



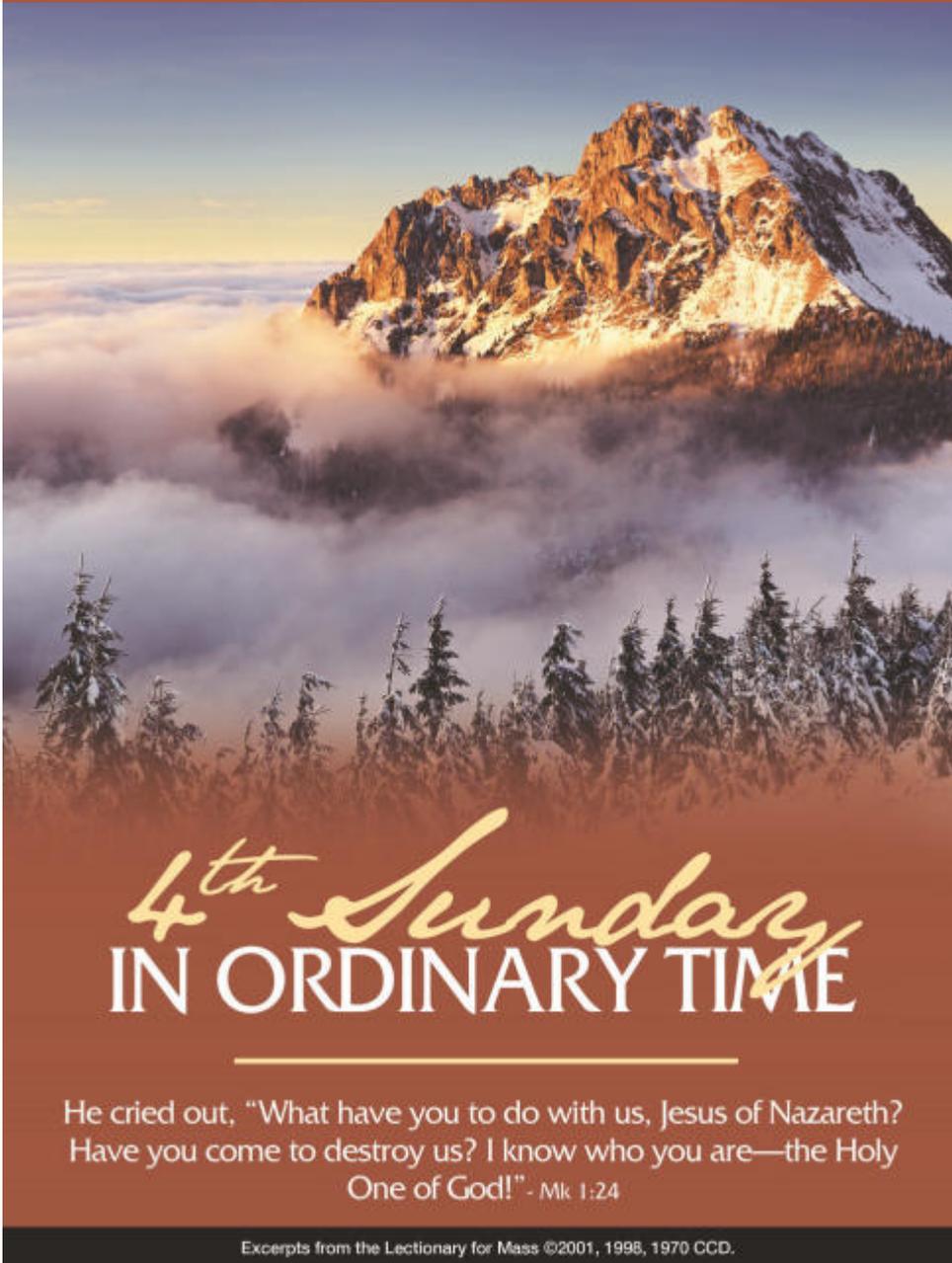
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Saint Thomas Becket

**A Welcoming Spirit-led
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 where each is called**

to *love*,
 to *serve* and
 to *be hope*

“Your Spiritual home,
 where each is called by name.”

