

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 23, 2022



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## 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

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque  
me ha ungido...para anunciar la liberación a  
los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos, para  
dar libertad a los oprimidos.  
- Lc 4, 18

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*~ St. Paul Vision Statement, 2020*

## Parish Directory

### Parish Office

**Phone** .....913-764-0323  
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**Parish Website** ..... www.spcatholic.org  
**Archdiocesan Website** ..... www.archkck.org

### Parish Office Hours

**Monday thru Friday** ..... 9:00 am-5:00 pm

### School Office

**Phone** .....913-764-0619  
**Principal**, Dr. Ann Connor ..... ext. 116  
Email ..... aconnor@stpaul.eduk12.net  
**Fax** ..... 913-768-6040  
**Website** ..... www.spcatholic.org/school

## Parish Registration



We invite all those who are new to the area or have not yet registered to visit [www.spcatholic.org/Register](http://www.spcatholic.org/Register) or stop by the

Parish Office to complete a registration form. Please contact the Parish Office with questions at 913.764.0323 and welcome to St. Paul Parish!

## Receiving the Sacraments



**Baptism:** Parents are asked to take the required prep class prior to the baptism of the child. Godparents are asked to attend this class as well. Please contact the Parish Office to enroll in the class and schedule the Baptism.

**Marriage:** Couple is asked to contact the office at least six months prior to the projected date of ceremony to begin their marriage preparation.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Administered quarterly (January, April, July and October) during the First Saturday Mass at 8:00 AM. If a person is in need of this sacrament at any other time, please notify the parish office.

## Mass and Confessions Schedule

### Daily Mass Schedule

**Daily Mass:** Tuesday - Friday 8 a.m.

**First Saturday of the Month:** 8 a.m.

### Weekly Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 5 p.m.

**Sunday:** Masses in English: 8 a.m. 10 a.m. (Signed) and 4 p.m.

Masses in Spanish: 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

*Please note: We have hearing loops available for those who have difficulty hearing. Please contact an usher to obtain a hearing loop.*

### Holy Day Schedule

Visit [www.spcatholic.org](http://www.spcatholic.org) for times and dates of Holy Days of Obligation.

### Confessions Schedule

**Wednesday:** 6-7 p.m. (English/Spanish)

**Saturday:** 3:30-4:30 p.m. (English/Spanish)

**By appointment:** Contact Fr. Michael to schedule

## St. Paul Legacy Society

The St. Paul Legacy Society is for parishioners and friends of our parish who include the Parish Endowment Fund, the School Endowment Fund or the Parish Relocation Fund in their estate plans. Whether you are single or married, with children or not, visit [CatholicPlannedGiving.org](http://CatholicPlannedGiving.org) for planned giving news, helpful videos, detailed brochures, an estate planning guide where you can make a list of bequests, and much more. Please contact Fr. Michael at [frhermes@spcatholic.org](mailto:frhermes@spcatholic.org) or 913.764.0323 to be listed in the St. Paul Legacy Society.

## Liturgical Ministers

Please visit our parish website at [www.spcatholic.org/ministries](http://www.spcatholic.org/ministries) for ministry schedules and information on joining a ministry at St. Paul Parish. There are many wonderful opportunities for our parishioners to become involved and share your time and talents within our community.



## Lost and Found

Personal belongings that have been left behind may be located at the Parish Office. Please contact the office if you have misplaced an item. Items not claimed within 30 days will be donated to charity.



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## Parish and Community News

### Parishioners Congratulations

#### Baptism



This past weekend we had the pleasure and honor of welcoming those who have entered into the Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism:

**Whitaker Glasgow**, son of Nicholas & Rachel

### 2022 Archbishop's Call to Share

Today's Gospel is a transformational moment for Jesus. After standing up in the synagogue and reading Isaiah's prophecy about the coming of one who will free the captives, heal the blind, and bring glad tidings to the poor, Jesus tells those gathered: "Today the Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus gives his listeners any other interpretation: He is the Messiah. He is the one who fulfills all the Old Testament prophecies.

