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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.*

*- Lk 4:18*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It



can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled

that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring  
glad tidings to the poor... and to proclaim  
a year acceptable to the Lord."*

*- Lk 4:18a, 19*

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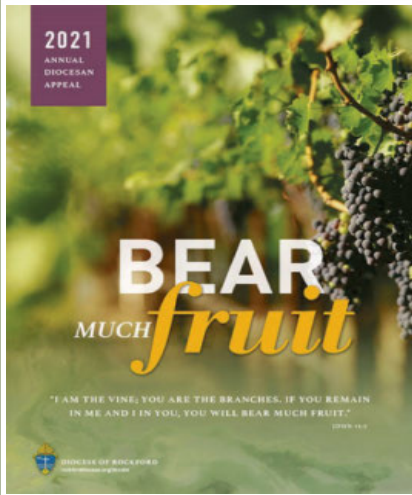
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# 2021 | DIOCESAN APPEAL

## DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD



Thank you! We have surpassed our goal at both Oregon and Polo Parishes. To all that continue to contribute faithfully and generously, it is sincerely appreciated.

### LITURGICAL ROLES

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jan 29, 4:30 PM (Oregon)	Jan 30, 8:30 AM (Oregon)	Jan 30, 10:15 AM (Polo)
Lector	Linda Abramowicz	Mary Ley	Jason Beyers
Eucharistic Minister	Dave Starke	Alice Starkey	M. Thomaschefskey
Altar Server	Nick Ciesiel	Sophia Ebert	
Ushers	Matt Freed Larry Holland Tom McPhillips Volunteer	David Head Patty Head Ryan Fletcher Volunteer	Larry Plachno Joel Gorzny
Altar Linens		Donna Bauer	Nancy Adams

### OREGON PARISH GIVING SUMMARY

On January 8-9, 2022 we received 63 envelopes out of 251 sets

Envelopes ..... \$2,260.00  
 Offertory ..... \$18.00  
 Online ..... \$1,425.00  
 Subtotal ..... \$3,703.00  
 Holy Day ..... \$110.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$78.00  
 Utilities ..... \$13.00  
**Weekly Grand Total ..... \$3,904.00**  
**Mission Appeal ..... \$720.00**

### POLO PARISH GIVING SUMMARY

On January 9, 2022 we received 10 envelopes out of 101 sets

Envelopes ..... \$1,455.00  
 Offertory ..... \$20.00  
 Subtotal ..... \$1,475.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$150.00  
**Weekly Grand Total ..... \$1,625.00**  
**Mission Appeal ..... \$75.00**

*Sincere thanks to all those who contribute faithfully and generously.*  
 ~ Fr. Naill & the Finance Committee

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Rev. Joseph P. Naill

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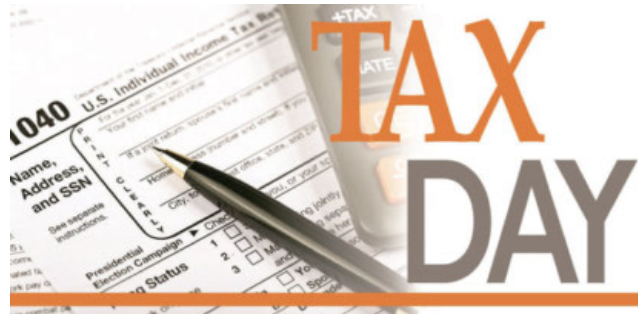
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## 2021 CONTRIBUTION LETTERS AVAILABLE

The 2021 Contribution Letters for taxes are now available.

If you would like a letter, please contact the office by email at: [stmary-polo@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:stmary-polo@rockforddiocese.org) or [stmary-oregon@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:stmary-oregon@rockforddiocese.org) or by calling your Parish Office.

**Please specify if you would like the letter sent by mail or by email.**

Contributions made to any Diocesan appeals will be noted in a separate contribution letter sent directly from the Diocese of Rockford.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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01-26-22: Class

02-02-22 Class

02-9-22 Class

02-16-22 Class

02-23-22 Class

All class times are on *Wednesday evenings* 6:30pm– 7:45pm at the Parish Center.

Please contact the Parish Office for more info.

Ask for Marie, CRE 815-946-2535 or 815-732-7383  
[mariemonaco@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:mariemonaco@rockforddiocese.org)



**Shout joyfully to the Lord, all you lands!**

**—Psalm 100:1**

Inviting all singers! We are excited to announce that choir practices will be starting next month at the Oregon church! Practices will be held on the first Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM The first practice will be held February 3, 2022. Please consider using your time and talents to make music for our Lord.

**All voices are welcome!**

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## COMBINED PARISH CALENDARS WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Oregon	Polo	Both
<b>Saturday January 22</b>		
4:30 PM Mass: +David Sheets		
<b>Sunday January 23</b>		
8:30 AM Mass: +Reggie & Bernice Abramowicz		
10:15 AM POLO - Mass: +Francis & Lucile Vock		
<b>Monday January 24</b>		
8:30 AM Communion Service		
<b>Tuesday January 25</b>		
8:00 AM POLO - Rosary before Mass		
8:30 AM POLO - Mass: Monaco Birthday Blessings		
<b>Wednesday January 26</b>		
8:30 AM Mass: +Barbara Murray		
6:30 PM CCD Classes		
<b>Thursday January 27</b>		
8:30 AM Parish Office Closed - Oregon		
<b>Friday January 28</b>		
8:30 AM Communion Service		
<b>Saturday January 29</b>		
4:30 PM Mass: +Lois Miller		
<b>Sunday January 30</b>		
8:30 AM Mass: +James McPhillips		
10:15 AM POLO - Mass: +John & Tom Kenney		

## *Join us for Mass*

Saturday:	4:30pm, Oregon
Sunday:	8:30am, Oregon 10:15am, Polo
Mon, Wed, Fri:	8:30am, Oregon
Tue:	8:30am, Polo
Confessions in Oregon:	3:30-4pm, Saturdays
Adoration:	Not available at this time



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Submit a Mass Intention

There is no more powerful prayerful petition than having a Mass said for an intention.

- \*Find strength through prayer. \*Birthday Blessings
- \*Thanksgiving \*Anniversary
- \* A Mass in Loving Memory

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to submit your mass intention.

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- St. Mary, Oregon Prayer Chain .....815-732-7383
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### Second Hand Rose Schedule

*February 2022*

22 Tuesday	11-2 2-5	K. Bickford/Volunteer K. Tyne/ N. Adams
23 Wednesday	11-2 2-5	L. Kenney/R. Jacks M. Williams/K. Bickford
24 Thursday	1-5	K. Clothier/K. Scholl
25 Friday	1-5	N. Miller/B. Green
26 Saturday	9-12	Wilkinsons



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