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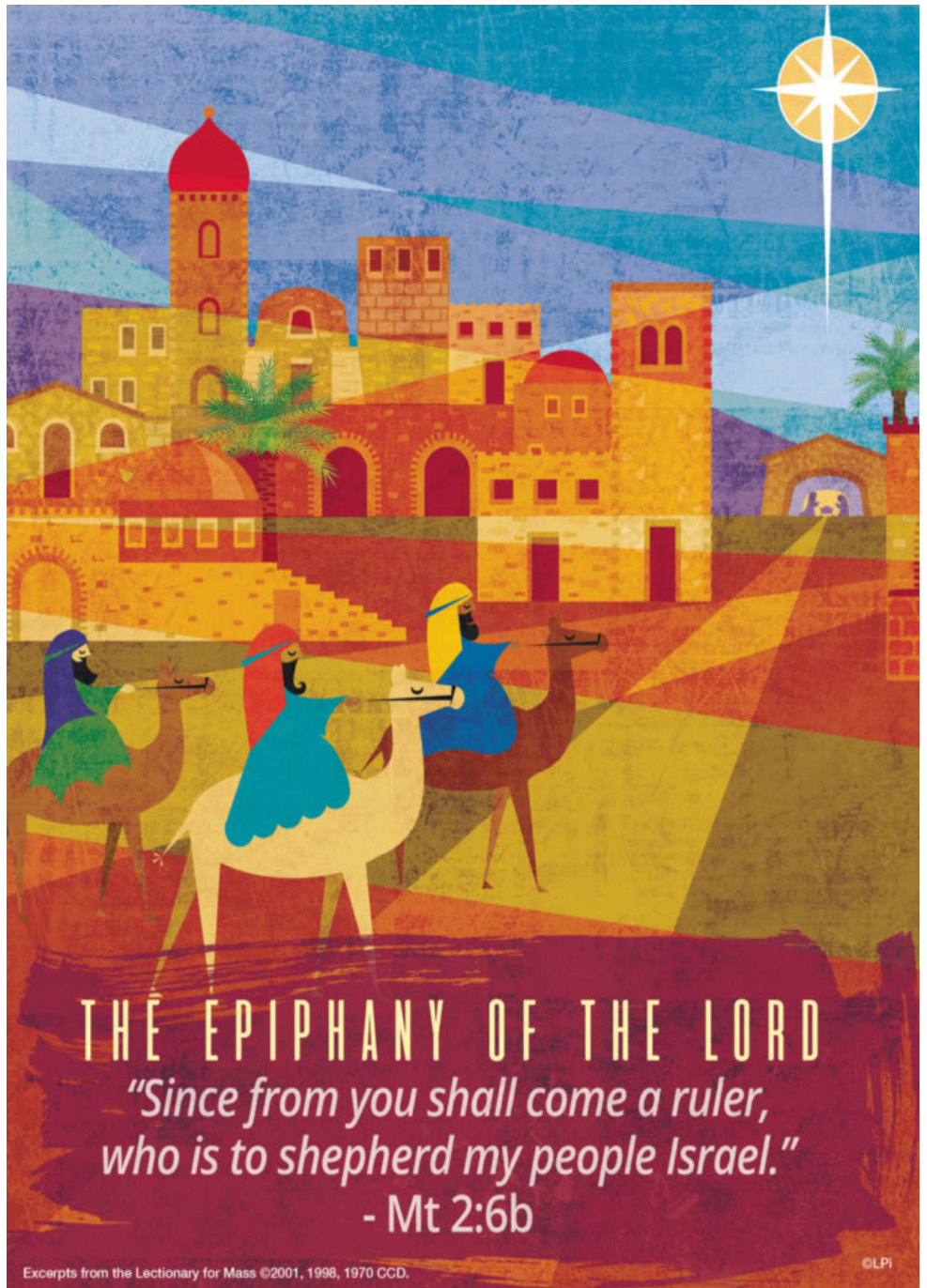
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Sacrament Students - Save the Dates