Sunday, January 31, 2021



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Lord's Day Masses: All Are Welcome

See website for current information.

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Welcome!

a Catholic Community Where ALL are Welcome.

To New Parishioners: If you do not have a church home, we would be honored to have you as part of our parish family. Registration Forms are available at the New Parishioner Welcome Kiosk in the Commons, and online or call our Office at (651) 683-9808, and we will help you out.

Baptism: All parents (must be parishioners) are asked to attend a baptism preparation meeting prior to the baptism of their child. Please register online; if you have questions call the parish office at (651) 683-9808.

Next baptism preparation meeting is Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

Marriage: Registered parishioners should contact the Office at least eight months prior to requested date.

Anointing of the Sick: Available to anyone who is seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call Parish Office at (651) 683-9808.

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School and Tri-Parish Center: www.fscsmn.org or call 651-406-4747

Readings

Week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/
Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a
[cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9,
10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/
Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor
9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-3

Prayers for the Sick

Please hold these parishioners in your prayers:

Janet Higgins	Mary Cloutier
Judy Schmidt	Peter DePover
Lisa LaFrance	

If you have someone you would like added to our confidential Prayer Line call Cathy at 651-344-3350.

Offerings

OUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: (1/19 - 1/25)

Online	3,165.00
In Person/mail	10,129.00
Simplified Giving (automatic transfers)	<u>9,015.00</u>
TOTAL	22,309.00

YEAR TO DATE: (12/31/20)

	Actual	Budgeted
Operating Revenue	\$ 723,531	\$ 684,000
Operating Expenses	<u>617,650</u>	<u>632,057</u>
Net Income (loss)	\$ 105,881	51,943

Everyday Stewardship

Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Lent in a Bag

A Curbside event at St Thomas Becket
Sunday, February 14 10:00 – 11:00

This Lent, STB families are invited to pray, fast, and give by creating a desert prayer box for their home. We will also reflect on new ways to fast and make a difference by engaging in an at home cooking service project.

Simple project supplies will be provided for the making of a prayer box that includes Lenten symbols, Scripture readings and prayers. Families will also receive directions for assembling a fun little reminder to pray. Registration coming soon.

Our Lenten service outreach project is an opportunity to share some of your home cookin' to benefit youth in our area who are struggling with displacement or homelessness.

Simple recipes and directions will be provided for the first 30 families who sign up (participants are limited because of freezer space). Watch for registration / sign up coming soon!

Stop by to pick up your Lent in a bag and a Valentine donut treat! We can't wait to see you!

Uncovering Myths Surrounding Migrants

Our Advent/Christmas theme, "sense of place," cries out to us to remember the immigrants, those who have lost their place of origin and have not yet reached their promised land, their longed for place. They dwell in an in-between place that demands the practice of mercy and listening from us.

Last January we here at St. Thomas Becket donated funds to Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas, a refuge for migrants crossing the border. We also wrote messages of hope for them, which were translated before they were sent.

The reasons for a migrant's journey vary, the suffering varies, the responses to immigrants vary. Often myths get told and retold about migrants. Yet does not the Gospel call us to one response: love? May watching the following video, **US Immigrants Bust Myths About Immigrants** (<https://youtu.be/zftZl1M1S2Y?t=1>), open our hearts to a deeper wisdom about and acceptance of immigrants.

As we explored our sense of place during Advent, we may have uncovered stories of our past and why certain places evoke the power of love. May this video call us to imagine a variety of Gospel responses to the grace of immigrants and their presence in our lives.

Care notes

Our display for our Care Notes has moved. Make sure that you look for it and take a Care Note or two home with you, we have many topics for you to choose from.

Stewardship Message

We become by example.

