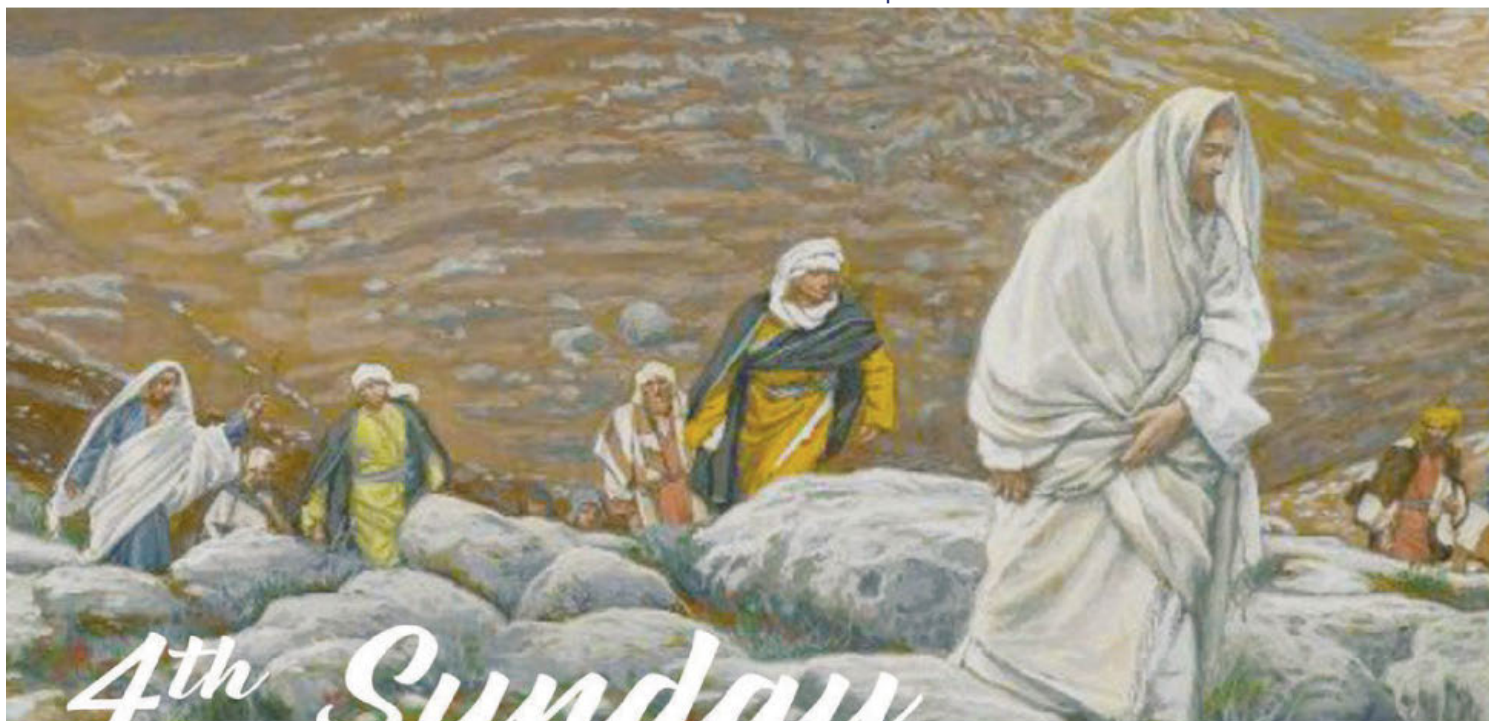




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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury.  
But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

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**JANUARY 30, 2022**

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**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm**

**Sunday Mass: 11:00 am**

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**Monday after 8:00am Daily Mass**