- **Saturday, January 22nd, 8:00am—11:00am:** Sacrament Day for all First Communion and Confirmation students.
- **Sunday, January 30th, 6:30pm - 7:30pm:** Confirmation Talk
- **Monday, February 21st, 6:30pm:** Confirmation Practice
- **Saturday, February 26th, 2:00pm:** Confirmation
- **Sunday, May 1st:** First Communion



Adoration Chapel

The following hours are in need of a scheduled adoror:
Sunday - 11:00am; Monday - 12:00am; Saturday - 12:00am, 7:00pm. For more info call Christy at 812-239-9164.



The Chosen Series

All are welcome to come view and discuss *The Chosen* Series here at St. Louis. We meet every Thursday in the parish office at **7:00pm**.

Mary's Mantle Consecration

The Mary's Mantle Consecration videos are being shown in the parish office after the 8:10am Mass on Monday mornings. All are welcome.

If you are doing the consecration on your own, and have not registered at the parish office, please call us so we can send you the details for the consecration.

Friday Morning Bible Study

All are welcome to come to the Friday Morning Bible Study. We will begin, "James—Pearls for Wise Living," on **January 7th at 9:00am** in the parish office.

In Need of Prayers?

In the vestibule of church is a Prayer Request Notebook where anyone, at any time, can write prayer concerns. The Members of the Prayer and Praise Ministry commit to praying daily for these intentions. For more urgent prayer needs (illness, surgery, etc.) there is a Prayer Chain that will get dozens of people praying immediately. To begin the Prayer Chain, please call Janice Werner, 932-9200; or Erma Hartman, 934-3678.



Ministry of Prayer and Praise Intentions for January

- For the Holy Father and all priests, that the Lord will make them zealous and uncompromising preachers and teachers of the truth.
- That the prayers offered for Vocations will result in an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, and that young men and women may always seek and discern God's will.
- That all those who are suffering distress after the holidays and during the winter months may not despair but rather may turn to Jesus for healing, courage, and perseverance.
- For Catholic schools as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, that they may continue to form our children in the fullness of Christ's truth and respond to the challenge of secularism with a clear presentation of Catholic doctrine and moral values.
- For blessings on all those participating in the March for Life, that those who witness to the light of Christ will convert those who walk in the darkness of the culture of death.
- For the protection of Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.

Natural Family Planning

A Natural Family Planning Class will be held on **Sunday, February 6th from 9:00am to 12:00pm** at St. Louis. There is a \$40.00 fee for books and materials. For reservations call or text Aly at 812-212-4951 or Michael at 812-212-2719.

Baptism Preparation Class

The Baptism preparation class is for parents who are having their first child Baptized. The next class will be offered on **Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00pm** in the Parish Office. Please call the parish office to register 812-934-3204.

2021 Year End Statements

Contribution statements for 2021 will be mailed by January 31, 2022. Checks dated in 2021 and received or postmarked after December 31st will be included on your 2022 Statement.

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Congratulations to the following:

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Sunday, Jan. 2nd, at St. Joseph, St. Leon:
1:00pm - All Saints 1 vs. All Saints 2
2:15pm - Holy Family vs. St. Teresa
 Admission is \$3 for adults/students and \$7 for a family. All are welcome to come and watch exciting high school basketball!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 1

5:30 pm Norbert Roth

Sunday, January 2

6:30 am For the Parish Community

9:30 am Albert Laker

11:00 am Esther Kunkel

Monday, January 3, Holy Name of Jesus

8:10 am Living and Deceased

Members of the Louis & Lois

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Tuesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:00 pm Living and Deceased

Members of the James Mack

Family

Wednesday, January 5, St. John Neumann

8:10 am Agapito, Fernanda and Ireno

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Thursday, January 6, St. André Bessette

