



# Saint Joseph's Monastery Parish

3801 Old Frederick Rd. at Monastery Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21229

**We are a welcoming parish.** Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of St. Joseph's Monastery Parish.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk  
5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-  
8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

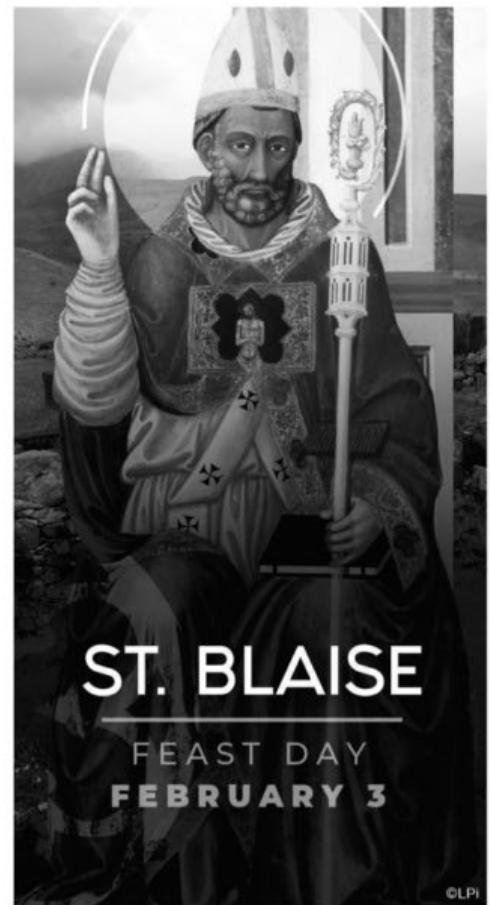
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
- Thursday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Saturday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions,  
Martyrs

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Prophets possess an intimate knowledge of God and act on their experience of God. Prophetic messages usually challenge the status quo and draw us up and out of ourselves, focusing us on the bigger picture. We often think of ourselves and our own needs first. When we listen to someone speak, we judge the merit of the message by its degree of usefulness. If the message or vision contains no personal benefit or profit but a call to stretch and grow, we can become indignant. Prophets are usually the ones whose message challenges us and calls us to see things differently and love more perfectly and deeply. God is love. When listening to St. Paul speak about love we witness the unfolding of this type of unconditional, other centered, self-sacrificial perfect God. It is an invitation to life, freedom, and happiness that can be offered to us only by God. Jesus, who is God and Love incarnate, calls us to this richer expression of love. Are we ready to listen and be challenged and stretched?



# ST. BLAISE

FEAST DAY  
FEBRUARY 3

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

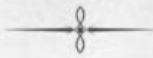
*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

The word of the LORD came to me,  
saying:  
Before I formed you in the womb I knew  
you,  
before you were born I dedicated you,  
a prophet to the nations I appointed  
you. (Jer 1:4-5)



## PSALM

I will sing of your salvation. (Ps 71)



## SECOND READING

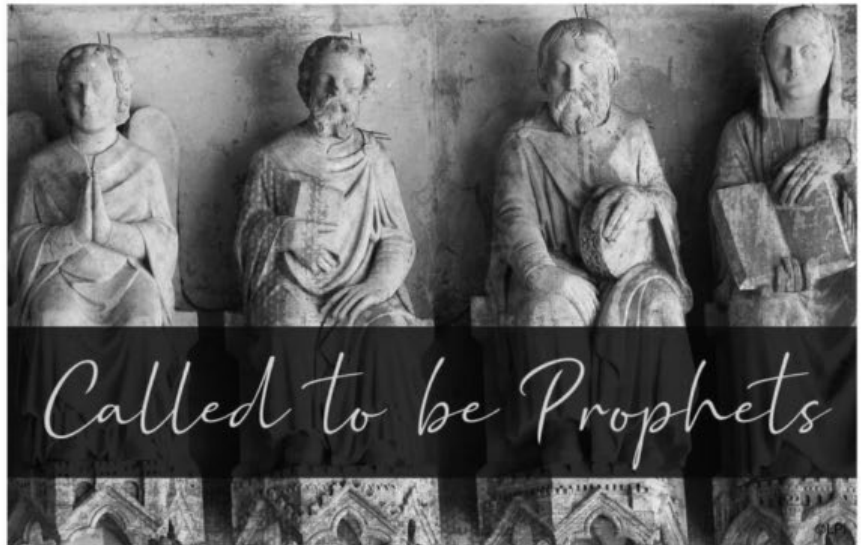
So faith, hope, love remain, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love.  
(1 Cor 13:13)



