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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*

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### CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 10:00am — 11:00am  
Thursday 7:00am — 7:45am  
Saturday 3:00pm — 4:00pm  
Sunday 7:30am—7:50am  
Sunday 10:00am—10:20am

### REGULAR MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY	WEEKEND
Tuesday 6:00 pm	Saturday 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am	Sunday 6:30 am
Thursday 8:00 am	8:00 am
Friday 8:00 am	10:30 am



**SAT JANUARY 22**

4:30pm † Mayrene Norris

**SUN JANUARY 23**

6:30am People of the Parish

8:00am † Dennis Streit

10:30am † Linda Sayer

**TUES JANUARY 25**

6:00pm Nancy Roecker

**WED JANUARY 26**

8:00am Bridget Myrick

**THURS JANUARY 27**

8:00am Susan & Michael  
Homan Family

**FRI JANUARY 28**

8:00am † Nancy Messina

**SAT JANUARY 29**

4:30pm † Lonny Casaert

**SUN JANUARY 30**

6:30am † Vi McConnell

8:00am People of the Parish

10:30am James Soetaert

Please contact the parish office for Mass intentions. The suggested offering is \$10 per Mass.

You may have seen in our notes that we have added a couple more confession times. We are now going to have a window on the First Friday of the month following Morning Prayer (roughly 8:45) until 9:30 as well as the third Tuesday from 5:00-5:45.

The addition of Friday's time is for those who would like to go to confession on First Fridays. It is a beautiful devotion that connects us to our Lord's Sacred Heart. Look for more information in the newsletter Monday, but here in an excerpt:

*"The entire purpose of this devotion is to draw a person closer to the heart of Christ. If a person fulfills these obligations with sincere faith, it is natural for he or she to be closer to God and better prepared for death."*

While this is the primary reason we have added the Friday slot, I am also trying to hit as many different time frames as I can so that I can, to the best of my ability, make the sacrament as available as possible to all of our parishioners. This is why we have the opposite window (as far as monthly scheduling goes) on Tuesday before mass.

The greatest way to combat sin in the world is to put ourselves before the mercy of our Lord, please be sure to take advantage of our Lord's desire to forgive you on a regular basis... every couple of months is a good routine to get into for most people.

*Father Adam*

*(5 Things Catholics Should Know About First Fridays -aleteia.org)*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Collections for Jan 9th**

**Regular Offertory**

Budgeted	\$16,614
Collection	\$23,107
Difference	\$6,493

**Towards Christ**

Budgeted	\$4,698
Collection	\$1,917
Difference	-\$2,780

**Budget Year to Date**

**Income**

Budget July 1- Jan 9	\$574,899
Actual July 1- Jan 9	\$592,934
Difference	\$18,036

**Expenses**

Budget July 1 - Jan 9	\$597,591
Actual July 1 - Jan 9	\$476,693
Difference	\$120,898

**50 / 50**

There was not a winner for Jan 9th, # 1143 was drawn. The balance was \$ 903.75

**COUNTERS NEEDED**

We meet on Monday morning each week to count the collections from the previous weekend. Please contact the office if you would be willing help.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