8:10 am Sylvester Riehle

Friday, January 7, St. Raymond of Peñafort

8:10 am Gretchen Enzinger

Saturday, January 8

5:30 pm Connie Brouillette

Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord

6:30 am For the Parish Community

9:30 am Cecilia Schultz

11:00 am Thomas C. Werner

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Altar Servers

Monday, January 3

8:10 am Carson & Grant Hartwell

Tuesday, January 4

6:00 pm Belle & Hunter Young

Wednesday, January 5

8:10 am SCHOOL SERVERS

Thursday, January 6

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Friday, January 7

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Saturday, January 8

5:30 pm Lillian Scheibler & Elsa Schneider

Sunday, January 9

6:30 am Grant Streater & Paul Meer

9:30 am Augie Hillenbrand & Brayden Maple

11:00 am Thomas & Bridget Lohmueller

Rosary & Holy Hour

Sunday, January 2

7:00 pm Volunteers Needed

Lectors

Saturday, January 8

5:30 pm Dave Meyer

Sunday, January 9

6:30 am Jerry Dickman

9:30 am Megan Raab

11:00 am Sue Myers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, January 8

5:30 pm Mary Jo Mahle, Susan Glaser, Dave Meyer, Deb Weigel, Bill Meer, Carolyn Dieckmann

Sunday, January 9

6:30 am Ken Rudolf, John Gerstbauer, Amy Streater, Mary Sitterding, Janet Maple

9:30 am Beth Hoog, John Brelage, Bertie Schmidt, Kathy Wagner, Nancy Werner, Christy Moenter, Christy Wilhelm, Ed Gerdowsky

11:00 am Ken Bohman, Mark Masavage

Ushers

Saturday, January 8

5:30 pm **4 Volunteers**

Sunday, January 9

6:30 am Todd Tekulve, **3 Volunteers**

9:30 am Eugene Laker, John Vogelsang, Mike Weigel, **1 Volunteer**

11:00 am Ted Telles, Tom Brunzman, Bob Mattucci, **1 Volunteer**

Celebrant

Saturday, January 8

5:30 pm Fr. Stan

Sunday, January 9

6:30 am Fr. Jey

9:30 am Fr. Stan

11:00 am Fr. Stan

January Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For True Human Fraternity - We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Rosary & Holy Hour
Sunday, January 2nd
7:00pm

Saturday Morning
Prayer Service
January 8th at 8:05am
Meet in the Church

RCIA—All Welcome

All are welcome to join us for any or all RCIA sessions! We meet in the parish office meeting room on Sundays.

Sunday, January 2nd - No Session.
Sunday, January 9th - Holy Eucharist and Real Presence.

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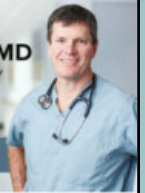
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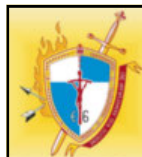
St. Louis Weekly BINGO is BACK!

St. Louis Weekly Bingo will be starting **Thursday, January 6th!** Looking forward to seeing you there! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Michael Brelage at: sls.ss.bingo@gmail.com

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8	19	45	56	61
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E6 Catholic Men's Conference - Rediscover Your Vocation

The 7th Annual E6 Catholic Men's Conference – featuring Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd - is back at the East Central Performing Arts Center on **February 26, 2022!** Registrations are now being accepted. Spaces are limited. Register early as it is sure to sell out. St. Louis Parish has a block of 45 seats for this year's E 6 Catholic Men's Conference. Tickets are \$35 each. To reserve your seat, please email James Dickey at jdickey@etczone.com



Mass and Healing Service

Start 2022 off right by attending a Mass and Healing Service on **Wednesday, January 5th at 7:30pm at St. Ignatius Church**, 5222 North Bend Rd., Monfort Heights. Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more information visit our website at www.LRC1.org or call 513-471-LITE (5483).

