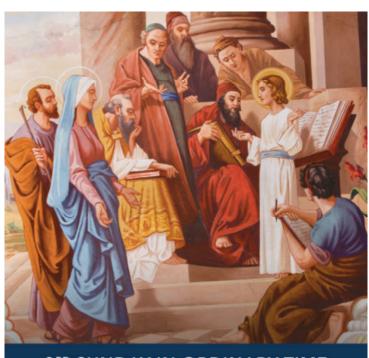


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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 23, 2022



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Loving Parishioners,

Jesus was a familiar person in Nazareth where he grew up. He attended the Sabbath services with Mary and Joseph, with his cousins and relatives in the local synagogue. Then, one day, Jesus left Nazareth. It was not altogether unexpected; many young men had deserted this dull town, from which nothing good seemed to come, in search of greener pastures. But the news that soon reached Nazareth was beyond expectations. It said that Jesus achieved the reputation as a rabbi in the region of Galilee. Some people said he was a prophet; others marveled at his healing power. Who thought that a carpenter would turn out to be an eminent person?

Now the famous son returns. Naturally all Nazareth gathers in the synagogue to hear him speak. The synagogue caretaker hands Jesus a scroll of Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, Jesus quickly finds a passage from the prophet and proclaims: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has anointed me... to bring glad tidings to the poor... to announce a year of favor from the Lord." The people are amazed at the way Jesus proclaims the prophecy. They can feel his authority. They fix their eyes on him as they wait for what more he has to say. The words then come like a trumpet blast: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

After the Christmas season, the liturgy opens the public ministry of Jesus with these ringing words: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." For those of us who heard the infancy stories of Matthew and Luke proclaimed during Advent and Christmas, the person of Jesus seems a mystery no longer. He is the fulfillment of the messianic expectations.

The life and ministry of Jesus is the proclamation of the good news that God loves his people and cares for them, especially the poor, the sick, and the downtrodden. Jesus proclaims a "year of fa-

vor from the Lord," God's holy year when all forms of slavery and oppression cease. "In your hearing..." The prophecies of Isaiah were fulfilled then and there in the synagogue of Nazareth because Jesus was present. In the same manner, they are realized today when the words of Jesus are proclaimed in our hearing. God's salvation is being fulfilled "in our hearing." Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, is always at work to bring "glad tidings" to those who open their hearts to receive the good news.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives. The Lord Jesus presents himself in his inaugural speech, declaring his program as a liberator. And that is how he appears in the gospel of Luke: Jesus liberates people from their sicknesses, from religious ignorance, from fear, from sin, and even from death. He knows that you and I need liberation, and he has come to set us free by the power of the Spirit of God.

Do we allow Jesus to free us from the things that enslave or limit us? If we submit to Christ, we shall experience the freedom of the children of God, as did Mary Magdalene, Paul, Augustine, Francis of Assisi. It is true, though, that like St. Augustine, we put off allowing Christ to free us. Once we have experienced the freedom that God gives, we should then, like Jesus, also help set others free.

Have a good week, Fr. Shijo Vadakumkara Pastor





These are the people that signed up for the Matthew 9 Mission, for the days of 23-29 of every month. They will pray the rosary for vocations to the priesthood. If you would like to signup, call the office.

SAINT WILLIAM CHURCH

- 23 Mike & Marie Payne
- 24 Donna Scott
- 25 Linus & Suzanne Murphy
- 26 Heather Clark
- 27 Randall & Arlene Cecil; Ann Cecil
- 28 Brook & Jared Mattingly
- 29 Lilian Edge

SAINT LAWRENCE CHURCH

- 23 Pat Wright
- 24 Janey Gilmore
- 25 Eathan & Lauren Johnson

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27 Marti Rhinerson

28 29



MASS INTENTIONS

January 24-31

Tue.	8:00 a.m. SW	Darrell Cecil +	
Wed.	8:30 a.m. SW	Emmett & Cecil Meserve +	
Thurs.	8:00 a.m. SW	Donna Fulkerson Barnett	
Thurs.	6:00 p.m. SL	Lois Johnson +	
Fri.	8:00 a.m. SW	Joe & Rosey Lanham +	
Sat.	4:00 p.m. SW	Tony & Dorothy Mattingly +	
Sun.	6:30 a.m. SW	Elizabeth Hamilton +	
Sun.	8:00 a.m. SL	Parishioners	
Sun.	10:00 a.m. SW	Katie Mae Hodskins +	

FEBRUARY DONUT SUNDAY Ethan & Misty Haycraft



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Hamilton, Bernard & Lillian Haynes, Bob & Helen Ward, Chad Roberts, Chuck Winters, Edith Johnson, Cindy Payne, Ronnie Goetz, Joe Fitzgerald, Junior Hurm, Shelia Sanders, Dwayne Mattingly, David Montgomery, Ashley Whitaker, Cary Mattingly, Terry Stone, Francine Wright, Donna Barnett, Cecilia Recker, Sherri Murphy, Stevie Rhodes, Alex Payne, Whitney Burden, Eddie Burden, Jim Hazel, Nancy Meisenhelder, Jimmy Haynes, Jerome Hamilton, Kent Recker, Paige Morton, Margie Duncan, Janet Cecil Aud, Kenneth Huskisson, Bill McBrayer, Charles Aud

