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Saturday 4:30PM (English)

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Weekday Mass: 12:10PM  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

### **JANUARY 22**

4:30PM † Don James  
(*Sandy James*)

### **JANUARY 23**

8:30AM † Vincent Zaninovich  
(*Sims Family*)

10:00AM † Trenton Jones  
(*Sims Family*)

11:30AM Veronica Johnson  
(*Dona Kocks*)

1:00PM Misa Propulo

### **JANUARY 26**

12:10PM † Lisa Lee  
(*Roderick & Rita Lee*)

### **JANUARY 27**

12:10PM † Ramino Vejarano Delacruz  
(*Adelaida Vejarano*)

### **JANUARY 28**

12:10PM † Jesse Larroque  
(*Ponce Family*)

### ***Thank you for your continued support of our parish!***

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## Prayers for the

Oraciones  
por los  
enfermos  
en nuestra  
parroquia



## Sick in Our Parish

Elizabeth Stewart  
Maria Cristina Tovar  
Zendyn Thompson  
Adhemar Caero  
Mike, Grace, & Celia  
Hazdovac  
Mary Long  
Joann Currie  
Imelda Comon  
Daniel Xavier Huidor  
Carlos Blanco  
Robert Gonzalez  
Pauline Vega  
Amelia Agnes  
Teresa Alatorre  
Marcelina Arias  
Alicia Capinha  
Olin Gilbert

Pete Delao  
Ofelia Paraton  
Mateo Gonzales  
Sgt. Susan Barriento

## Prayers for the Deceased

*Oraciones por los difuntos*

Jim Hulsy  
Rebecca Shon  
Gloria Zollar  
Concepcion Sanchez  
Francisco Sanchez  
Mike Solano  
Leonor Vega  
Geneva Guerra  
Angel Campos  
Gilberto Garcia  
Eric Mijarez  
Carmen Cisneros  
Linda Barnett

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## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're

getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as

we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

## Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

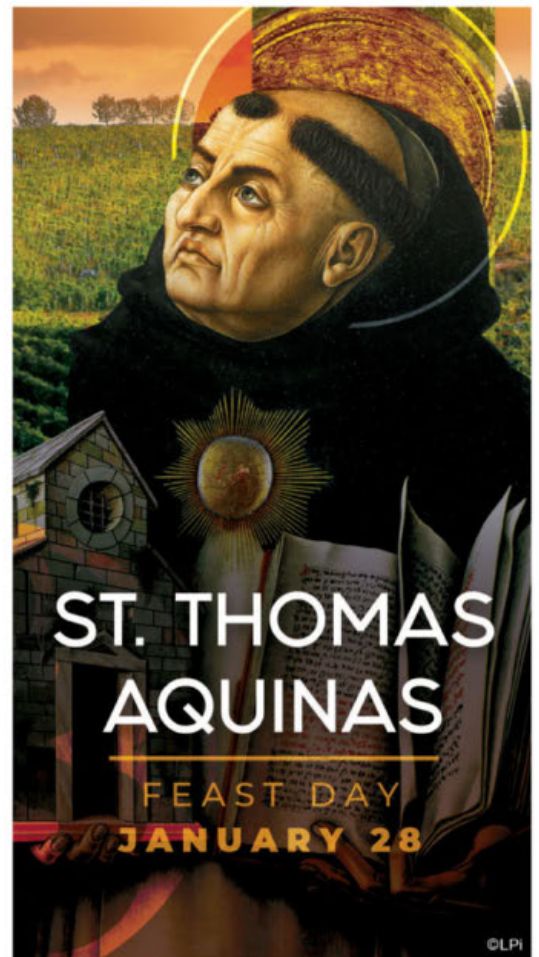
- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- 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.

# GROWING

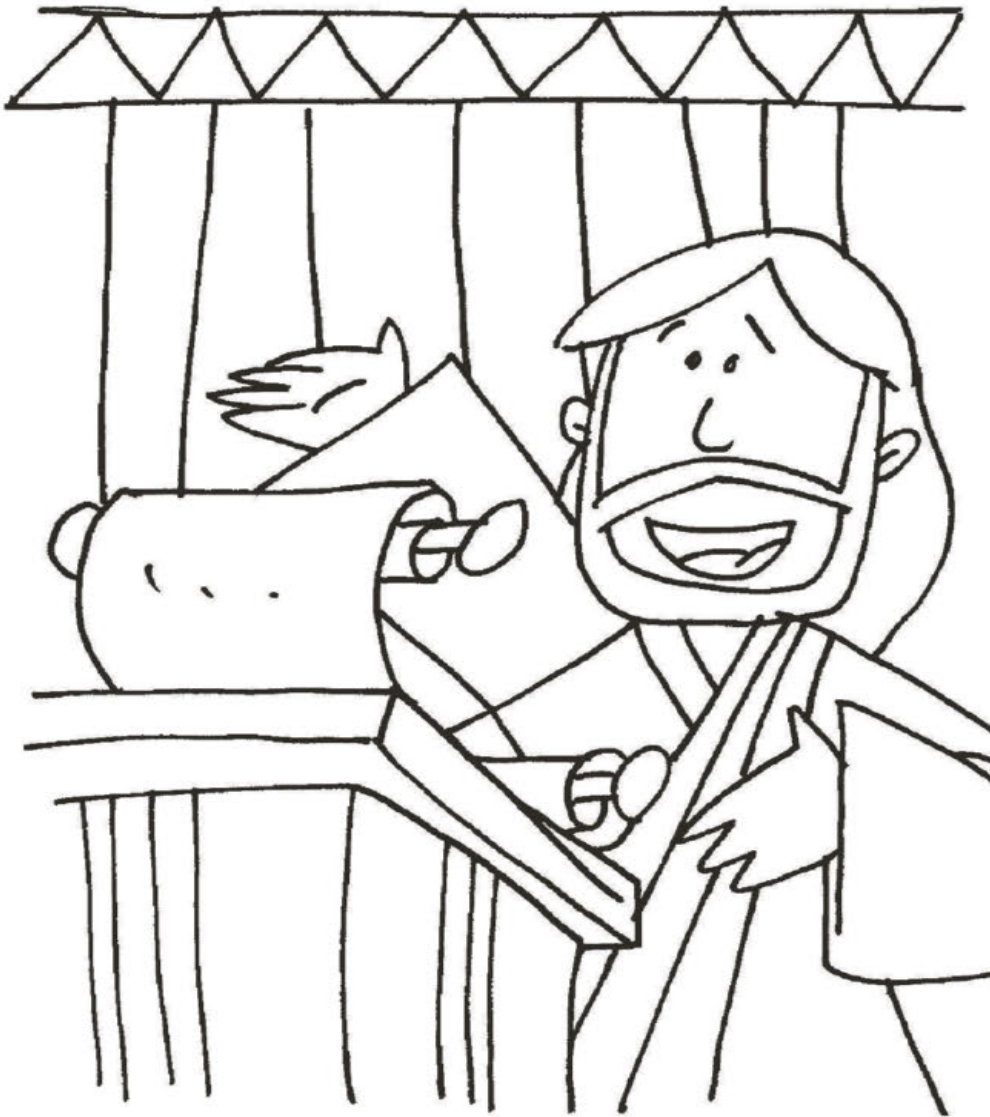
WITH THE *Gospel*

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**January 23, 2022**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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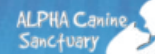
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