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### JANUARY 29

4:30PM † Daniel J. Guerrero  
(Lucille Estrada)

### JANUARY 30

8:30AM Gerald Lockwood & Sharon Lockwood-Elliot  
(Jeanette Dewitz)

10:00AM † Erica Valdez  
(Michelle Valdez)

11:30AM † Murphy Fox  
(Pat Gillet)

1:00PM Misa Propulo

### FEBRUARY 2

12:10PM † Eloise Muro  
(Ponce Family)

### FEBRUARY 3

12:10PM David Patrick Gillett  
(John, Kathy & Julia Gillett)

### FEBRUARY 4

12:10PM † John Andre  
(Fred & Barbara Ansolabehere)

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Adhemar Caero  
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Olin Gilbert  
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## Prayers for the Deceased

*Oraciones por los difuntos*

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Gloria Zollar  
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Leonor Vega  
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Angel Campos  
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Eric Mijarez  
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## I'VE HEARD PEOPLE CALL JESUS' CONCEPTION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT BEING "IMMACULATELY CONCEIVED." IS THAT WHAT THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS?

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception."

The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's

head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk  
5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-  
8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
- Thursday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Saturday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions,  
Martyrs

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Prophets possess an intimate knowledge of God and act on their experience of God. Prophetic messages usually challenge the status quo and draw us up and out of ourselves, focusing us on the bigger picture. We often think of ourselves and our own needs first. When we listen to someone speak, we judge the merit of the message by its degree of usefulness. If the message or vision contains no personal benefit or profit but a call to stretch and grow, we can become indignant. Prophets are usually the ones whose message challenges us and calls us to see things differently and love more perfectly and deeply. God is love. When listening to St. Paul speak about love we witness the unfolding of this type of unconditional, other centered, self-sacrificial perfect God. It is an invitation to life, freedom, and happiness that can be offered to us only by God. Jesus, who is God and Love incarnate, calls us to this richer expression of love. Are we ready to listen and be challenged and stretched?



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

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.*

# GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE C



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 4:21-30

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

The word of the LORD came to me,  
saying:  
Before I formed you in the womb I knew  
you,  
before you were born I dedicated you,  
a prophet to the nations I appointed  
you. (Jer 1:4-5)



## PSALM

I will sing of your salvation. (Ps 71)



## SECOND READING

So faith, hope, love remain, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love.  
(1 Cor 13:13)



## GOSPEL

And he said, "Amen, I say to you,  
no prophet is accepted in his own  
native place." (Lk 4:24)

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## 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?

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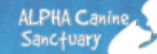
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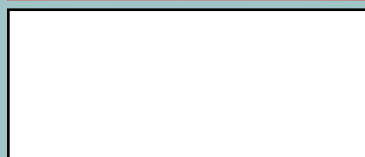
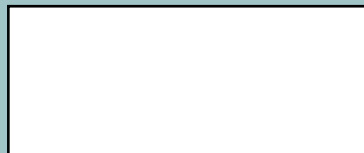
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