STEWARDSHIP

"Our return to the Lord": In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from God, last weekend we chose to return a portion to the Lord"

January 16, 2022		St. William		St. Lawrence	
		envelopes		envelopes	
Regular Collections		9,776.00	\$	2,400.00	
Loose	\$	102.00	\$	20.00	
Children's	\$	1.76	\$	6.50	
Online giving	\$	778.25	\$	300.00	
Total	\$	10,658.01	\$	2,726.50	
Weekly Budget	\$	9,700.00	\$	3,000.00	
Collections Year to Date**		276,260.47	\$	101,419.16	
Budget Year to Date**		281,300.00	\$	87,000.00	
Over (Under) YTD**	\$	(5,039.53)	\$	14,419.16	
Support Life Ministry	\$	15.00	\$	25.00	

MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 29-30

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT BALANCE

4pm Tonya Payne: Noel Ballard 6:30am Mackenzie Mills 8am Kenny Roberts 10am Michele Murphy

SERVERS

4pm Fish Family 6:30am Wayne Haycraft 8am Lucy Hallmark, Haley Barnett, Thomas Turner 10am Wyatt Lanham, LT Varble, Maylie

LECTORS

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4pm Vicki Conder 6:30am Mary Haycraft 8am Annette Howard 10am Mallory Lanham

SACRISTANS

4pm EMHCS 6:30am Kate Mills 8am Annette Howard 10am Aliya Murphy

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT PLEASE CALL A SUB OR IF THAT DOESN'T WORK THE OFFICE AT 270-281-4802

SACRAMENTS

<u>CONFESSION:</u> **St. Lawrence** Thursdays 5-5:30pm. **St. William** Saturdays 3-3:30 pm.

BAPTISM: Parents requesting Baptism for an infant or child under age 7, contact Kara Burch, at the parish office. Baptismal preparation is required and is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month **by appointment only**.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone having surgery or wishing to receive the Sacrament is asked to call the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS: Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion or a pastoral visit is asked to call the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital.

HOLY MATRIMONY: At least one party must be a registered member of this parish. Do not set a wedding date before meeting with the Pastor. Please call for an appointment with Fr. Shijo at least six months before scheduling the wedding. The bride and groom must be free to marry in the Catholic Church before a date can be selected.





The fee to join is \$30 Contact Stacey Davis for more info: rtlo1973@gmail.com or 270-685-4922



Dependent on Alcohol? If you drink everyday or feel you need a drink to relax or have a good time, your brain may be dependent on alcohol. Come find freedom or support as a loved one at A.A. & Al-Anon Meeting: 8pm Sundays at St. Mary of the Woods Cafeteria

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the October program beginning with a weekend on Oct 15, 2021, call the Family Life office at 270-683-1545, or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org





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and resume to:

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

This week we celebrate the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. He is a very well-known saint with huge influences in our modern understanding of Theology. His life wasn't what anyone expected though. Thomas was born in 1225 to a noble and wealthy family. His dad was an extremely powerful knight, and his uncle was the head abbot of Monte Cassino, the oldest and most prestigious Benedictine monastery. His older brothers all took prestigious military careers, and Thomas was expected to follow his uncle into the Benedictine monastery. At this point he was content with following this path planned for his life and began school at a normal age, but was called "the dumb ox," because his peers thought he was a slow learner because he didn't talk much. He kept at it, though and became enthralled with philosophy and theology. In his teens, Thomas became acquainted with a new order of preachers, the Dominicans. At age 19, he resolved to join the order. His family was enraged. This new order had no prestige and really no reputation at this point. He was also probably giving up a straight line to the role of head abbot due to his uncle's influence. His family was so upset that his brothers kidnapped him and held him as a prisoner in their own castle for a year. They even hired a prostitute and sent her to his cell to seduce him, thus rendering him unfit for the religious life. When she entered, Thomas took a burning log and chased her away with it. Afterward, he had a mystical vision where angels came and tied a belt around his waist. They promised he would be given the gift of perfect chastity for the rest of his life. Recognizing his determination, his family conceded to his wishes. However, to save their reputation, they arranged to make it look like Thomas snuck out of their house and secretly joined the Dominicans. Thomas continued his studies as a Dominican, and earned high accolades from his professors. After his uncle died, the Pope tried to make him head abbot of the Benedictine monastery, Monte Cassino, even though he was a Dominican, but Thomas refused. He continued in academia, studying, teaching, and writing, for most of his life. He updated the philosophy of Aristotle into Theology and showed how God was



