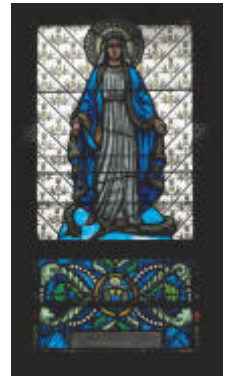




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St Brendan Church Colebrook

Masses—Thur: 8AM,
Sun: 10AM

St Pius X Church Errol

Masses—Sun: 8AM (Chapel open
Memorial Day to Columbus Day)



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 23rd, 2022

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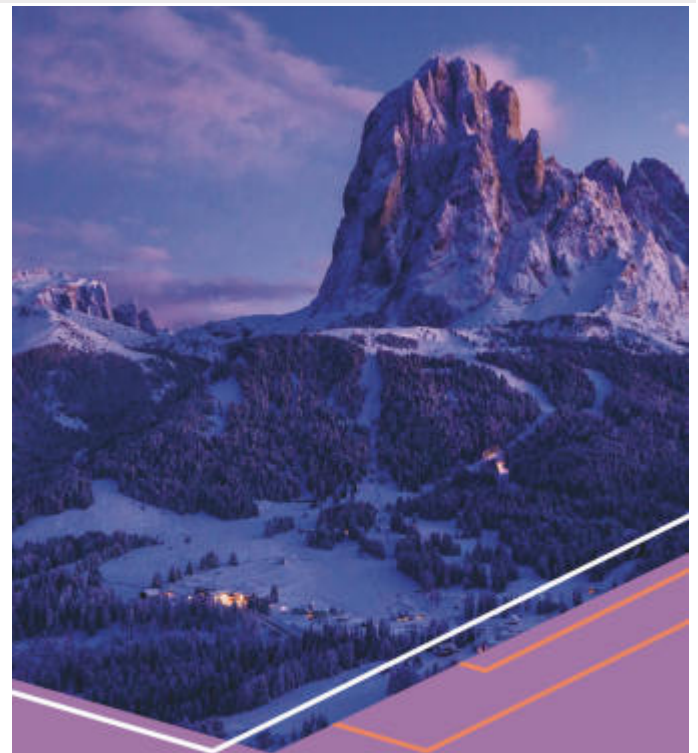
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New Parishioners: If you attend North American Martyrs Parish regularly & consider us your parish, please take a moment to register with us by calling the Parish Office as soon as possible.



3rd 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



ST. ALBERT

Sat., Jan. 22nd 4:30PM
Roger & Junior Mathieu
 Req by Real & Rollande Mathieu

Sun., Jan. 23rd 8:00AM
Iola Boire
 Req by Josh Boire & Family

Fri., Jan. 28th 8:00AM
Francine Devost
 Req by Ronnie Devost

Sat., Jan. 29th 4:30PM
Patricia Beauregard Req by Franoise Bohan
Pauline Rodrigue Req by Gaston Rodrigue

Sun., Jan.30th 8:00AM
Zeb Madore Req by Suzanne Madore & Family

ST. BRENDAN

Sun., Jan. 23rd 10:00AM
Fernand DeBlois Req by the Family
Rosaire Rougeau Req by his Wife & Family

Thu., Jan 27th 8:00AM
Cornelius, Mary D. & Mary C. O'Leary
 Req by Richard Holt

Sun., Jan 30th 10:00AM
Alcide & Yvette Beloin Req by Suzanne Carrier

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Wed., Jan.. 26th 9:30AM
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day

<u>Financial Report</u>	1/16/2022
Offertory	\$1880.00
60/40 Fundraiser	28.00
Food Pantry	100.00
<i>Seminarian Fund.</i>	552.50

Thank you for your support of our parish!

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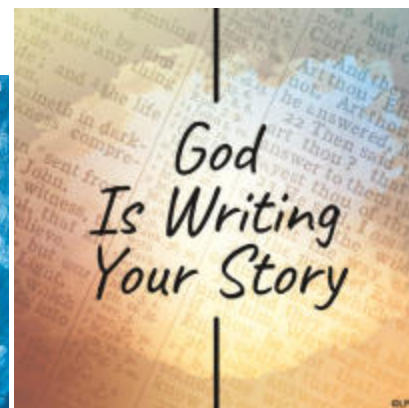
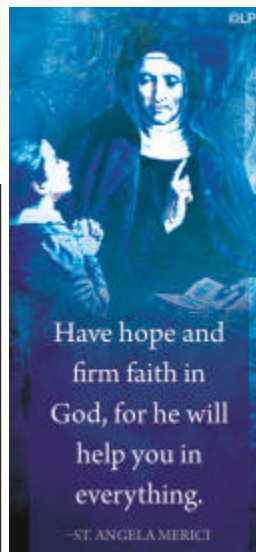
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For the intentions of the parishioners

St. Brendan Church

For Fernande DeBloise

Eucharistic Adoration
Monthly, 8:30AM First Friday at St Albert Parish



The Rosary is prayed 1/2 hour before each weekend mass at St. Albert's & St. Brendan's Church. All are welcome to join.