### PSALM:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

### SECOND READING:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

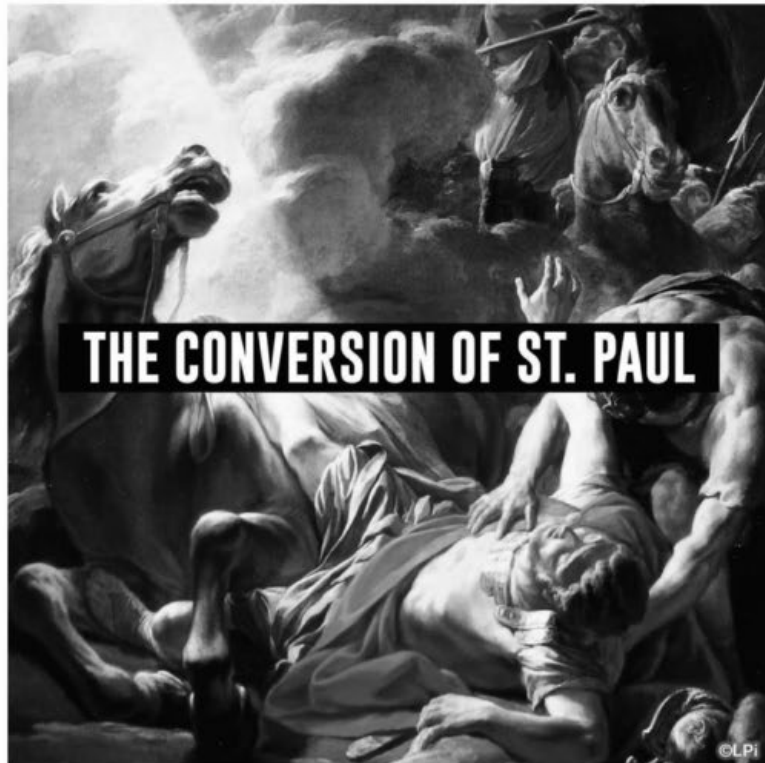
### GOSPEL:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

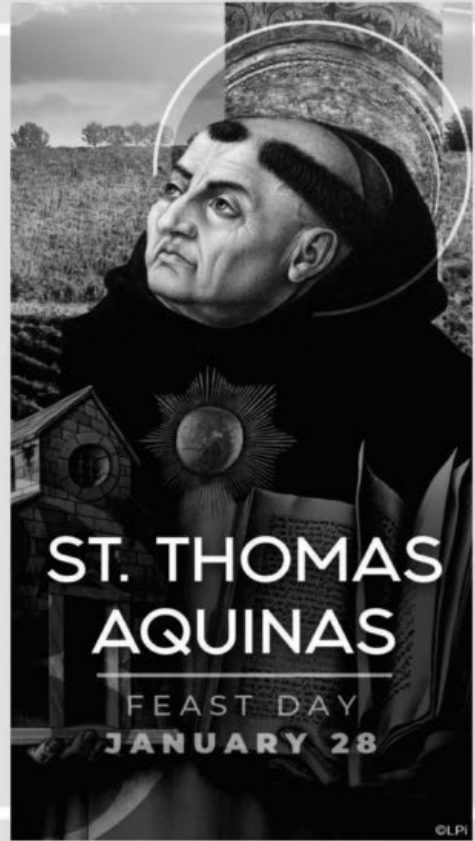
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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- 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
- Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



**THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL**



**ST. THOMAS  
AQUINAS**

FEAST DAY  
**JANUARY 28**

## Saint of the Week

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.

## PLANT YOUR WORKS IN THE WORD

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## IS IT RIGHT TO SUE SOMEONE? ISN'T IT A WAY OF GETTING REVENGE?

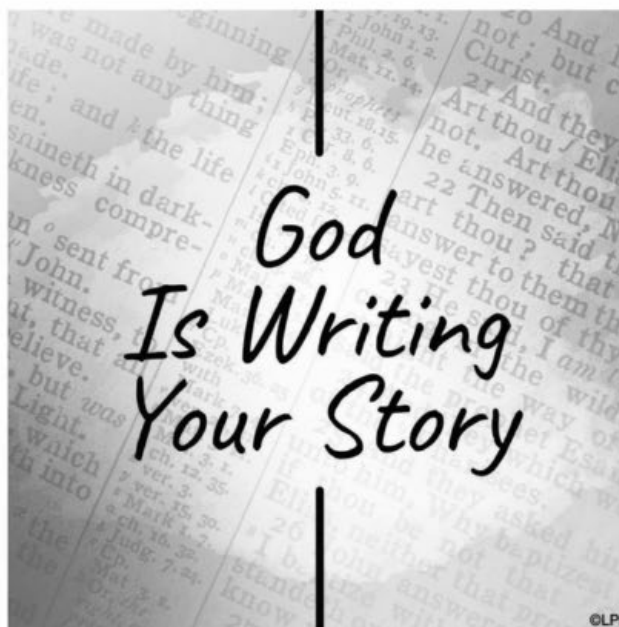
Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some.

There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system

to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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 certainly 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.