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Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the January 2022 program beginning with a weekend on **January 7-9, 2022** call 513-486-6222 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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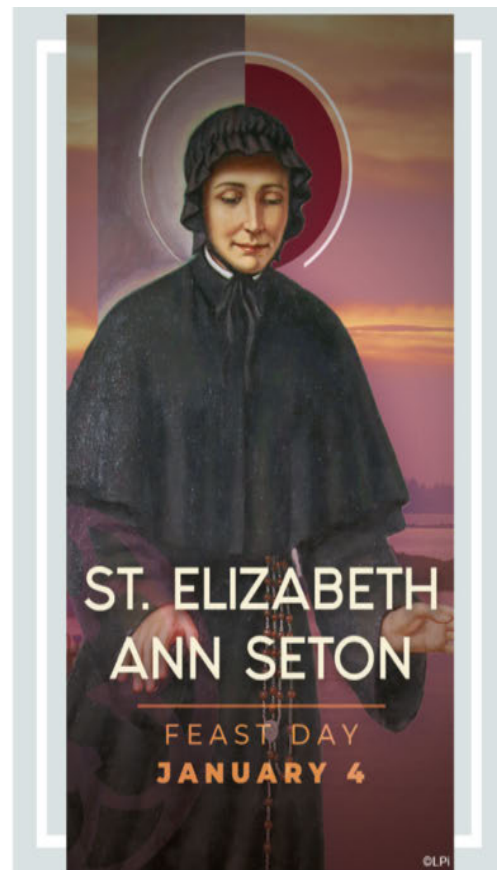
Knights of St. John, Oldenburg, **January 9th starting at 11:00am**, at the Tri-Township Conservation Club, Oldenburg. There will be meat and cash prizes. Shells, food, and refreshments available. Proceeds go to Tri-County Council for Special People, St. Vincent DePaul, and other local charities.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

Saint of the Week



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The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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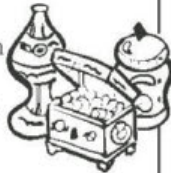
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One Minute Meditations

Laying our gifts at the feet of the King

The three Wise Men gave Jesus gifts worthy of a king. We can also present Him with our own royal gifts. While ours may not be actual gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we can still give to Him the best we have. Give God the first and the best of what you have and He will give you more than you can imagine in return.



Fall in love with God

From the moment God created you, he has been deeply in love with you. He made you deliberately so he could love you. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5). He waits for you like a parent anticipates the return of a beloved child. Don't let Him wait long.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ" (Ephesians 2:4-5).



Who needs Jesus?

Many today say that they don't have a need for Jesus. They go to work, have homes, put food on their tables, raise families without His help. In fact, daily activities go on but the world can't really make sense without Him.

Truth. The truth is in Christ, "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). We cannot understand the truth without Him. To make sense of the world, we need Jesus to lead us.

Life. The life we have will eventually end. To keep living, we need Jesus. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father,

but by me" (John 14:6). Eternal life comes through Him.

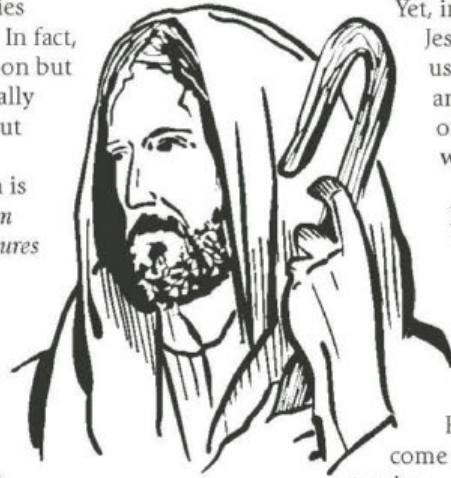
Death. None of us escapes death.

Yet, in the Resurrection, Jesus defeated death for us. It didn't hold Him and He offers the gift of life to each of us if we live in Him.

Sin. Even the holiest of us sins. Without Jesus, what becomes of us? He "gave himself as a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:6). If we don't accept

His price, our sins come back to us for eternity.

