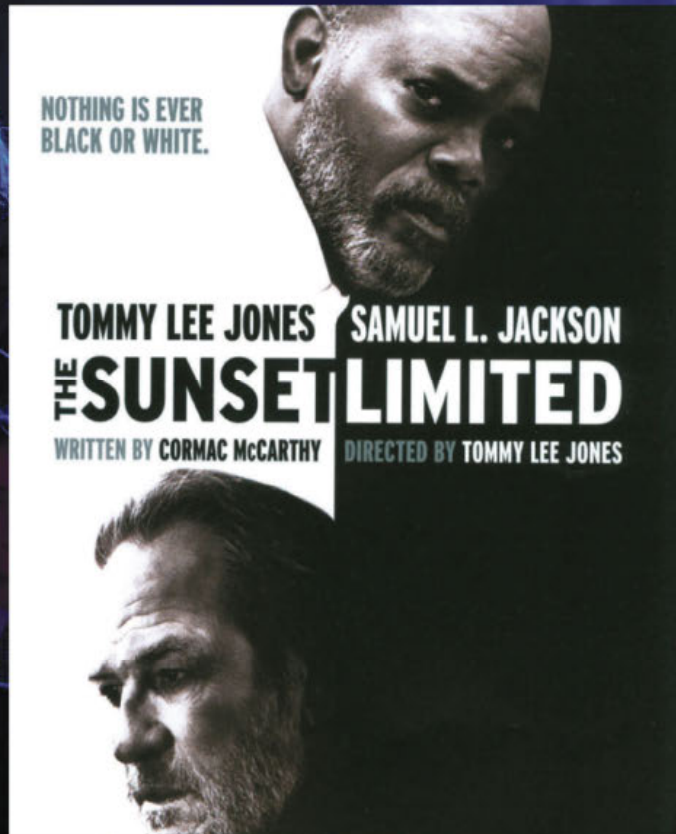
WELCOME to Epiphany



From the moment when I wake,
the distractions buffet me.
Clamoring for my attention, they assail relentlessly.
The voices of this busy world seem to fill my ears,
Drowning out your still small voice,
the only voice I long to hear.
Lord, meet me in the moment in the quiet of this place.
Help me to hear your voice alone
as I rest in your embrace.
Lord, drive the other voices
from the temple of my heart,
And whisper words of wisdom
which your Spirit can impart.
That I would hear no other voice,
O Master, draw me near.
May I incline my heart to you,
Speak, Lord, and help me hear.

Meeting God in the Dark

The Spiritual Possibilities of Movies



Monday January 22 7pm

Screening and Discussion

Parish Hall

ALL ARE INVITED!

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Invest time each week to expand your vocabulary and deepen your faith.

21 January 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK

Metanoia *me-tə-'noi-ə*

Greek word in the New Testament translated as "change of mind" or "change of heart." It corresponds with the Old Testament word for repentance and the Latin *conversio*, turning or returning, from which derives the idea of *conversion*. *Turning* is key, assuming we have lost our way or gone off course.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-metanoia>

CONTEXT

Community takes transformation. Being people of communion requires **metanoia** that results from encounter and dialogue.

—Sister Nicole Trahan, F.M.I.

Far from being a demand to feel lousy about our screw-ups, **metanoia** invites us to radically transform the way we perceive others, ourselves, and the world.

—David Anderson

Metanoia invites us to meet all situations, however unfair, with understanding and an empathetic heart.

—Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I.

WHY IT MATTERS

The willingness to change is a crucial ingredient in a life of integrity. On the journey through the years, we will all be confused or misdirected and swerve off the path of truth. **Metanoia** is the much-needed spiritual course correction. Consider **metanoia** the vital summons to recalculate where we're headed and what needs to change for us to get there.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Jesus' call to conversion and repentance, does not aim first at outward works, but at the *conversion of the heart, interior conversion*.

[H]owever, interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures, and works of penance (1430).

RELATED WORDS

Conversion | Penance | Contrition | Transformation

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does it mean to repent?

Repentance doesn't necessarily require falling on our knees and beating our breasts, though

sometimes that may be the appropriate response—as it was for skeptical Thomas, when the resurrected Lord whom he'd doubted stood before him. Basically, to repent means to change course. That can mean movement if we've been standing still, or stopping if we've been in frantic motion. It can mean changing our minds or our hearts, our direction or our behavior.

The word has several important root meanings. The earliest is the Hebrew word *t'shuvah*: return. It's a crucial concept to prophets like Amos, Hosea, and Jeremiah. Their fellow citizens have wandered far from God's ways, and it's time for them to return home. *Metanoia* is the New Testament Greek term that carries a similar meaning. John the Baptist first issues the call to change direction, signaled by Baptism. Jesus uses this term when he invites his listeners to change their dispositions—to turn their hearts and lives around—in response to his teaching. Repentance carries the additional meaning of expressing regret for past actions and attitudes—along with the expectation that real change is forthcoming. In addition, the word *conversion* means turning around, implying a reorientation of intentions and actions. In the sacrament of Reconciliation, we include the stipulation of "making reparation" for what we've done or failed to do that has caused harm.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <https://tinyurl.com/QCA-repent>

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE (JANUARY 25)

Take the next turn toward truth

The amazing thing about Saint Paul's conversion was that he went from persecutor of Christians to a devout Christian himself. The change in him was so incredible not everyone believed it at first. His turnaround was a complete about-face toward Jesus.

READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/012518.cfm>). "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

FAITH IN ACTION

With God's help, you can bring about conversion in your own life. Start with a simple act of forgiveness.

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EVENTS

JAN 21 - JAN 28



Hunger Sunday
11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture
7:30pm Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous Novena
7:00pm Meeting God
in the Dark



11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Connect



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
2:00pm Pocket Prayer Shawl
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word
7:00pm Bereavement



12:10pm Mass
7:00pm YA Alpha



12:10pm Mass
6:00pm Curia of Legion of Mary



4:00pm Vigil Mass



11:00am Family Mass
& Sunday Scripture
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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MARCH FOR LIFE 2024

Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

Join us on a pilgrimage of PRAYER, PENANCE, & FELLOWSHIP as we gather as a movement for LIFE in our nation's capital.

For a listing of bus trips in the Archdiocese, see bit.ly/archnymarchforlife

Are you retired and in possession of an IRA?

You can satisfy the dreaded RMD and avoid its related income tax by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (hopefully to Epiphany!). Bottom line: you paid no tax on the income that went into the IRA, and you pay no tax on that income and its earnings coming out of the IRA, at the same time satisfying the RMD requirement. Consult your tax advisor about this extraordinary tax advantage, known by its acronym QCD. Why not save yourself a lot of money?

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm
Saturday Vigil: 4pm
Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 20
4:00pm Zosima & Epifania Abinion

Sunday, January 21
11:00am Ann Ahern
7:30pm Jack Candon

Monday, January 22 *Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*
12:10pm Cesar Marquez

Tuesday, January 23
12:10pm Frank & Annie Grealis

Wednesday, January 24 *Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales*
12:10pm Kendall Minter

Thursday, January 25 *Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul*
12:10pm Francis Xavier Maloney

Friday, January 26 *Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus*
12:10pm Maria Skiba

Saturday, January 27
4:00pm Roseanne Wentko

Sunday, January 28
11:00am Mary & David Power & the Brown family
7:30pm Ann Ahern

Monday, January 29
12:10pm Francisca Lacza

Tuesday, January 30
12:10pm intentions of Zenaida C. Pancho

Sanctuary Lamp
Jan 21 - Jan 27
John Caradonna

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