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”*

*- Lk 4:18a, 19*

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**HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**



The Legionnaires of the Legion of Mary visit care facilities and residents' homes in the Gardner

area to distribute Holy Communion outside of Mass. Please contact the Legion with the name and location of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion.

Kathleen Demaree: 913-206-1356, led111539@netscape.net

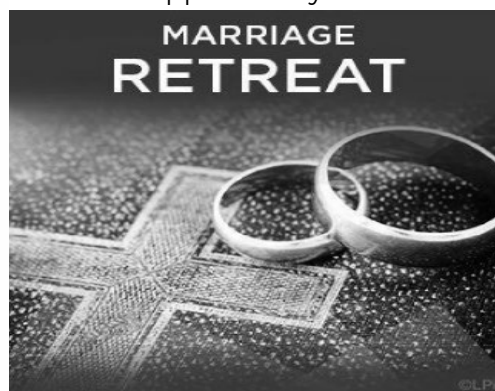
# Kids Corner

READ THE  
GOSPEL &  
COLOR



# SHARE

what is meaningful to you  
Jesus brings glad tidings to a world in need—and He does so through our parish community. Support our good work by contributing to the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal today!



## MARRIAGE RETREAT

Sat, Feb. 5th, 9:00am - 4:00pm  
**MARRIAGE RETREAT**

All married couples are invited to attend a day of prayer & retreat focused on the Sacrament of Marriage. Please bring your own lunch. Kitchen facilities (fridge/freezer/ microwave) available. Look for a link in the Monday newsletter to RSVP.



Jesus says, "Tell the words of God to those who have never heard it." Tell others that God loves and forgives them. The best way to tell is to show the word of the Lord by your actions. Hand a Band-Aid to your injured brother. Talk instead of hitting someone when you get angry. Say "I forgive you," when your sister hurts you. Let others play with your toys. Share your favorite candy bar.

### PRAYER

Open the eyes of others to your love and forgiveness, Lord.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will ask my family to give old eyeglasses to the Lions Club.



### THAT MAN IS YOU!

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men and seek to be the best man you can be? Then join us **Thursday Mornings at 6:15AM in the CFC.**

For more information contact Derrick Crimmins at [dccrimm@gmail.com](mailto:dccrimm@gmail.com).



## ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Tuesday**  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
7:00 - 8:00 pm Family Holy Hour

*Spend time with our Lord*



# FAMILY FORMATION EVENT

Join us **Sunday, Jan. 30th from 11:30am - 1:00pm**. All families (with or without children!) are invited to attend! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Catholic Faith and enjoy the fellowship of our community. Lunch will be provided. Childcare provided for children 4 and under, look for the link in the Monday email.



## Mobile Food Pantry Wednesday, January 26th

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join us in serving our Gardner community. Look for the sign up link in the newsletter on Monday. We need your help!

### MEN'S RETREAT

Stuck in the late winter doldrums, men? Join the regular guys at F.I.R.E. (Fellowship, Inspiration, Renewal, Engagement) at the annual Prairie Star Ranch retreat Feb 12 -13. The retreat delivers fire in a variety of forms, inspiring talks, Mass, quality time with Jesus, and creates new opportunities for friendship and purpose. For more information: [www.fire-ministries-retreat.org](http://www.fire-ministries-retreat.org)



### PARISH EVENTS

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 24

7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

4:00-7:00pm Adoration

5:15pm Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

5:30pm Catholic Conversations

**6:00pm Mass** & Evening prayer

6:30pm Into the Deep

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

**8:00am Mass** & Morning Prayer

9am-1pm St. Anne's Sewing Circle

10-11:00am Confessions

10am-9pm Adoration

1pm Harvesters Mobile food pantry

5:00pm Legion of Mary meeting

7:00pm High School RCIA

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

6:15am That Man is YOU!

7:00am Confessions

**8:00am Mass** & Morning Prayer

7:00pm Spanish Rosary

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

**8:00am Mass** & Morning Prayer

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

3:00-4:00pm Confessions

**4:30pm Mass**

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

**6:30am Mass**

7:30am Confessions

**8:00am Mass**

10:00am Confessions

**10:30am Mass—Live Stream**

11:30am Family Formation Event

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