## GOSPEL

And he said, "Amen, I say to you,  
no prophet is accepted in his own  
native place." (Lk 4:24)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

# PARISH INFORMATION

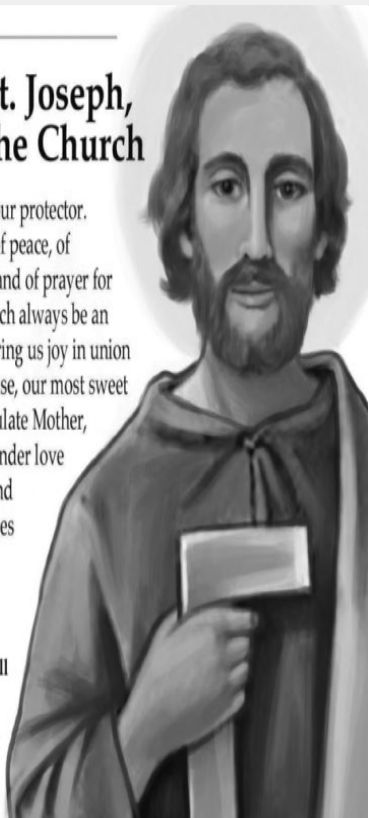
## Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of the Church

St. Joseph! Always be our protector.  
May your inner spirit of peace, of  
silence, of good work, and of prayer for  
the cause of Holy Church always be an  
inspiration to us and bring us joy in union  
with your blessed spouse, our most sweet  
and gentle and Immaculate Mother,  
and in the strong yet tender love  
of Jesus, the glorious and  
immortal King of all ages  
and peoples.  
Amen

—Pope St. John XXIII



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Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
251 S. Morley Street  
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E-mail: info@sjmp.org

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-12) (9:30 a.m.- 10:40 a.m.)  
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.. - 10:40 a.m.  
RCIA ..... 9:35 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.  
Mrs. Barbara Dawson: 443-844-1068 bid70x7@aol.com  
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### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Pastor to be notified 6 months in advance of plan date.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements are made with the Pastor

### PASTOR

Father Michael Murphy



### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. &  
11:00 a.m. (Family Liturgy)  
Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. Monday-Thursday

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a family member is ill or anticipating surgery, please contact the Pastor to be anointed.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

To assure the safety of our parishioners and our parish office staff our winter related closings will be as follows: There will be **NO** daily mass if Baltimore County Schools are closed or delayed in opening. If Baltimore County Schools are closed, the parish office will also be closed. If Baltimore County Schools are delayed in opening the parish office will open at 10:00 am. Our primary concern is to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

We wish to welcome everyone to become an active member of the St. Joseph's Monastery Parish Family!

Hello! I would like to become a member of St. Joseph's Monastery Parish. Please send me a registration form as soon as possible.

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## **BULLETIN MASSES For January 29—February 6, 2022**

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

**4:00 p.m.** James E. Schmidt, Sr. (D)  
22nd Anniversary of Death

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

**8:30 a.m.** People of the Parish

**11:00 a.m.** Msgr. Thomas Donellan (D)

**Monday, January 31, 2022**

**8:00 a.m.** No Intentions

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

**8:00 a.m.** Tricia Ralston (D)

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

**8:00 a.m.** No Intentions

**Thursday, February 3, 2022**

**8:00 a.m.** In Loving Memory of  
Theresa Weyandt (D)

**Saturday, February 5, 2022**

**4:00 p.m.** Frances Nutter (D)

**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

**8:30 a.m.** People of the Parish

**11:00 a.m.** Margaret Ledley (D)  
Birthday Remembrance

### **Bulletin Masses**

Please call the Rectory office to have your loved ones and friends remembered or honored in a Bulletin Mass. It is a great way to remember and honor your special dates and occasions.

### **POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY**

#### **Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

**Free AT HOME COVID-19 Tests** – As part of a federal program, the United States Postal Service will deliver 4 FREE COVID-19 tests to individual homes. See link for more information and order form: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

**PRAYER LIST** : Please remember those who are sick, in a nursing or convalescent home, the homebound and their families and caregivers by including them in our Parish Prayer Chain. Please call the Rectory 410-566-0877 to add them to our list. If anyone needs visitation, please call the Rectory 410-566-0877 with the names of anyone in the hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility or who is homebound.