able to be known through the natural world and reason. He wrote many beautiful songs and poems, including Pange Lingua, Panis Angelicus, and Tantum Ergo which is used at the end of adoration. Thomas also wrote many books, most famous is his unfinished Summa Theologica. He never finished the Summa because he had a mystical experience and afterward commented, "all that I have written seems like straw to me," so he quit writing. Another mystical experience occurred when he was levitating in prayer before a crucifix. Christ told him, "You have written well of me, Thomas. What reward would you have for your labor?" Thomas replied, "Nothing but you, Lord." Thomas fell ill and recovered a number of times toward the end of his life, including a recovery from hitting his head on a fallen tree branch while riding his donkey. However, eventually he didn't recover and died at age 48 or 49. He was declared a saint 50 years later when they declared, "He has as many miracles as there are articles in his Summa." He is patron of chastity, due to his earlier episode, and patron of academics and students due to his outstanding academic career. He also is patron against storms. He is sometimes called the angelic doctor because he is a doctor of the church. Let us follow his example of never backing down from our calling, living perfect chastity in our state of life, and continuing to learn more and more about our loving God and Father. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY! January 24-30

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January 24, 2022

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Today's readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 *God, our shield and our strength*

We live in tumultuous times for sure. But the world has been top-sy-turvy before. Saint Francis de Sales lived during the religious, political, and social upheaval of the Protestant Reformation. And he became known for his gentleness and patience in the face of it. Leave it to him, the patron saint of writers, to pen a prayer that is timeless balm for troubled souls: "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations . . ." A balm for these troubled times.

"If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."

January 25, 2022

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

Today's readings: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 *Harden not your heart*

Paul has always been a controversial figure. Before becoming a Christian, he was a persecutor of Jesus' followers. Paul's biblical words advising women to be submissive to their husbands have been alternately obeyed, rejected, and reinterpreted. But the word "conversion" on this feast reminds us what Christian life is about. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes Saint Ambrose on the "two conversions" in Christian life—one of them a one-time event and the other ongoing. "There are water and tears, the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance." What parts of your life still require repentance?

"Jesus . . . appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

January 26, 2022

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

Today's readings: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:1-20 *Stay the course*

Evangelizing and living the gospel demands much of us. Saints Timothy and Titus serve as examples to us of holding fast to the faith among difficult circumstances. Friends and companions of Saint Paul, they ended up becoming bishops and leaders of the early church. They helped Paul to spread the gospel during those difficult early years. Timothy paid the ultimate price for encouraging others to embrace the emerging Christian faith. Reflect on the ways you choose to follow Jesus Christ and embrace his mission despite the challenges and difficulties it presents.

"[T]hose sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

January 27, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

Today's readings: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25 *Wise counsel for the overwhelmed*

On this memorial of Saint Angela Merici, 16th-century founder of the Ursuline Sisters, it makes sense to recall one of her many insights into faith-filled living. She advised the overwhelmed thus: "Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will

stretch out his saving hand." May you find that saving hand when you reach the end of your rope.

"Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand?"

January 28, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Today's readings: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34 *Root yourself in honesty*

G.K. Chesterton once said of philosopher and theologian Thomas Aquinas, "Being himself resolved to argue, to argue honestly, to answer everybody, to deal with everything, he produced books enough to sink a ship or stock a library." We could use a little more Thomas in our media, especially social media, because today we're not always sure if things are actually true or merely "internet true." For Thomas, honesty was key to communication. He considered it beautiful, honorable, and a reflection of moral goodness itself. May we take to heart his commitment to honesty in all of our communication.

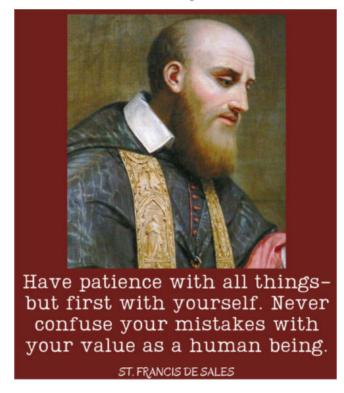
"Once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

January 29, 2022

Today's readings: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 Sea of hope

Alonzo Ketcham Parker, a 19th-century travel writer, called the Sea of Galilee "a fifth gospel" due to the amount of biblical history that occurred on its shores. It is the site where Jesus performed many of his most renowned miracles, such as walking on water, calming the storm, and feeding the multitude. Villages and settlements dotted the shore in Jesus' day, and most of Jesus' followers probably gained their livelihood and nourished their families from its bounty. The nourishment continues every time we read the vivid accounts of biblical drama that occur on the holiest of seas. Dive

"He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Quiet! Be still!' The wind ceased and there was great calm."



O O A

Ark Q & A Q: Which animal on Noah's Ark had the highest level of intelligence?

A: The giraffe.

Q: Why did Noah have to punish and discipline the chickens on the Ark?

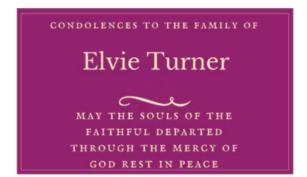
A: Because they were using "fowl" language.

Q: On the Ark, Noah probably got milk from the

cows. What did he get from the ducks?

A: Ouackers.

Son: "Hey, mom, can you loan me twenty bucks?" Mom: Does it look like I'm made of money? Son: "Isn't that what M.O.M stands for?"









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