Each year, Pope Francis asks for prayers for a specific monthly intention. January's special intention is:

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

The Annual Membership Club (\$100 yr) - pick up & fill out an envelope in the back of the Church & drop in the collection. Payable as one lump sum or 10 monthly payments of \$10. Drawing in Dec.. Start yours today!

WORD OF GOD



Week of January 23, 2022 Readings:

Sun: Neh 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

Tues: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk
16:15-18

Wed: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:1-20

Thur: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

Fri: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk
4:26-34

Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sun: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Link for reading information
as well as other pertinent
Universal Church resources:
[http://uscgb.org/bible/
readings](http://uscgb.org/bible/readings).

Observances for this week:

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

Mon: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop/Doctor of the
Church

Tues: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wed: Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Thur: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Fri: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest/Doctor of the
Church

Sat:

Next Sun: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY - OUR WEEKLY INSPIRATION

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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: (Neh 8:8) 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: (1 Cor 12:12) 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: (Lk 1:21) 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?

"I was one way.....
and now I'm completely different
& the thing that happened in between...

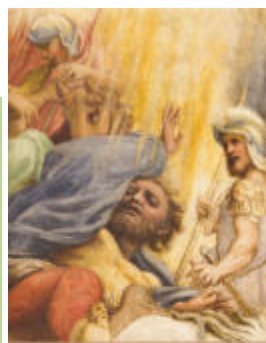
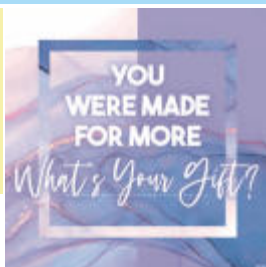
Was HIM!"



Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"



THE CONVERSION OF
ST. PAUL
THE APOSTLE



January is the month of The Holy Name of Jesus

Lord Jesus,

we humbly pray You to give us all a great reverence and respect for Your most holy name.

Forgive us for ever having used the name of Jesus in vain, or without due respect.

Help us remember how reverently and lovingly, Your Mother Mary used the name of Jesus, and how humbly Saint Joseph called You and spoke to You by name.

Your name, dear Jesus, is above every other name in heaven or on earth, because You are the Jesus, the Savior of all men.

You have saved us, and You have told us to ask God anything in Your name, and it would be granted.

We ask You, humbly and confidently, to bless us and our work,

and give us the rich treasures of Your Divine grace, without which we cannot even so much as pronounce the name of

Jesus.
Amen.

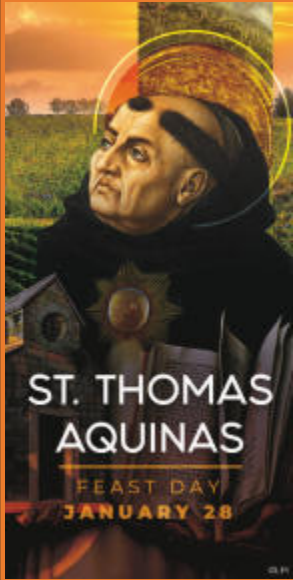


CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who is the patron saint of lost things?

Answer: St. Anthony of Padua

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH



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.

Sharing Your Faith— Is it Right to Sue?

Question: Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer: 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.

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.

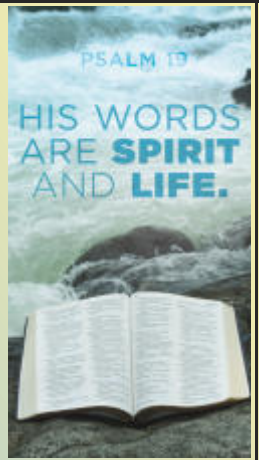
But are we mindful — truly?

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.

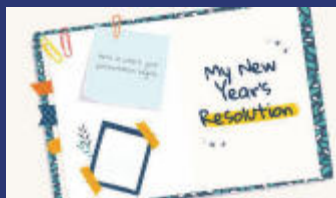
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Catholic Women's Club For more information about the Catholic Women's Club please call Diane Little (603-237-8062).

Our parish website calendar of events continues to grow! Please bookmark this link so that you can easily look an event up. If you know of an event not listed please contact the Parish Office and share the details and we'll have

it added! nampnh.org



Please join us for Lectio Divina

Every Wed. 6-7pm. We pray, read & discuss the upcoming readings for the next Sunday. Link:

us02web.zoom.us

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