

Sunday, January 26, 2020  
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

**First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4**

There will be no gloom for those who lived in sadness. In the old days there were many problems, but in the new time God will make Galilee more wonderful than ever. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—have had light shine on them. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest. You have set them free from all their pain.

**Second Reading: 1 Colossians 1:10-23**

Now I ask to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. I received a report that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. Some of you say, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with wisdom, but as a fool so that none of you would look at me as special but would look at the wonder of Jesus Christ.

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

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 fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for 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 Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.