

January 23, 2022



SAINT EUPHRASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH



3rd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."
- Lk 4:18a*

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*Saturday: 5:00 PM

*Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM

*Monday: 8:30 AM

*Tuesday: 8:30 AM

*Wednesday: 8:30 AM

*First Friday of the month: 8:30 AM

*Thursday & Friday: Communion Service 8:30 AM

CONFESSION

*Saturday: 3:00pm-3:45pm

INFANT BAPTISMS

Are by appointment. Please call the Rectory office at 818-360-4611 ext. 110 for information and scheduling.

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Please call the Rectory at least six months before the desired wedding day to begin marriage preparation.

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 23rd

8:30am Deceased Members of Rodrigues Family

10:30am Craig Petrella (D)

5:00pm Joe Hamman (D)

Monday, January 24th

8:30am Horst Burchard (D)

Tuesday, January 25th

8:30am Paula Conferido (D)

Wednesday, January 26th

8:30am Horst Burchard (D)

Thursday, January 27th

8:30am Rodolfo Sar-Too (D)

Friday, January 28th

8:30am Rodolfo Sar-Too (D)

Saturday, January 29th

5:00pm Maria Del Carmen Moreno (D)

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time/ January 23, 2022

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

Psalm: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

He said to them,

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anton Holtzman

Dora Holtzman

Joan Johnson

Werner Kessler

Carolann Lombardy

April Mazzeo

Joe Nuccitelli

Anthony Nuccitelli

Deacon Mike Perez

Carl Stearns

Armando Talamantez

Beth Tramontina

Joy Louis

and all those in our Parish Book of Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF ALL SOULS:

Marian Crossan

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

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:

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:

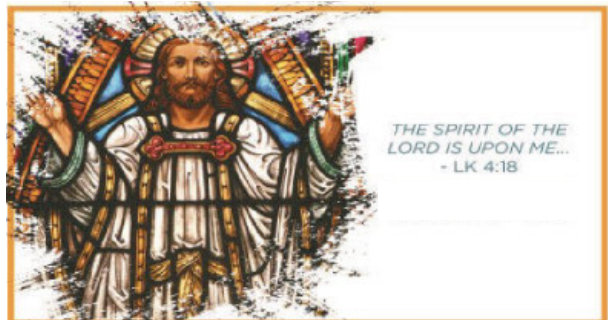
Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question:

Who is the patron saint of lost things?

Answer: St. Anthony of Padua





Are you interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation or Communion?
Or are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

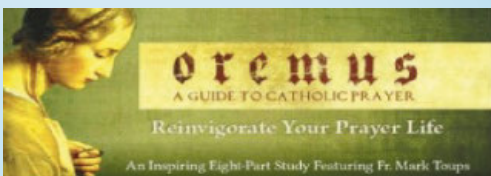
Are you interested in helping those who want to become Catholic? New team members for all levels of RCIA and Adult Confirmation preparation are needed.

Contact Sister Joanna
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Preparation of Adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Classes are Sundays 1-3 pm beginning February 13 or Mondays 7-9 pm beginning February 14. **Anyone who has already been Confirmed is also welcome to join and deepen in their faith.**

Contact Sister Joanna to register – 213-256-9753 or adultfaith@stemail.org



Do you find it easy to pray? For many, prayer can be difficult with our busy lives and/or our inability to quiet our minds. By following the wisdom of the saints and the Tradition of the Church, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to make prayer an integral part of your daily life.

OREMUS study program teaches us the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life in only 8 weeks! Come join us at Saint Euphrasia Parish Hall!
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For questions and please R.S.V.P!
Anna Bañuelos 818-900-3090
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When God calls someone, you always end up with a family, a community. God loves families. Our holiness comes from being in God's family as adopted children.

Servant of God Sister Ida Peterfy, SDSH
www.sacredheartsisters.com



It's Time to Give the Gift of Warmth to those in need by donating USED Men's-Women's-Children's Used Coats and winter garments!

Feed My Sheep, St. Euphrasia's service ministry to the hungry and needy, is sponsoring our annual Used Men's, Women's and Children's Used Coat Drive now through February 2022. Green collection receptacles are located in the vestibule AND in the porch alcove by the side church door entrance on Shoshone Ave. Please join in giving the Gift of Warmth to those in need!! Contact Nancy Hymes for more info: nancyhymes@hotmail.com

St. Euphrasia Parish
"Outstretched Arms"



Cancer Support Ministry

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday Feb. 5th 10am
Church Hall. We welcome
A Guest Speaker from
"AMERICA CANCER SOCIETY".

All are invited and we welcome Families to come and learn more about what they do and how they can help.

The St. Euphrasia Bible study team is happy to present Ascensions' Romans: the Gospel of Salvation. Romans reveals that salvation is not merely the removal of a guilty verdict; it is about entering into Christ's life, death, and resurrection and sharing in his divine life. In Jesus Christ all the hopes and expectations of Israel are fulfilled, leading to the universal ("Catholic") family of God. "Roman: The Gospel of Salvation" is an eight-week Bible Study that will help you make sense of your faith, works of the law, and justification.

Starts on January 31 (Monday) at 7 PM in the Hall and repeats the following Saturday, February 5 at 10AM.

