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## 3<sup>RD</sup> 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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass, 62001, 1990, 1970 CCD.

## MASS TIMES

### Saturday

7:30am, 4:00pm (Vigil for Sunday)

### Sunday

8:00am, 10:00am (Family Mass) & 12 Noon

### Weekdays

7:30am

### Holy Days

Vigil 7:00pm

7:30am & 7:00pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm



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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday January 22, 2022 (Vigil Mass)**

**4pm Ellen Richter requested by Cheryl Mooney**

### **Sunday January 23, 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8am Joseph Tessedaro requested by Linda Heyliger**

**10am Shaq Nok Tinaj requested by Maria Veshtaj**

**12Noon John ONell requested by Patricia Pierro**

### **Monday January 24, 2022 St. Fancis De Sales**

**7:30am Nettie Vasti requested by the Vasti Family**

### **Tuesday January 25, 2022 Conversion of St. Paul**

**7:30am Richard and Dorothy Jennings (Living) Happy Anniversary**

### **Wednesday January 26 2022 Sts. Timothy and Titus**

**7:30am Franco Sustar requested by Dorothy Fronk**

### **Thursday January 27, 2022 Sts. Angela Merici**

**7:30am Lillina Devita requested by Carmelo Greco**

### **Friday, January 28, 2022 St Thomas Aquinas**

**7:30am Mario Fronk requested by Dorothy Fronk**

### **Saturday January 29, 2022**

**7:30am Brian Stephenson requested by The Vasti Family**

### **Saturday January 29, 2022 (Vigil Mass)**

**4pm Josephine Mazzella requested by Maria and Lena Mazzella**

### **Sunday January 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **National Catholic Schools Week Begins**

**8am John Tronconi requested by Mr and Mrs Thomas Tronconi**

**10am Dominico Cipollone requested by Guisseppe and Pasqua Assalone**

**12Noon Andy Payla requested by Patricia Balbi**



**Our gifts back to the Lord**  
**Sunday Collection January 16, 2022 \$3,631.00**  
**Thank You and May God Bless You!**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

**On this Sunday of the Word of God, I would like to share with you excerpts from Pope Francis' homily from last year Sunday of the Word of God.**

**On this Sunday of the Word, let us listen to Jesus as he proclaims the Kingdom of God. Let us consider what he says and to whom he says it.**

**What does he say? Jesus begins his preaching with these words: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mk 1:15). God is near, that is the first message. His kingdom has come down to earth. God is not, as we are often tempted to think, distant, up in heaven, detached from the human condition. No, he is in our midst....Before all else, we must believe and proclaim that God has drawn near to us, that we have been forgiven and shown mercy. Prior to every word of ours about God, there is his word to us, his Word who continues to tell us: "Do not be afraid, I am with you. I am at your side and I will always be there."**

**... "Repent," says Jesus, immediately after proclaiming God's closeness. For, thanks to his closeness, we can no longer distance ourselves from God and from others. The time when we could live thinking only of ourselves is now over. To do so is not Christian, for those who experience God's closeness cannot ignore their neighbors or treat them with indifference. Those who hear God's word are constantly reminded that life is not about shielding ourselves from others, but about encountering them in the name of God who is near. The word sown in the soil of our hearts, leads us in turn to sow hope through closeness to others. Even as God has done with us.**

**Let us now consider to whom Jesus speaks. His first words are to Galilean fishermen, simple folk who lived by harsh manual labor, by day and night. They were no experts in Scripture or people of great knowledge and culture....Yet that is where Jesus began, not from the center but from the periphery, and he did so in order to tell us too that no one is far from God's heart. Everyone can receive his word and encounter him in person....**

**Yet the word of God also has particular power, that is, it can touch each person directly. The disciples would never forget the words they heard that day on the shore of the lake, by their boats, in the company of their family members and fellow workers: words that marked their lives forever. Jesus said to them: "Follow me, I will make you become fishers of men"(Mk:1:17) He did not appeal to them using lofty words and ideas, but spoke to their lives....The lord does the same with us: he looks for us where we are, he loves us as we are, and he patiently walks by our side. As he did with those fishermen, he waits for us on the shore of our life. With his word, he wants to change us, to invite us to live fuller lives and to put out into the deep together with him.**

**So dear brothers and sisters, let us not ignore God's word. It is a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best. In reading it, we again hear his voice, see his face and receive his Spirit. That word brings us close to God. Let us not keep it at arm's length, but carry it with us always, in our pocket, on our phone. Let us give it a worthy place in our homes, Let us set the Gospel in a place where we can remember to open it daily, perhaps at the beginning and at the end of the day, so that amid all those words that ring in our ears, there may also be a few verses of the word of God that can touch our hearts.**



To be able to do this, let us ask the Lord for the strength to turn off the television and open the Bible, to turn off our cell phone and open the Gospel.

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**Sacrament Of Baptism**

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community:

Nicholas, Son of Stephen and Samantha Meys



The Salesians Community Of New Rochelle Cordially invites you to join us for a Celebration of our Father and Founder St. John Bosco on Friday January 28, 2022 10 am Celebration of the Eucharist in the Wiegand Center Bishop Edmund Whalen Auxiliary Bishop of New York, presider 11:30am Festive Luncheon in the Salesian High School Cafeteria. Please RSVP by January 24 lcorreale@salesianhigh.org



The Serra Club of the Bronx and Westchester will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at the Eastchester Manor, 3371 Eastchester Road ,Bronx NY. On Wednesday January 26th at 12Noon. The guest speaker will be Father Nikolin Pergjini and the topic will be The Holy Mass The cost of the luncheon is \$35.00. Please call (718)325 6706 by January 20, 2022. All are Welcome!

**Healing After Abortion:** Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or go to [sistersoflife.org](http://sistersoflife.org)

**Attention: Catholic Teachers in Public Schools**

**SAVE THIS DATE: Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022**

**10:00 am to 11:30 am**

You are invited to a virtual and inspirational conversation with your retreat leader, David Barocsi who will lead you on a journey of prayer and sharing on the theme. "As teachers we are the Hands of Jesus." Let's meet to reflect, recharge, and rejuvenate as we head into a 2022. To register go to [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RhH8z600R8OoBEtap2NmTA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RhH8z600R8OoBEtap2NmTA) For more details, contact: Sr. Zelide Ceccagno at 914-965-0490 or [zelide.ceccagno@archny.org](mailto:zelide.ceccagno@archny.org)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Clare of Assisi January 29, 2022 St. Francis Xavier February 5 and 12 2022



11:00am—2:00 p.m.

Come and spend time with the Lord

Just a reminder the 2022 Mass Intention Book is opened. Please write down your requested mass intentions and bring it to the Rectory. Each announced Mass is \$20.00.

**Year-End Contribution Statements**

We wish to thank all of our parishioners for their generous support throughout this past year. If you would like a statement for your envelope contributions for tax year end 2021 please call the Rectory, starting on January 12, 2022.



PLEASE NOTE: That a statement will be sent to you only if you request one.

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The governor has mandated the wearing of masks in all indoor facilities.



**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS:**

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**REMEMBER ALL THE MEN & WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES ESPECIALLY:**

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