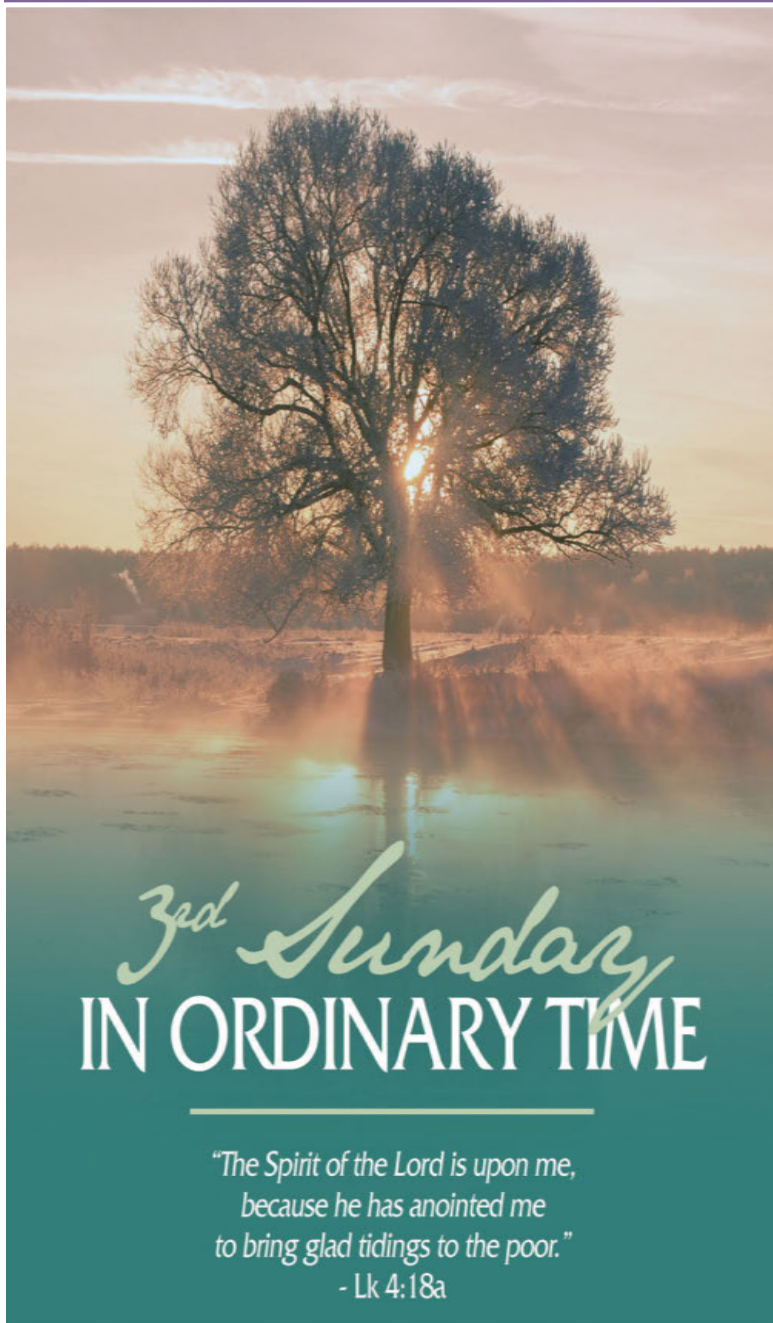




# St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 23, 2022



3rd Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor."  
- Lk 4:18a*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for Catholic funeral, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE contact Fr. Joe at 312-685-7899 v/text. If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like his blessing, he can call them at the nursing home.

## NOTES FROM FR. JOE

- ◇ JAN 24<sup>TH</sup> is the feast day of St. Francis De Sales (1567-1622), the patron saint of deaf people. He wrote many prayers, but this one is very special: "Be at peace. Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life; rather look at the changes with full hope as they arise. God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of them. God has kept you safe so far, and God will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand the stress anymore, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow, the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. God will either shield you from suffering, or give you unfailing strength to handle it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations."
- ◇ Thurs, 1/27: NO Senior Citizen Bingo because of Covid risk.
- ◇ NCOD (Nat'l Catholic Office of the Deaf) Pastoral Week was held recently in Savannah, GA. Many people chose not to attend, so the presentations were livestreamed and are available for anyone to see now. Learn about Mental Health, NCOD history, The Synod and Deaf Ministry, Women in Deaf Ministry, Catechesis for Deaf Children, and more. Go to [ncod.org](http://ncod.org) for more info.
- ◇ 2021 TAX LETTERS: St. Francis Borgia will send out tax letters next week for your contributions to our Deaf Center in 2021. You can use the letter to make deductions on your taxes. If the amount in the letter is incorrect, please see Fr. Joe or Mr Robert Swatek right away.
- ◇ During the holidays, I received messages from many people, some who have moved away. I got a note from PAUL (ESTHER) STOLARSKI. They were married 46 years last August.
- ◇ SUNDAY, FEB. 6: Blessing of Throats after Mass. Then, Fr. Joe will show pictures from his trip to Panama to meet the deaf community.
- ◇ Cook County has reopened 3 mass vaccinations sites, you can get your boosters or the first shots if you don't have them yet. One at 7630 W. Roosevelt Rd, Forest Park; also in Matteson & Des Plaines. For info: <https://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov/>
- ◇ Our COVID rules continue at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center: Must use hand sanitizers. Must wear masks. Holy Communion in your hands ONLY. Please make sure to wash your hands if you go to the washroom, soap and warm water. (Parents, remind your children.) If you feel sick, stay home and rest.