Beneath His Cross

We are a Lay Apostolate of men and women who love our priests through the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother. We stand with Our Lady beneath the cross of Jesus in prayer, sacrifice, and reparation for our priests.

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Did you know? January 22-23|| Talk to your teenagers about Instagram

Teens and social media have been in the news a lot over the past several months, as research shows how damaging social media sites can be for self-esteem, productivity, and overall well-being. Instagram has been called out, with research citing harm done by filters and by bullying in private messages. How can parents protect their children from the negative impacts such a popular and prevalent site cause? Experts recommend keeping open lines of communication with your teenagers, talking to them often about what they see and how they feel about it. Use age and activity limits or monitoring to keep tabs on how your teens are using Instagram and other social media sites. For more information, read the Associated Press' "Instagram and teens: How to keep your kids safe," at

<https://apnews.com/article/technologysocial-media-instagramparentsguided5124f7229bbd6a892d9ac487cc04f96>.

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Join us for the American Red Cross Blood drive on
January 23 from 7am-1pm at the St. Euphrasia Hall.

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Liturgy 101

The Mass of the Catechumens, a.k.a. the Liturgy of the Word.

Are you old enough to remember when the Mass was divided into two parts—the Mass of the Catechumens and the Mass of the Faithful? Well, we still have two main parts; but now they are called the 'Liturgy of the Word' and the 'Liturgy of the Eucharist.' The Liturgy of the Word begins with the First Reading and ends after the General Intercessions (Universal Prayer) are completed. If you attend Mass where those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation are dismissed, you may have noticed that this always occurs before the Creed is recited. The unbaptized may not yet receive the food of the Eucharist. Instead, they are nourished in their faith development—as are the baptized—by listening to the Word of God proclaimed at the Mass. And then they are sent out. That is how this part of the Mass came to be called "The Mass of the Catechumens." And, by the way, it's where we got the term "Mass"—from the Latin word "missa"—sent.

Personal Reflection: When I am dismissed at the end of Mass, what am I being sent to do?

Next week: The Liturgy of the Word

Spiritual direction is the practice of walking with someone who wants to deepen their relationship with God and grow in their personal spirituality. The person seeking direction controls the time together. (S)he may share stories of encounters with the divine, or how they are cultivating a life attuned to spiritual things, or how they may be struggling in Faith, especially during this time of pandemic. Sister Angela, Pastoral Assistant and a certified Spiritual Director, is available to meet virtually (ZOOM, SKYPE, or FaceTime) with any parishioner who wishes to strengthen their awareness of God's voice and presence in their lives. If you desire more information or wish to set up an initial appointment, please contact her at afaustina@stemail.org.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED



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.

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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.

 **PUZZLE**

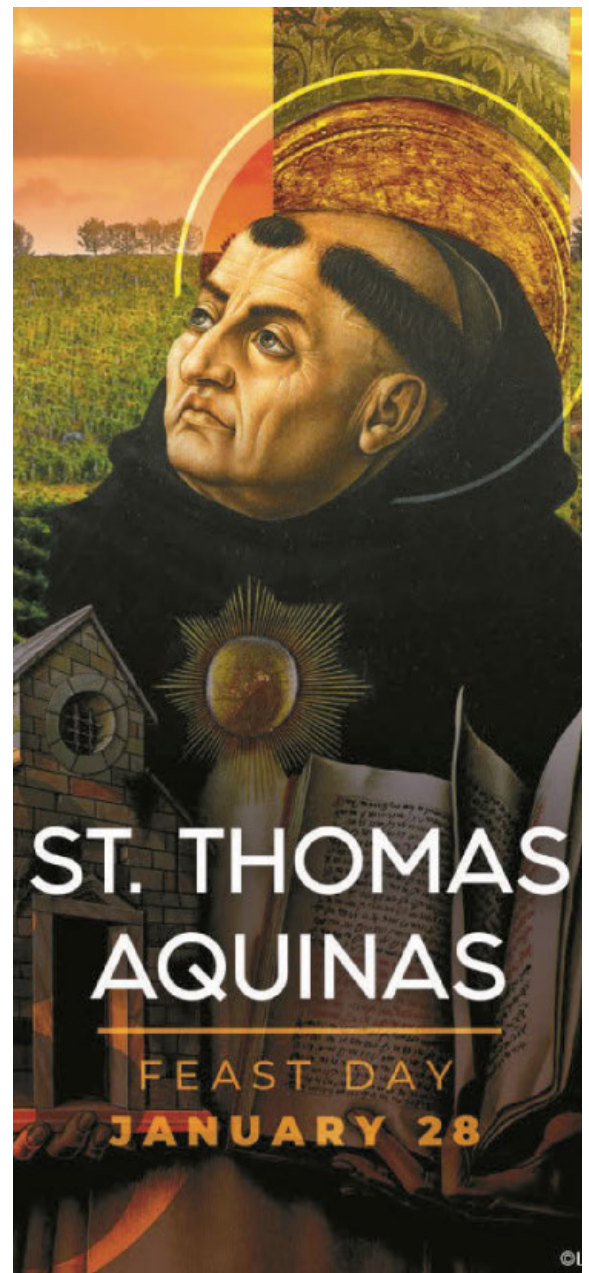
Circle these words from today's Gospel:

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 **MISSION**

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