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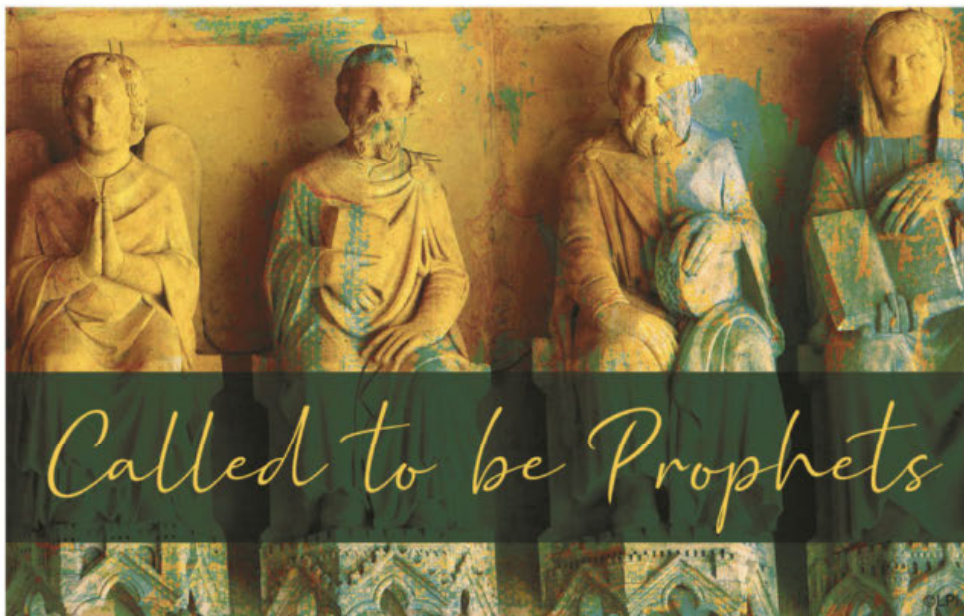
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NEW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.**

## 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?

*When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.*

*- Lk 4:28-30*

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Your presence, your talents and your prayers are always welcome. **Please introduce yourself to Fr. Castro**, after one of the Masses and also please formally register with the parish through our website at [www.saintjuniperoserra.org](http://www.saintjuniperoserra.org) or by contacting the office.

**The churches are open for private devotions:**

St. Francis of Assisi: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

St. Margaret Mary: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-3:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-5:30pm

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## Important Information

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**Baptisms:** Parents must attend a pre-baptismal class and sponsor certificates for the godparents must be received before a baptism can be scheduled. Please call the parish office to register.

**Prayer Line:** For prayer requests or to join the Prayer Line, please call Donna, 860-938-4864, Ida, 860-289-2826 or Mary, 860-644-0766.

**Weddings:** At least six months preparation is necessary. Please call Fr. Castro at x109

**Ministry to Those in the Hospital or Homebound:** Your parish priests, deacons and ministers are eager to help anyone who is unable to celebrate with us because of age, illness or handicap. There is no problem visiting private homes if we are notified. If you, or a relative living in the South Windsor Catholic Community would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office so that we may be of assistance.

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**Bulletin Submissions:** The deadline for the bulletin articles is noon on Friday. Email your submissions to: [bulletin@southwindsor.cc](mailto:bulletin@southwindsor.cc)



**SATURDAY VIGIL, January 29**

4:00 p.m. William Bannon- 75th Birthday Remembrance  
by Family

**SUNDAY, January 30**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. Mary & John Taylor  
by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family  
9:00 a.m. Joseph F. Yacavone & Diane Yacavone Dillman  
by Yacavone Family  
11:00 a.m. Aida Morales Velez by Liturgy Committee

**MONDAY, January 31**

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Mínguy by St. Vincent de Paul Society

**TUESDAY, February 1**

8:00 a.m. Albert Battaglini by Ed & Kathy Sullivan

**WEDNESDAY, February 2**

8:00 a.m. Patrick Dawson  
by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

**THURSDAY, February 3**

8:00 a.m. Marianne Balboni by Annamae Davis

**SATURDAY VIGIL, February 5**

4:00 p.m. Aida Morales Velez by Women's Club

**SUNDAY, February 6**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. Stanley & Jane Piktel  
by The Kelly Family  
9:00 a.m. Andrew Fulop by Parents  
11:00 a.m. Lionel Ross  
by Wife, Adelaide, Daughter, Kimberly &  
Grandson, Nicholas

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn at  
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860-644-2549 ext. 107

St. Francis Church Hall | July 11 - 15  
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**St. Blaise | February 3**

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.

