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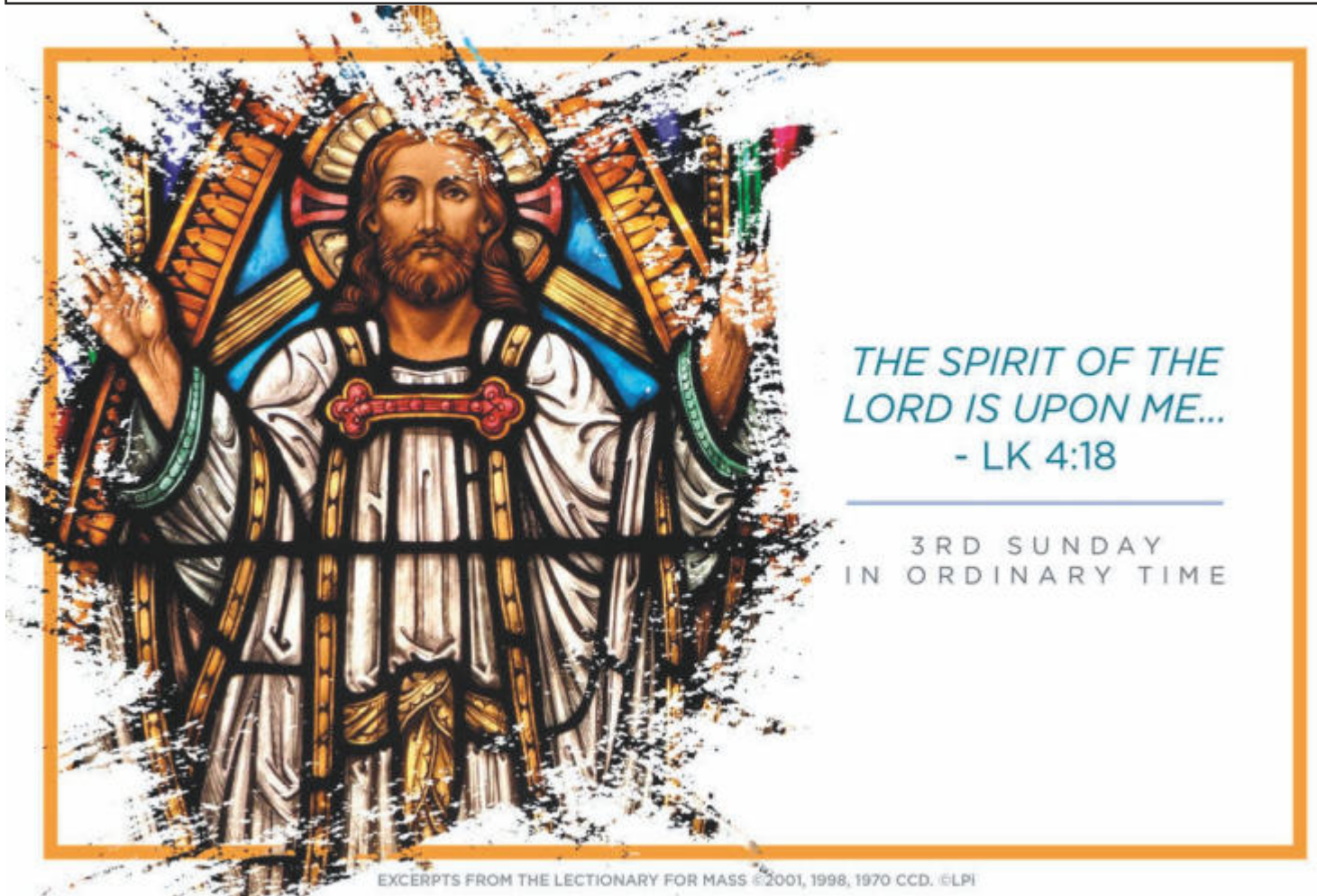
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*January 23, 2022*

## *ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH*



### **Sacraments of the Church**

**Masses:** Saturday Vigil – 4:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. (Creole)

**Daily Liturgy:** Monday through Wednesday 12:10 p.m. **Communion Service** Friday 7:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30-4:00p.m. in Chapel or contact the Rectory to schedule an appointment

**Charismatic Prayer Sponsored by the Haitian Community:** Thursday 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

**Infant Baptism:** By appointment. Please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

#### **Inquirers:**

Find out what it means to be Catholic while considering Baptism or Confirmation. If you are an adult whom has not received these sacraments and are considering doing so, please call Fr Joe MacCarthy at the Rectory.



