



Mary, Mother of the Church

A Roman Catholic Parish * Msgr. Thomas Ginty, Pastor

Waterbury, Connecticut

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 23, 2022



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

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The Parish Office is located at
SS. Peter & Paul Church

St. Leo the Great Church
14 Bentwood Drive
Waterbury, CT 06705

NEW Mass Schedule

4:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Leo
8:00am Sunday Mass @ SS Peter & Paul
11:00am Sunday @ St. Leo the Great

NEW Daily Mass Schedule

8:00 am Wednesday & Thursday's @
St. Leo the Great

Confession Schedule

3:00 pm Saturday Afternoon @ St. Leo
or anytime by appointment



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DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 23, 2022
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God’s transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God’s constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God’s Word, God’s life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one’s soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn’t forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God’s Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God’s fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



**Winter Weather and
Closing alerts**

Any time an event at our parish may need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be posted on TV

CHANNEL 3 OR 8





We didn’t really get to give Fr. Lavorgna a proper send off from our parish so guess what?

We’re having a belated “Farewell Party” for our dear friend Fr. Lavorgna on:

**SUNDAY JANUARY 30TH
2:00 TO 4:00PM
ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH HALL**

Hope to see you there!




**SECOND
COLLECTION**
This Weekend

The Catholic High School Collection, occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of January 22/23, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, and marketing, all of which are so critical during this ongoing pandemic. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a gift to this year’s Catholic High School Collection on January 22/23.

Do you or someone you know need prayers?

Call: Grace Ducharme (203)753-0518
to be added to the prayer list.



Never underestimate the power of prayer!



Remember to check our web-site
Mmcparish.com
For current events and updates



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next 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

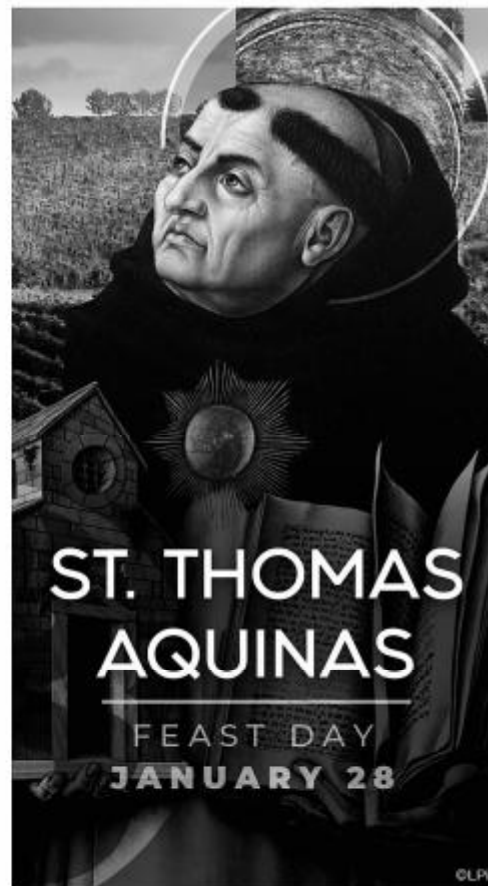
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Monday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Wednesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

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.

Mass Intentions  for the Week

MASSES AT SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH

Sunday, January 23rd

(SSPP) 8:00am Clarence Demers—Memorial
(The Lucarelli Family)

Sunday, January 30th

(SSPP) 8:00am Kathleen Doolan & Francis
Doolan—Memorial (Family)



Please remember in your prayers our
deceased members of Mary, Mother of
the Church Parish, especially;

John Mulhall

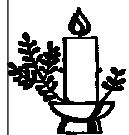
Rebecca Wisnie

The Sanctuary Lamp at
St. Leo the Great will burn this week for:

Theresa Michaud



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The Sanctuary Lamp at
SS. Peter & Paul will this week for:

Rose Rizk and Naim Rizk

MASSES AT ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH

Saturday, January 22nd

4:00pm Viola Sharkis—Memorial
(Douglas Codianni)

Sunday, January 23rd

11:00am Michelle Strileckis—Memorial
(Claudette Paolino)

Wednesday, January 26th

8:00am Vincent Zerblas—16th
Anniversary (Cousin, Diane
Colangelo)

Thursday, January 27th

8:00am Salvatore Daddona,
Josephine Daddona and Joseph
Daddona (Family)

Saturday January 29th

4:00pm Theresa Michaud—Memorial
(Family of Theresa)

Sunday, January 30th

11:00am Angela Rafferty—21st
Anniversary (Family)

PARISH COLLECTIONS



The regular collection reflects the
offertory collected at the Masses as
well as those contributions mailed
into the parish office.

January 16th	Regular	\$3243.00
January 16th	Monthly	\$1141.00
On-Line Giving		\$421.48

We Thank you for your continued support!



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor...
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.



Women's Retreat

Mary, Mother of the Church
Annual Women's Retreat

Theme: "All around us we have known You"

Be part of the experience...You'll have the opportunity to participate in the sacraments, to hear conference talks, share with other women and to reflect on this year's theme. If you can't commit to an entire weekend, please consider the one day "commuter" rate.

Where: Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Ctr.
Farmington, CT

When: March 4th, 5th and 6th. (Three day full retreat)

Cost: \$290.00 for the full weekend or \$145.00 for just one day; Saturday March 5th (commuter rate)

Deposit of \$100.00 check and or credit card, non-refundable to confirm reservation. Balance to be paid in full upon arriving.

Meals: Delicious meals included in retreat fee.

To Register:

call: 860-677-8519 or register online at www.ourladyofcalvaryretreat.net

Any questions please call or text Pat Longo
203-910-5990

All ladies in the parish are welcome!



January Social Outreach

Brian Gibbons Social Outreach Program

The program provides case management and support services to people living outside or those recently housed. Visits are made to campsites, factories, and abandoned buildings several times a week and even in the bitter cold and snowy days of the winter months. We provide food, warm clothing, hygiene products, camping equipment, and most importantly, HOPE. Items they mostly need are:

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A New Day Dawns

In both the first reading and the gospel, the main figure reads from a scroll. The stage is set for the renewal of the covenant.



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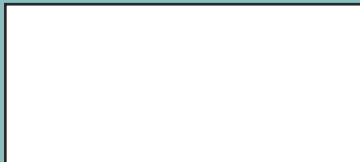
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