*Pray For...* Please remember in  
your prayers the  
following parishioners

**who are ill** Thomas Russo, Giacomo Ghasa, Scott Mosher, Anne Mosher, Rosemary Saad, Lydia Mele, Barbara Mansini, Tammy Cross, Mary Caswell, Linda Pratson, Beth Jamieson, Helen Palmer, Teresa Foran, Marie Donnelly, George Rousseau, Charles Flick, Joyce Abrahams, Kay Vuono, Pat Hendrickson, Carmen Rosa Chilicki, Karen Cerrato, Bertha Brasfield, Mark Weyrauch, Robert Billig, Adam Johnson, Taina Marquez-Johnson, Luca and Nicolas Marquez-Johnson, Simone Tedford, Frances P. Medina, Paula Musgrave, Richard Mazur, John Ferrante, Michael Chappell, Rebecca-Lynn Scullion, Dylan McBreen, Susan Degennaro, Lisa Feinstein, Sylvia Gonsalves, Louise Hynes. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

**STEWARDSHIP**

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## Presentation of the Lord

### Question:

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?



### Answer:

February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.

## INCREASE YOUR FAITH

Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. No need to study anything, just come and see what it's all about. We start off the evening with The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Spiritual Rosary and finish the night sharing our Faith and discussing The Divine Mercy message. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 8th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel.* For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

**THE ONLY PREREQUISITE IS A DESIRE TO KNOW GOD BETTER**

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End of year contribution statements for parishioners who participate in our envelope system or online giving have been *automatically* sent via email or mail, if there was no email of record. If you did not receive a statement and would like to, please contact Ginger at [ginger@southwindsor.cc](mailto:ginger@southwindsor.cc) or call the office at 860-644-2411 x101.

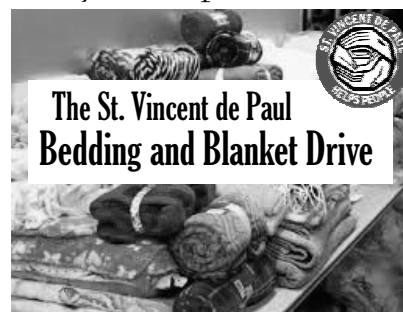
The Knights of Columbus and St. Junipero Serra Parish are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall. Make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or online at [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org). Any questions call Kevin Paradis @ 860-212-9661.



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**The St. Vincent de Paul  
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and blankets to go along with them to families in need. Our supply of twin and full sized bedding and blankets is low. We ask your help by donating new or gently-used twin and/or full sheet sets (fitted bottom, top and pillowcases), blankets and/or comforters. If you can help, please individually bag each bedding set or blanket or comforter and mark it as either twin or full. But please, no Queen or King sets because we do not provide Queen or King sized beds. For the blanket drive the St. Vincent de Paul Society truck will be in each church parking lot before each Mass the weekend of February 5 and 6, 2022 Bedding & Blanket Drive dates, places and times follow:

- Saturday, February 5: Saint Margaret Mary upper parking lot: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, February 6: Saint Francis of Assisi driveway: 7:00-9:15 a.m.
- Sunday, February 6: Saint Margaret Mary upper Parking lot: 9:30-noon

Our neighbors in need count on your generous blessings. Thank you for all you do.

**Want to know more about volunteering or attending a meeting?**

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site [www.societyhelpline.org](http://www.societyhelpline.org) or call 860 648-0216. 5

## PRAY FOR PRIESTS



As I shopped at my local grocery store the other day, and I had to do without my usual cream cheese, and I was forced to look at a different frozen breakfast sandwich than usual, and I opted for a different chicken broth, as my favorite was not in stock, it occurred to me that things seemed a little harder than usual. I remembered that the previous weekend, we had stopped at two different restaurants and had been turned away, since there was not enough staff to accommodate.

I thought about teachers, who no longer have substitutes. I thought about doctors, who are not getting the rest that they need. I thought about parents who have had to juggle jobs, and children, sicknesses and shortages. And it occurred to me that **priests have been dealing with shortages for a very very long time.** Longer than the pandemic, much longer.

And as with the shortages in the secular world, the work does not get lighter, it gets much more difficult. I have seen people remind each other on social media to be patient when it takes a bit longer to get their coffee. To remember not to stockpile so much butter, that no one else will have any butter. And that all acts of kindness go a long way.

It is a Catholic Priest's joy to bring the Sacraments to God's people. Through ordination they consecrate the bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ.

CCC1566 "It is in the Eucharistic cult or in the Eucharistic assembly of the faithful (synaxis) that they exercise in a supreme degree their sacred office; there, acting in the person of Christ and proclaiming his mystery, they unite the votive offerings of the faithful to the sacrifice of Christ their head, and in the sacrifice of the Mass they make present again and apply, until the coming of the Lord, the unique sacrifice of the New Testament, that namely of Christ offering himself once for all a spotless victim to the Father." From this unique sacrifice their whole priestly ministry draws its strength.