Do we believe this? Do we believe that Jesus really can bring freedom and healing and spiritual richness, to us and to the world? If so, then how important is His Church? How important is the liturgy, the sacraments, acts of Christian service, learning the Church's teachings, and all the other good things we do at our parish?

Our parish activity is an essential way that Christ continues to fulfill these ancient prophecies, pouring His love out into the world. Help this essential work continue by supporting our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal today.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Resolution for Your Marriage! . . . In 2022 resolve to tell, and show, your spouse that you love them every day. Join us on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to learn a simple, but powerful tool, that makes saying "love you" part of the fabric of your everyday life. The next in-person weekends will be February 25-27 in Kansas City, KS or March 18-20 in Carthage, MO.

For more information, visit the website at [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org) or contact Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net)



### Moms of St. Paul

The Moms of St. Paul Group invites parish moms of young children to join as we share the joy and struggles of motherhood while we grow in our Catholic faith. Events include weekly playdates, monthly faith formation, and monthly moms only social events.

For more details about upcoming events, join our email list by submitting the form at <https://www.spcatholic.org/moms> or emailing [mospolathe@gmail.com](mailto:mospolathe@gmail.com). To stay connected via Facebook, please "Like" our page "Moms of St. Paul" at <https://www.facebook.com/spcatholicmoms> and request to join the private group for more details about events.

*Thank you for your generosity and support of the parish!*

## Noticias de la Parroquia

### Felicitaciones a los Feligreses

#### Bautismo



La Parroquia de San Pablo recientemente tuvo el placer y el honor de dar la bienvenida a aquellos que han entrado en la fe Católica a través de las aguas del Bautismo:

**Whitaker Glasgow**, hijo de Nicholas & Rachel

### Programa de Formación

San Pablo está ofreciendo una maravillosa oportunidad de aprender más de nuestra religión y de nuestra fe.

Temas como la Biblia, la Misa, la oración y muchas otras cosas más, platicaremos y aprenderemos en "Caminemos Juntos".

Te invitamos a que aproveches esta oportunidad única, de crecer espiritualmente.

Iniciaremos el 28 enero, con reuniones semanales los viernes, a las 7 de la noche.

Para mayores informes favor de comunicarse a la oficina de la parroquia.

### Grupo de Padres Orantes

Queremos invitar a los padres y madres de San Pablo para que se unan a la Hora Santa de Padres y Madres Orantes. Estaremos en oración, meditación y adoración, para que Dios transforme nuestros hogares y nos ayude a guiar a nuestros hijos por el camino de la fe. La Hora Santa será **el Martes, 25 de Enero a las 6:00 de la tarde.**



### Caridades Católicas y eBay

¿Sabías que Caridades Católicas de El noreste de Kansas tiene un grupo de voluntarios que enumeran y venden tesoros en eBay? El inventario proviene de artículos de calidad donados a nuestra tienda de segunda mano, TurnStyles. Diariamente se agregan cosas nuevas y pueden ¡Incluye coleccionables, artículos vintage, productos de diseño y más! Lo mejor de todo es que las compras en eBay ayudan a respaldar los programas y servicios para los necesitados en nuestros 21 condados y area de servicios. Visite [www.stores.ebay.com/shopturnstyles](http://www.stores.ebay.com/shopturnstyles).



### Radio Levántate Católico

Escuchen al P. Hernán en vivo... Tenemos un nuevo sacerdote en el Ministerio a los Hispanos en Kansas City, escúchenlo en las mañanitas a las 6:00 a.m. en nuestra radio. Para más información llame Francisco Reyna al 913.387.8668 o con María Loera al 913.927.9560.

En la página web: [www.levantatecatolico.com](http://www.levantatecatolico.com)

En Facebook: Levántate Católico Radio y Tv...