FAITH FORMATION

R. C. I. A.

AN INVITATION TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT
HOW TO BECOME A
CATHOLIC

- Are you or a friend or loved one looking for a faith community which can nurture their growth in faith?
- Wondering about the role of God in your life, Jesus, Pope Francis, the Catholic Church today?
- Wanting to know more about the faith of someone you love?
- Thinking about being baptized? Already baptized but want to find out about becoming Catholic?
- Do you have a child seven years old or older who isn't baptized? Do you have a young person baptized in another tradition but seeking 1st Eucharist & Confirmation in the Catholic Church?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which people ages 7 to 107 become Catholic Christians. But before making this decision we spend time exploring our own faith and the faith of this community. Then the process is tailored to the needs and background of the person.

If you have questions, call or email Jackie Graham (612-452-8775 or jackieg@stbeagan.org)

The Chosen

The following series has been recommended for your watching, it is a free app. The series is entitled "The Chosen" go to www.thechosen.tv/app.

Season one covers the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the apostles' lives before and after Jesus entered their lives. Season two is currently being filmed. You can download to your phone and cast to your TV or download to a computer PC.

Don't be a stranger Stay Connected

Best way to find out what is happening with the community is by visiting STB's web page at

www.stbeagan.org

Current events are located at the home page under "What's Happening".

Get updates via text

To make sure you get all updates about last minute cancellations and announcements, schedule changes, etc., sign up to receive text updates and select the **STB PARISH UPDATES** list and other lists you might be interested in.

1. Text "stbeagan" to 84576
2. Click the link that is sent back to you in a reply
3. Enter your first name, last name and email (after clicking link)
4. Then you will see a list of available groups/lists to join.

Get involved

The best way to be part of this wonderful Community is by joining a ministry. Look under "Our Parish" and click the "Get Involved" link.

Councils

The leadership of the Parish is represented by 6 Councils: Worship, Fun and Fellowship, Faith in Action, Life Stages Spirituality Caring and Parishioner Engagement. Each have their own ministries and are formed by parishioners willing to volunteer for a 3 year term.



Do you have a green thumb?

People are needed to water the plants in the church. You would be on a monthly schedule with a partner for roughly three to four months a year of your choosing. Email Jackie at jackieg@stbeagan.org for information or to volunteer.

Sign-Up Genius Now Available for Ushers and Greeters

Thanks to Mo Bartz we now have an easier and convenient way to sign up to be an usher or greeter through Sign-Up Genius. The link to access the site is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4fa9a92ea57-900>

There are spots available for each Sunday beginning January 24 through March 28. To sign up, click on the date and either usher or greeter and then click "Submit and Sign Up" at the bottom of the page. This will take you to a page to input your name and email address. Training will be offered for anyone that is new to this ministry.

Questions? Email Kevin Magyar at kevinm@stbeagan.org.

Gospel Meditation

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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Archbishop Hebda joined us on January 24, 2021.



Kids corner

Read the
Gospel & Color



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 1:21-28

Sharing the Gospel

Grass stains.
Tomato sauce.
Brightly colored fruit
drinks. When these
nasty stains stick to
your clothes, it is tough
to get them out.
Regular soap won't
work. You need
something stronger.
Jesus is really strong,
too. In today's Gospel,
a nasty evil spirit
screamed when it saw
Jesus. Jesus was so
powerful, he cleaned
that evil spirit right out.

Prayer

God, you are much strong-
er than evil.
Nothing is too hard for
you to clean.

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's gospel

quiet	spirit	shook
teaching	Jesus	shout
amazed	Holy One	obey

quiet q u i e t

Jsuse _____

amzeda _____

oybe _____

Hylo nDe _____

shuto _____

sipirt _____

soohk _____

tachenig _____

MISSION

Make a new label for your family's stain pretreatment bottle. Trace around the bottle, write Mark 1:21-28 in big letters, and decorate your label with a picture of Jesus. Tape your new label to the bottle so you and your parents remember how strong Jesus is.



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