The next time, we have a latent moment, brought on by a staff shortage, let us call to mind our dear and holy priests and say a quick Hail Mary, that the most crucial of all the shortages will end soon. For it is a Priest that is needed for Baptism, Confessions, Confirmation, Matrimony, Jesus in the Eucharist, and for our Last rites. They have been working very hard, for a very long time, under extreme shortages. And as we can all now see firsthand, when there are less workers, the workload increases.



From 1970 to 2020, the number of priests in the U.S. dropped by 60%

### Prayer For Priests

O Jesus, I pray for  
 your faithful and fervent priests;  
 for your unfaithful and tepid priests;  
 for your priests laboring at home  
 or abroad in distant mission fields;  
 for your tempted priests;  
 for your lonely and desolate priests;  
 for your young priests;  
 for your dying priests;  
 for the souls of your priests in purgatory.  
 But above all, I recommend to you  
 the priests dearest to me:  
 the priest who baptized me;  
 the priests who absolved me from my sins;  
 the priests at whose Masses I assisted and  
 who gave me your Body and Blood in Holy  
 Communion;  
 the priests who taught and instructed me;  
 all the priests to whom I am indebted in any  
 other way.  
 O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,  
 and bless them abundantly in time and in  
 eternity. Amen  
 - St. Therese of Lisieux

St. Bernard tells us that everything has come to us through Mary; and we may also say that everything has come to us through the priest; yes, all happiness, all graces, all heavenly gifts. If we had not the Sacrament of Orders, we should not have Our Lord. Who placed Him there, in that tabernacle? It was the priest. Who was it that received your soul, on its entrance into life? The priest. Who nourishes it, to give it strength to make its pilgrimage? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, by washing that soul, for the last time, in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest -- always the priest. And if that soul comes to the point of death, who will raise it up, who will restore it to calmness and peace? Again the priest. You cannot recall one single blessing from God without finding, side by side with this recollection, the image of the priest.'

St. Jean Marie Baptiste Vianney,  
 the Cure of Ars

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Tens of thousands of Americans attended the 2022 March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Friday Jan 21st, to challenge the legality of abortion and celebrate a culture of life. The largest annual pro-life event in the country marks the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion nationwide. **National Catholic Register**

### The Babe Unborn by GK Chesterton

If trees were tall and grasses short,  
 As in some crazy tale,  
 If here and there a sea were blue  
 Beyond the breaking pale,  
 If a fixed fire hung in the air  
 To warm me one day through,  
 If deep green hair grew on great hills,  
 I know what I should do.

In dark I lie; dreaming that there  
 Are great eyes cold or kind,  
 And twisted streets and silent doors,  
 And living men behind.

Let storm clouds come: better an hour,  
 And leave to weep and fight,  
 Than all the ages I have ruled  
 The empires of the night.

I think that if they gave me leave  
 Within the world to stand,  
 I would be good through all the day  
 I spent in fairyland.  
 They should not hear a word from me  
 Of selfishness or scorn,  
 If only I could find the door, If only I  
 were born.

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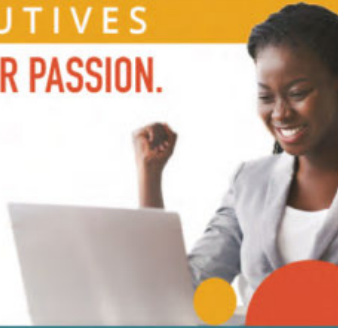
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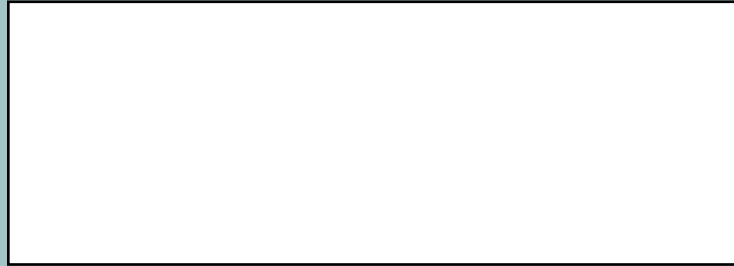
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