



Parish of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Palmotićeva 31, Zagreb

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Sunday, January 25, 2026.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel: John 1:29–34.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fisher of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people

Commentary by the Pastor:

Today is the Sunday of the Word of God. This is a Sunday we should especially dedicate to celebrating, reflecting on, and spreading God's Word, as established by Pope Francis in his letter on September 30, 2019. In that document, the Pope calls for this Sunday to be celebrated as a solemn day so that through concrete liturgical actions the gathered assembly of believers may clearly see the value of God's Word.

We do this today when we read God's Word. We have read from the Old Testament - from the prophet Isaiah and Psalm 27 - from the New Testament - from the First Letter to the Corinthians - and from the Gospel of Matthew. We are called to celebrate God's Word, and this is not only when at the beginning of the Gospel we say, "Glory to you, Lord", or at the end, "Glory to you, Christ", but we celebrate God's Word when we absorb its meaning and message. This also happens through reflection. Reflecting on the Gospel, we can say that Jesus' settling in Capernaum fulfills prophecy and confirms the truth of what God tells us through Scripture. Then, the Word of God made flesh, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, confirms this through his messianic ministry and actions. This realization happens in two ways. The first is Jesus' preaching and teaching of individuals and crowds. The second is the effectiveness of the Word through the calling of the apostles and the active healing and helping of all in need.

Notice that in calling the first four apostles, Jesus enters their daily lives, their work, and relationships. Jesus did not call his disciples from some special school but from real life. He actually "pulls" them out of their work, and their nets remain unrepaired. In this or a similar way, Jesus wants to enter your life too! He certainly wants to speak to you, draw you to himself, help you, free you, heal you, and wants his Word to enter you and dwell within you. Therefore, rejoice in this, celebrate God's initiative, and do not ignore God's voice. Let the living Word of God burn within you!

Holy Masses

MONDAY – FRIDAY (26.1. - 31.1.)

7:00 BALATINAC
8:00 NAGY
9:00 VLAH
12:00 KNEŽEVIĆ
19:00 ŠESTAK

Confession

MONDAY – FRIDAY (26.1. - 31.1.)

06:30-09:30
11:00-12:30
18:30- 20:00

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
Monday, 26 January.	Memorial: St. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Wednesday, 28 January	Memorial: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday, 31 January	Memorial: St. John Bosco, Priest
Sunday, 1 February	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – Day of Life

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: Today is the Sunday of the Word of God, in which we are called to celebrate, reflect on, and spread God's Word. Let us strive to meditate on what we have heard today, apply it in our lives, and at least read a passage from the Bible - if it's on the shelf, at least dust it off today.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Today also concludes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which usually ends on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, but this feast is omitted liturgically due to Sunday.

IGNACIAN CENTER: Today, during the Holy Masses, our "Ignatian Center" will be presented. It offers authentic growth in faith based on Ignatian spirituality adapted to modern people. They will speak about it and offer their publications and materials at the stand.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION: Next Saturday at 10:00 AM, the episcopal ordination of Mons. Marko Kovač and Mons. Vlado Razum, auxiliary bishops of Zagreb, will take place in our cathedral. We invite the faithful to participate. By the archbishop's directive, we have already prayed a special prayer of the faithful prepared for this occasion, and we continue to commend the bishops in our prayers.

80 YEARS SINCE THE MURDER OF DR. IVAN PROTULIPAC: On this occasion, a requiem Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 6:00 PM in the Church of St. Martin, Vlaška 36. He was killed by the Yugoslav OZNA and was a prominent Catholic intellectual, as well as a friend and collaborator of Blessed Ivan Merz.

DAY OF LIFE: Next Sunday we begin the month of February, and since it is the first Sunday, the "Day of Life" will be celebrated. We will especially mark and celebrate it by promoting a culture of life, that is, respecting human life from conception to natural death.

ROSARY AT KAMENITA VRATA: Mondays at 8:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9:30–10:30 a.m. and 5:00–6:00 p.m.

When Threads Find the Right Hands

Each of us weaves our own nets - nets called life. They consist of many different threads: our habits, securities, plans, fears, worries, doubts. They are made up of people and memories, and everything that affects us. We have carefully woven them and don't want to give them up easily. Then Someone comes and says, "Let go of everything!" To leave behind all that effort, all our investments - what sense does that make? If God called us now, how many of us could act like the apostles and leave everything behind?

We humans are stubborn beings and need a pretty good reason for everything; we rarely venture into something new and unknown, especially without knowing what benefit it brings. But I believe God would not ask of us what He knows we are not ready for. God knows us. And God loves us. He wants the best for us and knows what is best for us at each moment.

Our nets hold us to what we know, but Jesus wants to lead us toward what we need to become. He does not want to tear our nets apart but to take them into His hands. And He does this patiently and slowly, thread by thread, as much as we can and are willing to give. It is up to us to surrender and trust that our threads mean nothing without the hands that guide them rightly and weave from them a net that makes people fishers.