Escúchanos también por teléfono al 351.999.5215.

*¡Gracias por su generosidad y apoyo de la parroquia!*



# Family Faith Formation Program Programa de Formación Familiar en la Fe

**Office Hours:**  
Monday to Thursday  
from 10:00 am to 3:00

**Horario de la Oficina:**  
Lunes a Jueves  
de 10:00 am- 3:00 pm

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM GR. K-12

Dear families,

We are experiencing some challenges at home, in schools, jobs, etc. due to the increase in cases of Covid and other respiratory diseases. We ask the families to communicate with us about if your family is affected by this situation. It is important that you keep your emails up to date and also sign up for the Remind app. Below I provide instructions on how to register.

### Register for Text Messages with Remind for Gr. K-6

- **To join the Sunday Program PreK-6 group:** Text this message @34kd67b to this number 81010
- **To join the Tuesday Family Program:** Text this message @fahg68 to this number 81010

### Register for Text Messages with Remind for Gr. 7-12

- **To join the Sunday Confirmation Group:** Text this message @d3gkec to this number 81010
- **To join the Wednesday Confirmation Group:** Text this message @fa73g2 to this number 81010

### Sunday Program

- Regular classes 1/23
- **No Classes** on 1/30 due to a Catholic Week event for St. Paul School

### Tuesday Family Program

- **No Classes** on January 25th

## CONFIRMATION PROGRAM GR.7-12

### Sunday Session

- Regular classes 1/23
- Regular classes 1/30

### Wednesday Session

- Regular classes 1/26



Karla Melgar

**Director of Family Faith Formation**

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## PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN FAMILIAR GR. K-12

Queridas familias,

Estamos pasando momentos de desafío en casa, en las escuelas, trabajos etc. debido al aumento de Covid y de otras enfermedades respiratorias también por lo que es muy importante estar en comunicación entre ustedes y nosotros. Es importante que mantenga sus correos electrónicos actualizados y que también se inscriba a la aplicación Remind. A continuación les proporciono las instrucciones de como poderse registrar.

### Regístrate para mensajes de textos Gr. K-6

- **Para unirse al grupo del programa dominical PreK -6:** Envía este mensaje de texto @cb3bdh al número 81010
- **Para unirse al grupo del programa familiar de los martes K-6:** Envía este mensaje de texto @6gga3e al número 81010

### Regístrate para mensajes de textos Gr. 7-12

- **Para unirse al grupo de confirmación del día Domingo:** Envía este mensaje de texto @egbe2h a este número 81010
- **Para unirse al grupo de confirmación del día Miércoles:** Envía este mensaje de texto @8ahe87k a este número 81010

### Programa dominical

- Clases regulares 1/23
- **No habrá clases** el 30 de enero debido a un evento de la Semana Católica para la escuela San Pablo.

### Programa familiar de los martes

- **No hay clases** el 25 de enero

## PROGRAMA DE CONFIRMACIÓN (Gr. 7-12)

### Sesión dominical

- Clases regulares 1/23
- Clases regulares 1/30

### Sesión del miércoles

Clases regulares 1/26

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# St. Paul School News

## ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### Forming World-Ready and Heaven-Ready Students

Dear St. Paul Community,

John Paul II once beautifully stated, "Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others". At St. Paul Catholic School, we are dedicated to partnering with families to help students come to know and love Jesus Christ; to form disciples that can go out into the world to reveal His glory. As January comes to an end, we look forward to our annual Catholic Schools Week celebration. We are so excited to spend an entire week celebrating the students, teachers, staff and families that make St. Paul School such an incredible community.

Joyfully,  
Dr. Ann Connor  
Principal, St. Paul School



## Knights of Columbus

**Council 1913 Website:** [www.koc1913.org](http://www.koc1913.org)  
**4th Degree Website:** [www.kofc2260.org](http://www.kofc2260.org)  
**Facebook Council 1913:** [www.facebook.com/kofc1913](http://www.facebook.com/kofc1913)



We continue praying for all those facing illnesses and difficult times during this ongoing pandemic.