In person Deaf Social & Support is back at Schaumburg Township! 3rd Tuesday each month, 10:30 am to 3 pm. Must RSVP: 224-520-9763vp, [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org)

WASH YOUR HANDS SOAP & WARM WATER, 20 Seconds.  
GET REST: getting enough sleep is important.  
DRINK WATER  
MOVE AROUND: do not sit at your VP or computer screen for hours.  
PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER. PRAY.

FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN: There are hundreds of sites in the Chicago area where children can receive healthy, FREE meals. Text FOODIL to 877877, or call 1-800-359-2164. The Greater Chicago Food Depository has a number of "Pop-up Pantries". These are mobile sites where food is available for families. Go to: [www.chicagoodbank.org](http://www.chicagoodbank.org) and search "Pop-up Pantries".

Remember, when the snow comes, keeping sidewalks ice-free is an important way to protect yourself and passersby from injury. It's also the law in Chicago, and many suburban municipalities. Residents & businesses who do not follow this rule could face fines of \$50 to \$500. **Chicago has a Snow Corps for helping seniors and people with disabilities.** To volunteer or request help, go to: [www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/snowportal/](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/snowportal/)

The Art Institute of Chicago has a new initiative until March 17 that allows Illinois residents FREE ADMISSION on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. All you need to do is show proof of residency with a zip code and address and **register on-line in advance**. Here's more info: [www.artic.edu/visit/free-admission](http://www.artic.edu/visit/free-admission)

IMMIGRATION LEGAL CLINICS:  
Irish Community Services offers FREE 30 minute VIRTUAL meetings with immigration lawyers. Upcoming clinics. The meetings are FREE & CONFIDENTIAL. ALL Nationalities are welcome, not only Irish! If you are deaf and wish to attend one of these, contact Catholic Office of the Deaf to arrange an appointment and get an interpreter.  
To register for a legal clinic please call 872-227-7099 or email [info@irishchicago.org](mailto:info@irishchicago.org)

Children of Peace School is the only Catholic elementary school program for children who are deaf and hard of hearing in the state of Illinois. Their academically challenging curriculum is culturally sensitive and emotionally supportive,  
serving students from pre-school through 8th grade.  
INFO: [www.childrenofpeacechicago.org](http://www.childrenofpeacechicago.org)

## DISCUSSION

ON THE WAY TO MASS: What promise are you waiting to have fulfilled? What would you do if it came to be?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS: How could you bring glad tidings to another?

### Living the Word

God is fulfilling a promise through each of our lives. As a family, write a mission statement or promise to God. What is God fulfilling through your family? What promise does your family want to make to God in return for the gifts that you have been given? Your family statement might be written a few sentences or in the form of a poem or a drawing.

*Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter*

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of Him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where He had grown up, and went according to His custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, He handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at Him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

### **REFLECTING**

After proclaiming the passage from Isaiah, Jesus announces that He is the one the prophet had foretold. Can you imagine the response of His audience? Do you think that they had a hard time believing the messiah was in their midst? Would they want to wait for another to come? Have there been times that it is hard to believe that God is in your midst?

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thurs, Jan 27: Senior Citizen Social CANCELLED as a precaution.  
Sun, Jan 30: Mass, 10:30am. 4pm Mass, St. Mary of Vernon.  
Sun Feb 6: Mass, 10:30am. After Mass, Fr. Joe will talk about visit to Panama.  
Sun, Feb 13: Mass, 10:30am. 6pm Mass, St. Julie Billiart.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR NEW INFORMATION.

WWW.DEAFCHURCHCHICAGO.ORG

### Readings for the week of Jan 23, 2021

Sun Jan 23: Neh 8:2-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
Mon Jan 24: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30  
Tues Jan 25: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18  
Weds Jan 26: 2 Tm 1:1-8; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20  
Thurs Jan 27: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25  
Fri Jan 28: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34  
Sat Jan 29: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-4

Many Catholic Deaf Ministries are posting Masses on the internet.  
Full list available at [www.NCOD.org](http://www.NCOD.org)



ELECTRONIC GIVING is an EASY way to contribute to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.  
[deafchurchchicago.weshareonline.org/](http://deafchurchchicago.weshareonline.org/)

COVID FUNERAL RE-IMBURSEMENT: The US Government (FEMA) will pay families up to \$9,000 for any burial costs of a person who died because of COVID. You can contact the funeral director who handled the funeral, and that funeral director can help you file the necessary forms.

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## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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Bill Ortiga	Peggy Franco
Genevieve Uhren	Richard Kush
Arlene Redmond	Deacon Casey Fronczek
Hedie Iovito	Dolores Wallace
Patricia Mancuso	Fr. Len Broniak
Frank Mancuso	Danny Rivera
Pranas Jurjonas	William Costello
Caroline Goraj	Susan Postl
Majka family	James Mulcrone
Joan Christian	Charlotte Seegert
Carmen Reyes	Esther Stolarski
Kay Mulvey	Mary Brandseth
Bill Cusack	Theresa Stanis
Mary Cook	Richard Csabi
Kathy Caron	Sharon Cheesman
Dorothy Costello (mother of Jim) who died Jan 15	

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Mass Every Sunday 10:30am  
At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center  
Mass at 4:00pm:  
St. Julie Billiart: 2nd & 3rd Sundays every month  
St. Mary of Vernon: 4th Sunday of every month

Take a look at FR. MIKE DEPCIK's web-page, every week: [www.frmd.org](http://www.frmd.org)



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