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**Saturday, January 22, 2022**  
 4:00 p.m. Emilia Vieira Memorial  
 Rosemary Weber Memorial  
 Maria DeAlmedia Memorial

**Sunday, January 23, 2022**  
 9:00 a.m. Terry Swanson (Healing)  
 11:00 a.m. Jim Rita (Healing)

**Monday, January 24, 2022**  
 12:10 p.m. Maureen Neil Memorial

**Tuesday, January 25 2022**  
 12:10 pm. Maria Frazier Birthday Memorial

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**  
 12:10 p.m. Peg Rumsey Memorial

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**  
 4:00 p.m. Leslie Mili Memorial

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**  
 9:00 a.m. Lorene Harling Memorial  
 11:00 a.m. Ann Sheahan Memorial



Please remember our sick, their families, and caregivers, in your prayers. May God's healing presence be with them.

Mary Wall, Vinny Nguyen, Arlene Hinsley, Larry Higgins, Rick Gerbrands, David Barry, Patricia Gillan, Pat Fisk, Lawlor Family, Bobby Rudolph, Bill Baril, Jean McCarthy, T.M., Joan Melanson, Elaine Rossignol, More Family, Luther Family, John More, Andrew More, Normile Family, David O'Hearn, James Higgins, Dani Steininger, Johnson Family, Mary Clarke, Thomas Fisher, Gerry Luongo, Lee-McCarthy Family. Joan Gianino, Helen Dixon, Bob Cyr, Amber Healy Bassett, Antonio Pinto, Don Coram, Alexia Jones, Lorretta McQuade, Joy Sanders, Maria Frazier, Mary White, Michael White, Terry Sullivan, Paul G. Levesque, Elsa LaTorre, Sue & Bob Bullen , Izilda Lopes, Mary Corbett, Pamela Nadeau, Mary Hurley, Theodore (Teddy) Coughlin, Margaret Pedro, Sephora Rubim, John MacIsaac, Sr. Phyllis Doucet, Bob Gerbrands, Perrone Family, Betty Mitchell. Oreste Luongo, Katie Quinn, Alice Ronchetti, Jim Rita, Danielle Rousseau Terry Swanson

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*Healing Prayer*

*Lord Jesus heal me. Heal in me whatever you see needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from you. Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions, heal my spirit, heal my body, heal my soul. Lay your hands gently upon me and heal me through your love for me.*

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 (U. S. Army)

**L Cpl Alexander J. Casey**  
 (U.S. Marines)

**Our prayers go out to all men and women who are serving our country may God protect them.**

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PASTORAL STAFF

To reach our pastoral staff please call 617-547-4880 and choose one of the extensions listed below

Office Hours (time subject to season)

Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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### Thank You for your Continued Support During this Difficult Time

Parishioner's donations for Jan. 15th & Jan. 16th

\$1,990.00 From the English community

\$ 865.00 From the Haitian community

\$1,900.00 From Online giving

\$4,755.00 Total

*If you have forgotten your envelope or are visiting, please use one of the yellow "Welcome" envelopes found in the information centers at the entrances of the church*

### Are you new to the Parish or just visiting

Welcome! Thank you for joining our parish in celebrating Mass. Whether you are visiting, or in the area for studies, or new to the community, please know that we are delighted to have you among us. We would like to meet you. Please say hello to any priest, minister or staff after Mass, or call 617-547-4880 or e-mail [info@stjohncambridge.org](mailto:info@stjohncambridge.org)  
We are here to serve you!

### Next Week's Second Collection

The second collection this weekend supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit [www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index.cfm) for more information.

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### Lost & Found

A hearing aid was found on the Rectory stairs on Tuesday, January 18th. Please contact the rectory (617-547-4880) if this belongs to you or someone you know.

### Pope Tweets

Let us pray for the people of the islands of Tonga, who were struck in recent days by a volcanic eruption that has caused enormous material damage. We ask the Lord to relieve the suffering of these brothers and sisters.



JANUARY 23, 2022

## Blessing of the Throats

The feast of St. Blaise is celebrated on February 3rd. The Mass in honor of the feast of St. Blaise will be celebrated on February 5th & 6th.

Due to Covid the blessing will be followed by the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Boston. Updates to follow.

## In the Midst of Winter

Lord:

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak

remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.