Suffering. Modern science can alleviate but not eliminate some of the world's suffering. Jesus provides comfort and healing to those who trust Him and surrender to Him.



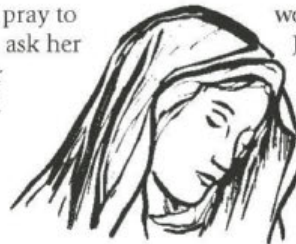
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray to Mary?

Catholics don't pray to Mary, but instead ask her to pray for us. For example, the Hail Mary prayer asks the Mother of God to stay close to us in prayer.

While we don't

worship Mary, we honor her as Jesus' mother. On the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our own mother (John 19:27). We can approach her with our needs and concerns and ask her to present them to Her Son. Mary always leads us to Him.



Three tips to boost your prayer

Prayer fuels our spiritual life, but praying effectively can be challenging. Even the saints had dry spells. Among these was the mystic and Carmelite reformer, **St. Teresa of Avila**. Try these suggestions from her to enliven your prayer:

Become aware of God's presence. It may feel as if God is distant, but He is so close. St. Teresa began by enjoying God's nearness. Know that He is with you and wants your company.

Bring a good book. St. Teresa, who struggled with dryness in prayer, kept a book with her. Scripture,



Lives of the Saints, or a book about the Faith can help us focus and spark conversation with Him.

Be honest. It is said that St. Teresa once fell into the mud and told God bluntly, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" God wants to you to share all your experiences with Him – good and bad. Entrust your cares to Him and "*Do whatever he tells you*" (John 2:5).

from Scripture

Luke 4:21-30, God's will is unexpected

In this Gospel, Jesus returns to Nazareth after launching His public ministry. He announced He is the Messiah of Isaiah's prophecy. But then comes a twist: Jesus recounts a time when great prophets were sent to call Israel to repentance and were ignored and persecuted.

The response of faith God was looking for in His Chosen People was found elsewhere, in the Gentiles. Jesus' listeners doubted that He was really the Messiah and were deeply insulted at being reminded that "foreigners" had received God's favor instead of them. In anger, they threw Jesus out of the synagogue and tried to



cast Him off a cliff. He passed unharmed through their midst. God's will can surprise us. For example, He willed that the Messiah-King be a local carpenter. God's favor extended beyond the Chosen People to include Gentiles, who were considered outsiders. Sometimes, we assume we know how God works, and lose faith when He does something that seems illogical. We can pray for the faith to see Jesus as He really is and trust Him, even if He does the unexpected.

Feasts & Celebrations

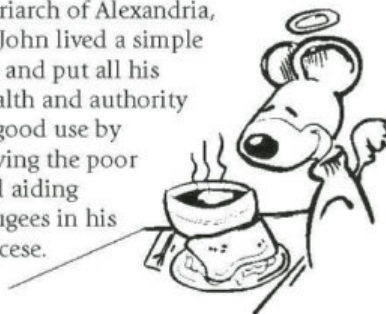
Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, and also Jesus, as true God and true Man.

Jan. 9 – Baptism of the Lord. Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. The Heavens opened up and God the Father spoke, "*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased*" (Matthew 3:17).

Jan. 14 – St. Macrina the Elder (340). St. Macrina was related to St. Basil the Elder and St. Macrina the

Younger. She and her husband were forced to flee during the Diocletian persecutions and endured many hardships. After her return, she helped raise her grandchildren Saints Gregory of Nyssa and Basil the Great.

Jan. 23 – St. John the Almsgiver (616). Despite being a noble and the Patriarch of Alexandria, St. John lived a simple life and put all his wealth and authority to good use by serving the poor and aiding refugees in his diocese.



Q & A Can you suggest a New Year's resolution to grow in Holiness?

All Christians are called to holiness. "*Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect*" (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.



Daily prayer. God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

Weekly Mass. The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, "*For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him*" (John 6:55-56). That's why we call it, "Communion."

Monthly Confession. Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for holiness.

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