For information about becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus, please visit: [www.koc1913.org/contactus](http://www.koc1913.org/contactus) and a Brother Knight will get back to you. You may also learn more about the Knights of Columbus at [www.kofc.org/un/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/un/joinus).

Please contact Doug Svatos at 913-991-8127 or [dsvatos@outlook.com](mailto:dsvatos@outlook.com) if you have questions.



Volunteer today!  
[catholiccharitiesks.org](http://catholiccharitiesks.org)

## Youth Ministry

### ANCHOR MEETING SCHEDULE (Grades 9-12)

ANCHOR REMIND  
GROUP FOR PARENTS



ANCHOR REMIND  
GROUP FOR TEENS

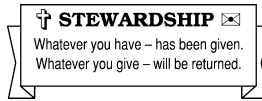


### EDGE MEETING SCHEDULE (Grades 6-8)

EDGE REMIND  
GROUP FOR PARENTS



EDGE REMIND  
GROUP FOR TEENS



## Stewardship of Treasure:

January 11th to January 17th

Envelopes & Plate .....	\$21,620.00
Building Maintenance Fund.....	\$50.00
Special Collections:	
Church in Latin America .....	\$65.00
Christmas .....	\$10.00
Disaster Relief .....	\$120.00
Leaven.....	\$23.00
Retirement Fund for Religious .....	\$60.00
Solemnity Offering .....	\$30.00
Tuition Assistance .....	\$192.00

### THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Thanks to all who donate through online giving. We also want to thank each and every one of you who give each week in the pews for your continued support. Whether you give online or by the envelope, you are a blessing to our parish and we thank God for you. If you would like to enroll in online giving, please visit [spcatholic.weshareonline.org](http://spcatholic.weshareonline.org). If you have any questions or would like help setting up your account, please contact Amy Moritz at 913.764.0323 x107.

## The Calix Society

The Calix Society is a national association of Catholics in 12-Step recovery (AA, NA, OA, AlAnon, etc.). We invite you to attend our monthly meetings in addition to your regular group. For information, please call Neil at 913.645.7244, or Mary at 913.747.5039, or visit: [www.calixsociety.org](http://www.calixsociety.org).

## Keeler Women's Center

Keeler Women's Center, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters is located at 759 Vermont Ave., Suite 100-B, KCK. All programs and services are free. Donations are welcome. Call 913.689.9375 or register at [www.keelerwomenscenter.org](http://www.keelerwomenscenter.org). Programs for Spanish-speaking women are also available.

## Community Blood Center in Olathe

There is an emergency need for blood donors, especially during the pandemic. Please make an appointment to donate blood by visiting: [www.savealifenow.org](http://www.savealifenow.org) or by calling 877.468.6844. Use code ED92 for St. Paul Parish.



## Inspirational Free Catholic Resources

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- Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) with a web browser
- Click on Sign Up
- Click on "I belong to a Parish or Organization"
- Enter **Parish Access Code: d765b7**
- Enter your email address

Enjoy and share with others in our local community!



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Week of January 25 thru January 30, 2022

**Tues. 01/25** 8:00 am †George Heiman  
**Wed. 01/26** 8:00 am Monica Ramirez  
**Thurs. 01/27** 8:00 am †For Priests  
**Fri. 01/28** 8:00 am †Kathy Green  
**Sat. 01/29** 5:00 pm †Tamara Durand  
**Sun. 01/30** 8:00 am †Brian Dickason  
 10:00 am †Michaela Barry &  
 †Mary Margaret Grove  
 12:30 pm People of St. Paul Parish  
 4:00 pm †Christine Grabee  
 6:00 pm †Angel Guerrero



## Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-2  
**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-3  
**Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18  
**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-3  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41  
**Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

## Blessed Sacrament Chapel



### Blessings Received

- \* For Your guidance and patience.
- \* For our family and friends.

