

January 22, 2012

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday

Do you live what you believe?

I've been pondering this question lately as I've dealt with the sudden sickness of a beloved family member. So many questions, fears, and doubts swirl in my mind—but that one stands out.

Our readings today tell the stories of our ancestors in faith who lived clearly what they believed. Jonah, believing God's call to him, set out on the difficult task of converting the town of Ninevah. The people of Ninevah "believed God" through Jonah's words and changed their behavior. They lived into repentance and salvation.

The Gospel describes the first disciples who believed Jesus' declaration that the kingdom of God was at hand. They lived their belief by letting go of their former lives and following him. It was a dramatic change, but their strong belief in Jesus compelled them to live differently.

How are *we* doing at living what we believe? If we believe all life is a gift from God, do we live each day in gratitude rather than in petty complaining? If we believe Jesus' way of life is our model, do we live in service to others rather than focusing on our own needs and desires? If we believe God is with us always, do we live with trust that when sadness and tragedy befall us, God surrounds us with ongoing comfort and hope?

It's a question that requires a close and sometimes difficult look at our lives. We believe God, and we believe *in* God. How do our lives reflect this?

Do you live what you believe?

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Today's Readings • Jon 3:1-5, 10 • 1 Cor 7:29-31 • Mk 1:14-20

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday - 7:30 pm

Sunday - 10:00am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday 12:10pm

Wed. & Fri. - see bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:30 - 7:00 pm Saturday or

by appointment.