



# St. Mary's Church, Cranston

1525 Cranston Street

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**Weekday Mass**

Tuesday-Friday  
8:00am  
(Lower Church)

**Saturday Evening:**

4:00pm

**Sunday Morning**

8:00am, 9:30am &  
11:00am

## *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*The Spirit of the Lord  
is upon me.*

*Luke 4:18*

**St. Mary's School**

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**Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are scheduled for the First Sunday of the month. Please call the rectory office to schedule an appointment. Families must be registered in the Parish.

**Confessions**

Fridays 8:30am - 9:15am  
Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:45pm

**Weddings**

Parishioners may contact the Rectory Office at least 1 year before.

*We are a parish family journeying together in our faith in Jesus Christ, trusting in his love for us, and growing in kindness and charity toward one another.*

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### 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; 4:14-21
- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1 7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21, 22, 25 26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 7/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 4:26-34
- 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 [c.f. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:1-13/1k 4:21-30

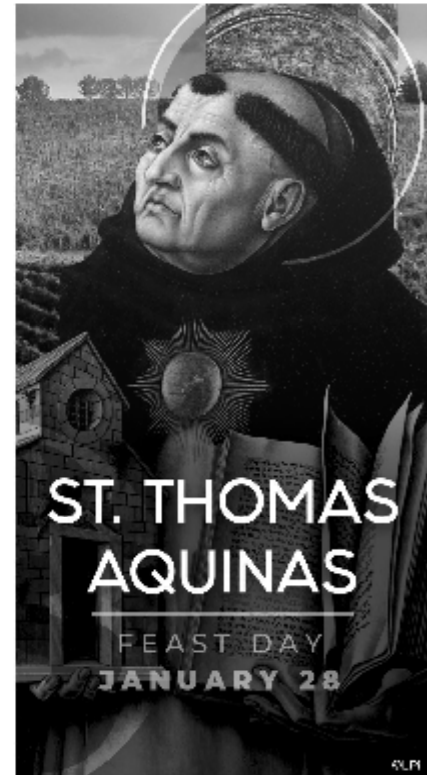
### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- 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

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.



### 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

We remember in prayer this week....

January 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00am Dr. Jacqueline Gaule - **Birthday**  
Paul Spremulli  
Kenneth Marino

9:30am Mary Moretti  
John V. Cavallaro, III

11:00am Domenic Generali  
Angelo S. Ceprano – **Birthday**

January 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00am For all the Deceased Pastors of  
St. Mary's Parish

January 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Oscar Gilbert - **Birthday**  
Ronald LaBianca

January 27<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Francesco Riccio - **Birthday**  
Vincent LaBianca - **29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

January 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Mass of the People

January 29<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm Pauline Bernardo - **Anniversary**  
Vincenzina Abbondanza

**SANCTUARY CANDLES 1/24 – 1/30**

*The Upper Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of:*  
**John Casale, Jr. & The Casale Family**  
By: Family

*Both Lower Sanctuary Candles will burn in memory of:*  
**John Casale, Jr. & The Casale Family**  
By: Family

**WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT**

The collection for the weekend of  
January 15<sup>th</sup> & January 16<sup>th</sup> was \$5,786.01.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**ADORATION**

Adoration with Benediction every Friday from 8:30am-9:15am. Please note that confessions will also remain at this time.

**PANDEMIC POLICY UPDATE**

**Masks are required  
when attending Mass.**

**Thank you!**

**LATIN AMERICA**

January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the second collection will be for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**2021 CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS**

**All parishioner contribution letters for tax purposes will be mailed by the end of January 2022.**

**MASS RESERVATIONS**

Mass reservations for loved ones will continue to be accepted by mail or drop off only. All intention requests may be dropped in the Mass Ticket Box or mailed to the rectory office (1525 Cranston Street, 02920).

Please remember each mass needs its own form and the donation and the form are both required at the time of booking. For your convenience Mass forms are available on the parish website:

[www.saintmarycranston.org](http://www.saintmarycranston.org)

or in the upper and lower church if you attend Mass. At your request we will also mail intention forms or leave them in the Mass Intention box for pickup. Please keep in mind at this time we will not book or reserve any Masses over the phone or in the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

If you have booked a weekend Mass in memory of a loved one and would like to participate in the Offertory procession and bring up the gifts, please let one of the ushers know at least ten minutes prior to Mass.

**1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Honor Roll  
2021-2022**



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