### Please call one of the Division Leaders below:

Midnight - 6:00 am	Nancy Cariglio	816.456.3817
6:00 am - Noon	Gina Sanchez	913.710.1086
Noon - 6:00 pm	<b>Open</b>	
6:00 pm - Midnight	Janice Cartwright	913.558.6020
Hispanic Liaison	Arturo Morales	913.544.6635
Head Coordinator	Michelle Leoni	925.519.9116

There are currently no unassigned hours.  
 However, many hours could use a second volunteer.

A Division Leader is needed for the Noon to 6 p.m.

## Parish Ministries

If you would like to assist in a Liturgical ministries during Mass, please contact the coordinator of the ministry for details.



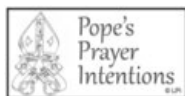
### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

	Janice Cartwright	913.768.1125
<b>Lectors:</b>	John Martin	913.205.5404
<b>Servers:</b>	Michelle Cabrera	michelle@spcatholic.org
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bob Hamilton	bobh1el@gmail.com
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jim and Janice Steinlage	913.393.3966
<b>Music:</b>	Joe Heron	913.238.1675

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for January

### 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.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Jose Andazola	Steve Basile	Donna Berry
Dennis Bobbitt	Roman Bobbitt	Maria Buszek
Ed Cisek	Joanne Crowley	John Ernst
Mandy Long	Maria Macedo	Ed Nuessen
Angel Núñez	Diane Quinn	Sarah Riekema
Kevin Rockers	Jane Schulte	Dennis Shaffer
Rodrigo Sandoval	Raymond Tigerina	Judy Waitzmann

### Those who have died...

Msgr. Gary Applegate  
 Maria Elena Chavez  
 Patrick Gamber, son of Dennis & Cindy Gamber

Please help keep the Prayer List updated. Contact the Parish Office at [communications@spcatholic.org](mailto:communications@spcatholic.org) or 913.764.0323 to add or remove a person from the list.



The bulletin includes only the names of St. Paul Parishioners as part of our Homebound and Visiting the Sick Ministry. Those outside of the parish in need of prayer may receive support and prayer through our Prayer Chain ministry, however their name will not be listed in the bulletin. Please notify the Parish Office if you would like to request prayers for yourself or another due to illness.

## How to Request a Low Gluten Host

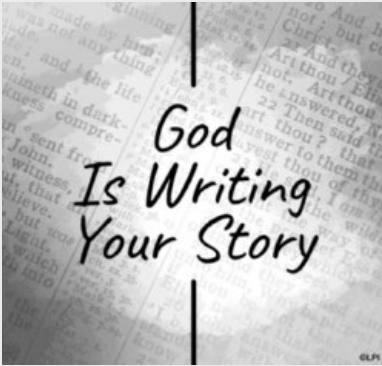
If you or a member of your family would like to receive a low gluten host, please inform the Sacristan prior to the start of Mass. All those who request a low gluten host must stand in the line for the priest during Holy Communion and inform Father when receiving the Eucharist. Please contact an usher if you need assistance locating the Sacristan or have questions.



# GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

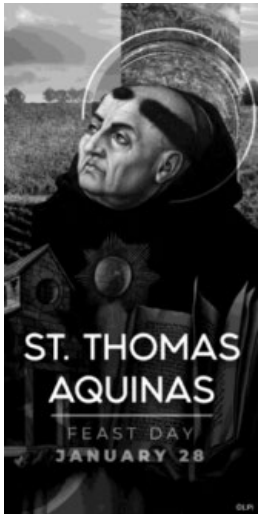
one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

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 certainty 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.

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28



One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went

to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

## REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

### First Reading:

Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law.") What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?

### Second Reading:

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?

### Gospel:

Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?

### Observances for the week of January 23, 2022

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

**Monday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Tuesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

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