Richard (Cancer) Nadine (Cancer). Tom M. (Special Intentions) Dick K. (Cancer) Peggy, Bob & Andy Moan (Special Intentions) Mara, Fadi, Yosif, Mara & Sally, Hanan, Shawn, Alton (Special Intentions). Cecilia W. (Special Intention) Barbara's Neighbor (Cancer) Larry J. (Good Health) Daren McGloin (Good Health), Joseph Meyer (Good Health) & Family, Karen Bowen (Fall & Surgery), Herman Williams (Fall) Peggy Day (Fall) Mike G. (Stroke) & Strength for the Family, Marian Erdman (Fall) Chris (Good Health) Pat B. (Good Health) Eugene M. (Covid recovery) Louis (Avon) Owens (Good Health) Mary Dooley (Liver Condition), Chuck McNery (Cancer) Daniel Thomas (Cancer), Tom Cornell (Cancer) Pat Bunke & Family (Cancer), Elaine M. (Cancer), Joe Garbo (Good Health) Michael J. Lampieri (Special Intentions) John Jackson (Special Intentions Recovery from an Accident) Bill Thornberg (Kidney Cancer), Elaine (Good Health), Betty Ann (Stroke), Bernard (Good Health) Christine (Good Health) Julie (Good Health) Ted (Good Health) Cayden & Parents (Good Health) Mary Margaret Richards (Cancer), Maria (Good Health), Emma and Kathy (Special Intention), Kay (Fall & Good Health), Richard Melson (For Peace & Healing) Ann Cleaver & Sons (Special Intention) Gloria Rattliff (Surgery & Treatment), Lyla (Good Health) Ernie (Surgery and Recovery) Dennis Dooley (Cancer) Trish K. (Good Health) Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jesse and keep Jesse's Family in your prayers., Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carl and keep Carl's Family in your prayers, Mary Jean (Good Health), Laura (Good Health) Gary Frame (Good Health) Valerie (Good Health), Herb K. (Good Health)

### **PRAYER AGAINST SICKNESS**

O Jesus, divine Redeemer, be merciful to us, and the entire world. Amen. O mighty God! O Holy God, O Immortal God! have pity on us, and the entire world. Amen. Grant us pardon and mercy, O my Jesus; and during these days of present danger pour down your most precious blood upon us. Amen. O eternal Father, have mercy on us, through the sacred blood of Jesus Christ, your only Son; have mercy on us, we beseech you. Amen.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

“Love is patient, love is kind ...” As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you’ve probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn’t just for newlyweds. It wasn’t written for married folks. It’s for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It’s for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I’m forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn’t there?). A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it’s never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window. As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that’s an opportunity to “strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.”

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**January 15 & 16, 2022**

**Mass Attendance 195**

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Candlemas, also called Presentation of the Lord or Presentation of Christ in the Temple or Hypapante, is on February 2, commemorating the occasion when the Virgin Mary, in obedience to Jewish law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem both to be purified 40 days after the birth of her son, Jesus, and to present him to God as her firstborn (Luke 2:22–38).

Lord Jesus, as an infant You were brought to the temple by Your parents out of religious duty. Help all parents to take their duties to God seriously, to inculcate their faith in the next generation by their words and by their actions, so that the faith will be handed on where the faith is first learned—in the family and in the home.

## SIX LITTLE STORIES

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of the prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience. That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!

### Book your FREE Live! Virtual Tour of the Stone Farmhouse

Gather your family, friends, religious communities, students and Church groups for this unique event to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life! "Walk and talk" with a personal tour guide on these 30 minute tours through Mother Seton's Stone Farmhouse, where she established the first religious order of women in America. Virtual tours will be held on Feb 1st and Feb 2nd and will be available for groups or individuals. Reserve your spot by visiting [setonshrine.org/virtual-tours](http://setonshrine.org/virtual-tours) or to talk with our Groups Coordinator, Kelly Smith, please call 301-447-6981 or email [kelly.smith@setonshrine.org](mailto:kelly.smith@setonshrine.org)

### Sacred Relics of the Saints:

#### Treasures of the Church

The Seton Seton presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Sunday, February 20 at 3:00 pm. Father Carlos Martins, a Vatican-appointed expert on relics will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Learn more at [setonshrine.org](http://setonshrine.org)



## Altar Flowers

### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are in Loving Memory of James E. Schmidt, Sr. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of James's death, from his loving wife Jean and family.

### Immaculate Conception

**Question:** I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

**Answer:** While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate? Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

### Prayer for Priests and Nuns

Heavenly Father, in your wisdom you have called certain women and men to a life of special consecration so that in prayerful observance of a lifestyle of poverty, chaste celibacy and obedience, they might be witnesses to us that as St. Paul says, "our true citizenship is in heaven." Give them, Lord, the grace of joy and perseverance in their holy vocation. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

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