



**MEAT AND MASKS - WHAT WOULD ST. PAUL SAY?**

1st Corinthians 8 gives a clue to what St. Paul might say about wearing masks during Covid. True, he was writing about eating meat sacrificed to idols. But look at how he sorted it out, and what was first in his heart. He understands that the important issue is not about being 'right' regarding what eating meat sacrificed to idols means. The issue is its impact on others: "Therefore if food is the cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall." Time spent with St. Paul in the letters to the Corinthians is always time well spent! **Fr. Bob**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. LEO'S  
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UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Monday** - January 24  
5:30 PM Mass  
**Tuesday** - January 25  
6:30 PM K of C Council, Room 5  
**Wednesday** - January 26  
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
12:00 PM Rosary for our Country, Church  
**Thursday** - January 27  
7:00 PM AA Room 5  
**Friday** - January 28  
8:30 AM Communion Service  
**Saturday**-January 29  
2:30 PM Confession  
3:20 PM Rosary  
4:00 PM Mass  
**Sunday** - January 30 - Blessing of throats at all Masses  
8:00 AM Mass  
10:30 AM Mass  
6:00 PM Mass

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**PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Shortly before He went to the cross, Jesus prayed for unity among His followers: "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one" (John 17:11). Later in the same prayer, Jesus asked "that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us. . . . I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity" (John 17:21-23). Obviously, Christian unity is important to our Lord.

In Romans 15:5-6, we see another, more general reason that Christian unity is important: "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (ESV). The bottom line is God's glory. God's people should be speaking with one voice in glorifying God.



Our Sanctuary Candle burns in prayer in memory of John Eichas.  
From: Terry Eichas

**SCRIPTURE CORNER**

Do you want to spend time in prayer each day? A good way to begin is to read or reread the daily Scripture readings. Prepare for Mass by taking a few moments to read the Scripture readings. Readings for the Week of January 23, 2022

**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21:15-16, 21  
**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3 22-30  
**Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18/Mk 16:15-18  
**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8/ Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41  
**Sunday** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31- 13:13/Lk 4:21-30

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The Sunday Mass will be live streamed on the St. Leo Hilton Facebook page on Saturday at 4 PM. Confessions will be heard Saturday from 2:30 - 3:30 PM Rosary will be prayed Saturday at 3:30 PM

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday** - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
5:30 PM Mary Jane Skarzynski (Betty Yokobosky and Family)  
**Tuesday** - Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins**  
8:30 AM Tom Popowich (John and Paula Corcoran)  
**Wednesday** - Sts. Timothy and Tirus, Bishops  
8:30 AM Walt Horylev (The Hubbells)  
**Thursday** - St. Angela Merc, Virgin and Religious Founder  
8:30 AM Salvatore Gallo (Family)  
**Friday** - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
8:30 AM Communion Service  
**Saturday** - Weekday  
4:00 PM John Eichas (Terry Eichas)  
**Sunday** - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 AM Noah Scheurman (The Robert Snyder Family)  
10:30 AM Mary and Joseph Gorman (Family)  
6:00 PM Barbara Burdick (Sue Lorz)

**ST. BLAISE FEAST DAY - BLESSING OF THROATS**

The annual Blessing of Throats will be held after all Masses next week. The throat blessing is invoked to ward off diseases of the throat. According to tradition, Blaise, while in prison, saved the life of a boy who had a fish bone stuck in his throat and was suffocating. Blaise said a blessing over the boy, who spat out the fish bone, thereby earning him the name Patron Saint of sore throats. He was tortured and martyred in 316. Blaise is of Latin origin and means "lispings." His feast day is February 3.



Wearing red vestments the presider will hold two white candles, pressing the crossed candles against the throat and intoning the blessing: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness."



Let us remember in prayer  
*Inge Kresimon*, sister of Ursula Laszweski,  
*Randy Rivet*, brother of Kathi Popowich, Sheryl Camp,  
Carol Sage; *Carol Whitmore*, mother of Marie Ward;  
*Jude Eichas*, brother of Arthur Eichas; Michael White.

Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**WEST BY NORTHWEST ULTREYA** - A Cursillo Center of the Rochester Diocese. Ultreya meets the last Saturday of each month at 5:15 PM  
**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Contact Margaret, 392-8064; Theresa, 392-4856 or the Parish Office 392-2710; concerning the needs of the sick, hospitalized or shut-ins. Those unable to attend Mass regularly will have Holy Communion brought to their homes.  
**Parish Membership:** those who choose to worship regularly with us are invited and welcome to join our parish community offering your time, talent and financial support. Call the Parish Office, 392-2710 to register.  
**Christian Formation:** Ongoing education for Pre-School through adults.  
**Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA):** Our faith community invites anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or wishes to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church by their Sacraments contact Mary Lou Rosien, 594-2621, [mary.louise.rosien@dor.org](mailto:mary.louise.rosien@dor.org).  
**Sacrament of Marriage:** Call the Parish Office, 392-2710 when you become engaged.  
**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call Carol Steiger at [CSteiger@rochester.rr.com](mailto:CSteiger@rochester.rr.com) 392-9558. six months before the anticipated birth date. Parent class is required.

## BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

The Knights of Columbus has published a series of booklets meant to aid in our understanding on building the domestic Church while strengthening our parish. In 1981, Pope John Paul II issued his *Apostolic Exhortation FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO*, on the role of the Christian family in the modern world.

These booklets are available on a rack in the Parish Life Center and are free. There is something of interest to all. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing this collection of inspiring subjects.

## UNITY VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITIES

Rochester Regional Health is looking for volunteers for their campuses, Edna Tina Wilson Living Center, St. Mary's Campus and Unity Hospital. There are several positions available. For further information on positions call Myrna Rivera, Volunteer Services Specialist at 585-368-3255 or visit their website: <https://www.rochesterregional.org/join-our-team/volunteer-at-unity/volunteer-opportunities-at-unity>. Check out the announcement on the bulletin board in the Parish Life Center for positions available at each location.

## POPE LINKS VACCINATION WITH A "MORAL OBLIGATION"

In an article in the D & C on Tuesday, January 11, Pope Francis suggested that getting vaccinated against the coronavirus was a "moral obligation" and denounced how people had been swayed by "baseless information" to refuse one of the most effective measures to save lives during the pandemic. The pope has termed vaccination as "an act of live" and said that refusing to get inoculated was "suicidal."

The D & C article is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Life Center.

## PRAYER FOR HOPE

Today I feel hopeless and weak, and I need Your strength.

My God, I pray You will touch my spirit and remind me that with You all things are possible.

Show me once again, now, in my hour of weakness, that through You I will find hope for a better future.

Through You, I will find a more meaningful life.

Help me to gasp Your strong hand and find my own strength herein.

In the name of Your son Jesus Christ please hear my prayer, Amen.

## SAINT PIUS TENTH SCHOOL 2022-2023 COME JOIN OUR FAMILY!

Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year for students entering Pre-K through Grade 5 opens on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 9:30 AM. For a modest \$150.00 registration fee per family, secure a spot for the beginning of a life-long call to faith, knowledge, and service. Contact the School Office at 247-5650 with any questions or to schedule a tour. Registration packets will also be posted on the school website at [spxdcs@dor.org](mailto:spxdcs@dor.org)

**Come see what sets us apart from the rest!**

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER

Patricia Bardeen, Mark Bardeen, Meg Camp, Owen Camp, Karen Cardone, Jackie Collins, Jay Confer, Susan Crump, Christine Davison, Lu Ess, Steve Ewert, John Flanagan, Lynn Frisch, Pamela Godshalk, Ed Hubbell, Ernest Hubbell, Cheryl Johnson Family, Pete Kutzer, Dcn. Bill Lenhart, Don Mac Kenzie, Paul Marvin, Grace Lynn Matthews, Catherine McGinnis, Erin Merritt, Catherine Miller, Barbara Pedeville, Norene Peter, Mike Pitcher, Kathi Popowich, Jennifer Pringle, Anne Reyner, Laura Richter, Ken Robinson, Jamie Rothfuss, Maddie Scheuerman, Cheryl Schojan, Diane Sellitto, Joe Semanko, Sara Shiveler, David Smith, Sr.; Donna Smith, Linda Smith, Kevin Spears, Cameron Tomlin, Mary Beth Turiano-Fox, Marily Vargas, Marilyn Walker, Steve Wilds, Carol Williams, Ron Wilson, Mary Wirth, Sally Woodley, Ray Yeaton, and all in need of prayer.

## CMA - WE ARE ALMOST THERE!!

Thanks to 199 donors our CMA goal is in sight! As of 1/17/22 we have pledged \$74,475.00 of our goal of \$75,994. Only \$1,519 remains to reach the goal. If you can help, a contribution no matter how large or small will close the gap! Please help if you can.

## 'I HOPE I AM LIKE HIM'

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Theresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at the tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist—a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power—a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishment and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ - and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament - he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

People can easily lose a sense of 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.

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An ounce of don't-say-it is worth a pound of didn't mean it. When your speaks for itself, don't interrupt.

## ST. LEO PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Provide a warm and supportive community to aid in the salvation of souls, to promote evangelization, and to serve God, our congregation and our world.

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