*Cal Wick*

## Mark Your Calendars!

Here is a quick list of upcoming events at St. John's to help you "mark your calendars"!

### February:

- February 5th & 6th– Blessing of the throats

## Covid Testing Resumes

Covid testing will be available here at St. John's parish hall. Resumed December 1st

No appointment are needed. Walk-in are welcome

Testing: **Wednesdays only**

Time: **2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Location: **St. John the Evangelist Church**  
2270 Massachusetts Ave.

## The 2022 Calendars have arrived!



If you would like to pick up a free calendar for the 2022 year, they are located at all tables in the back of the Church. Thank you to **Keefe Funeral Homes** for providing these calendars. Enjoy!

## From the Pandemic Response Team:



In the light of spiking numbers of new COVID cases and the likely increase in those numbers in the upcoming holiday season, Cardinal Seán is mandating that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate takes effect the weekend of December 18/19, 2021, and expires on January 17, 2022.

Mass celebrants, deacons, readers, servers, choir members, and instrumentalists, should all wear masks except when they are speaking.

Children under the age of five are not required to wear masks. Children under the age of two should not wear masks.

## St. Vincent De Paul Boxes

You may have noticed the St. Vincent De Paul Boxes, located near the entrances and information centers of the church. The donations collected in these boxes go to those in our parish community, in need of services provided by St. Vincent De Paul Society. The St. Vincent De Paul Society of our Parish community is dependent on your generosity to help those in need.



Thank you to all who have humbly, quietly and faithfully contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity has kept food on tables and heat in homes of those without.

## Food Donation



**Thank you** for your continued donations of **nonperishable** food items to local food pantries. These donations are ongoing and you can leave your items on the side porch of the rectory at any time.

## Weekly Reflection

Re-read today's Gospel. Put yourself in the scene: you are in the synagogue, perhaps your family is beside you. Jesus, the carpenter's son, gets up to read - He is serving as "the lector." The carpenter's son reads a passage from the prophet Isaiah about the promise of the Messiah. Upon finishing, he looks at the people gathered and says: "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Who are the blind, or the oppressed or the poor in your life that need to hear the "Good News" of Jesus Christ? Today, you are that lector!

## Pastor's Corner

The Gospel passage chosen for proclamation on this third Sunday in Ordinary Time is taken from Luke and describes a dramatic scene in which Jesus, undertaking His public ministry in its early stage, returns to Nazareth where He grew up and with confidence begins to teach in the synagogue of the people there. It is with temerity and in the power of the Spirit says Luke that Jesus entered the synagogue and stands to unroll the scroll of Isaiah. There He finds the passage familiar to most of the faithful. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let oppressors go free and proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Imagine the reaction of shock on the part of the faithful and practicing listeners! Who is this, who is Jesus who we know and have seen as a neighbor growing up? Why is He standing in the synagogue teaching? But this is the way Luke starts His ministry. The Isaiah scroll and its proclamation by Jesus describes as primary, Jesus' mission to the poor that they might be the first to be offered salvation. (Remember, Luke gives a hint of such in his Infancy narrative, depicting shepherds from the fields as those who first gather around the child, not Kings as in Matthew.)

What is truly revealing and amazing is that after finishing with the teaching and sitting down, He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing", which basically amounts to announcement that He is the awaited savior. Beyond what is included in this section of the passage there is clarity offered regarding Jesus' mission. Isaiah describes good news as being brought to the poor and liberty to all of the inhabitants of Israel. He uses the word which translated jubilee to describe this freedom from burden. One may be familiar with the proclamation of Jubilee Years in the history of

the Church. What comes with these celebrations is freedom from debt and other obligations and the announcement have their root in the Isaiah scroll proclaimed by Jesus and in the truth of His being its fulfillment. While the poor will be those to first receive the good news of Jesus' message, Jesus, as we know will also reach out to those across whose paths He comes as He walks to Jerusalem who have a spiritual poverty because of the burden of selfishness or sin.

Luke's message of a preferential option for the poor in relation to the offer of salvation given in Jesus is alive and well in all communities of faith which work so that the poor might be comforted. We work for affordable housing and healthcare and so that an abundance of food might be available to those who have less or even none. Please respond to those opportunities in our own parish and others in our neighboring surroundings to provide assistance to such organizations as Saint Vincent DePaul and others and do so as a response to the message of Jesus offered in this weeks' gospel of Luke. Thanks and have a great week!  
God Bless, Fr. Joe

## Winter Prayer

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- Cal Wick



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