

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 22, 2023

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) begins, inviting us to focus on unity in our faith-lives, the basic unity which draws us together as Christians. The theme is 'Do Good; Seek Justice (Isaiah 1,17)', a call to work and pray actively for unity. As Pope Francis tirelessly reminds us that the Joy of the Gospel is a visible and contagious energy drawing us forward as the People of God; this energy permeates our lives affecting our relationships with all people. Moving forward, we build this unity patiently and assuredly.

Saint Paul in our 2nd reading today, challenges the community of Corinth to cease their divisions, rebuking them for their hardness of heart:

'I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.' (1 Corinthians 10-13)

In the Gospel passage, Jesus mourns the imprisonment of John the Baptist and calls people to be part of His mission. These first disciples respond to His call and begin the journey of formation to be instruments of peace and evangelisation.

From the day of our Baptism, this call is ours. We are invited to follow Jesus everywhere we go to be visible and concrete expressions of God's love for all people. May the light of God's love be reflected in our lives, to the glory of God.

Blessings of peace!

Fr. Don

Confirmation celebration will be Tuesday, April 18th at 7pm. We pray for our three candidates.