St. Joachim Catholic Church

"THE LITTLE FAMILY CHURCH IN THE WOODS"

JANUARY 23, 2022 | 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am Daily Noon Mon, Tue, Thu, & Fri

RECONCILIATION

30 minutes before weekend Mass, Anytime by appointment.

NOVENA

Tuesday Noon Our Lady of Perpetual Help

ADORATION

1st Friday of each month, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

PASTOR

Rev. G. Amaldoss Ph.D

GUEST MINISTERS

Father Stephen Leake Father Deogratias Ekisa Father John Andrew

BAPTISM

Parents, please call the Church office to begin the process of preparation for baptism.

FUNERALS

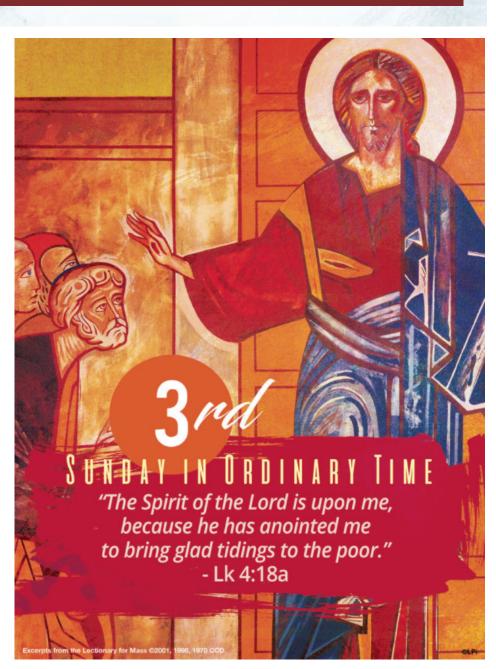
When a member of the immediate family returns to the Lord, before contacting the funeral home, please notify the Priest. Our office will contact the Bereavement Ministry to help provide comfort, care, and support to your family.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the Parish Priest at least six months in advance.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Tuesday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Wednesday Closed Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



Welcome Visitors!

WE WELCOME YOU WITH JOY TO THE LITTLE FAMILY CHURCH IN THE WOODS AND INVITE YOU TO REGISTER IN OUR PARISH BY FILLING OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM IN THE OFFICE LOBBY.

MY DEAR PEOPLE WHO WORSHIP AT ST. JOACHIM

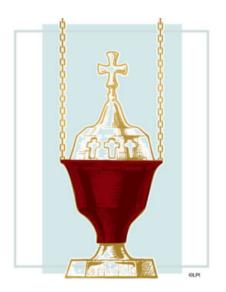
Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then. But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters. But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in." We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

BURNS IN LOVING MEMORY OF Andrew Daigle January 23 - 29

MASS INTENTIONS

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1/22	4:00 pm	Thanksgiving to St. Apollonia, Claire Lucido, John Beroular Sr., Claude Lafont, & James Drachenberg
1/23 1/23		The Parish Community Andrew Daigle
1/24	Noon	All sick members of our parish community
1/25	Noon	Silvia L. Perez, Jose Perez Sr., & Jose Perez Jr.
1/27	Noon	Christy Perez
1/28	Noon	Rory Caulfield & The benefactors and donors of our parish community

While masks are not required, Father Amal strongly recommends wearing a mask while in Church to protect yourself and those around you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Yvonne Abadie, Shane, Steve, & Vergie Allemore, Dianie Ancar, Laurette Barbier, Paulette Boulas, Robert Burns, Bella Demoille, Liz Ford, Charles Gautreaux, Don Holman, Elaina House, Diane Landry, Sal Lomonaco, Craig McGee & Family, Gerald Meyers, Malvin Ordoyne, Gerald Planche, Adolfo Perez, Keith Reinholt, Terry Rivero, Cindy Robertson, Keith Ross, Frank Sauvinet, Terry Shaw, Doris Smith, Darrell Sullivan, Maude Temento, Jerry Verrette, Doris Vinkle, Leisa Walker, Jerry Walters

WORSHIP & REFLECTION

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

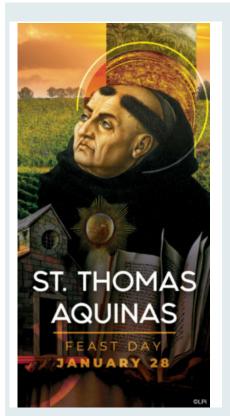
Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history 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 certainly 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. ©LPi



SAINT OF THE WEEK

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. ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK SUNDAY 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)



KID'S CORNER

LORD



SPIRIT

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

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Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!





IN LOVING MEMORY RENEWALS

If you are interested in renewing your In Loving Memory spot in the bulletin please contact us by February 1st, 2022.

Call the office at (504) 341-9226 or email at stjoachim@arch-no.org

STEWARDSHIP

A monetary gift is a service of love, not a contribution. Love should be our motive and a dependence of Divine Providence part of our gift. This dispels arrogance on the part of those who can give or resentment on the part of those who must receive. Both are where they are to glorify God - one by giving, another by receiving. - Mother Teresa



January 16, 2022		Upcoming 2nd Collections	Mass Attendance		
1st Collection (including online)	\$ 2,031.25	1/30 ARCH-NO Catholic Schools	1/15	4:00 pm	33
Special Projects (renovations)	\$ 406.00	2/6 Contingency Fund	1/16	8:30 am	53
Amount Needed to Sustain Parish	\$ 4,000.00		1/16	10:30 am	30

O'neil & Rita Becnel

Love, Your Children & Grandchildren

Andrew Daigle

Love You Forever Wife, Children, & Grandchildren

Carlo Albarado

Forever in our Hearts By Wife, Children & Family

Herbert Chaisson & Elsie Chaisson Acosta

By Children & Grandchildren

Henry & Veronica Graf

Forever in our Hearts By Maryann, Joe & Elena

Dawn Cookmeyer Boatwright

By Family



Steven Chiasson

Forever in our Hearts By Mom, Ronnie & Family

Tommy Ipock

Forever in our Hearts Debbie, Raina, Zach & Eve

Philip & Eve Mabile

Love you more Debbie

Rosalie & Huey Este, Sr.

By Gary, Cathy & Huey Este, Jr.

Ambrose & Andriella Foret

By Cathy & Huey Este, Jr.

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By William & Wynonia Lazaro

Wendy Ann Kirkland

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By William & Wynonia Lazaro

Peter & Rose Mary Vicari & Art Landry, Jr.

By Keith, Kathy & Family

Roehl & Vivian Guidroz

By Keith, Kathy & Family

Babson "BJ" LeBlanc

Forever in our Hearts By Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Robert Allemore, Sr.

By Wife Virgie & Children

Josephine B. Parfait

Forever in our Hearts By Husband & Children

Victor & Shirley Rome

By Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Reggie & Russell Moore

Forever Young By Mama, Tyra & Aunt Elena

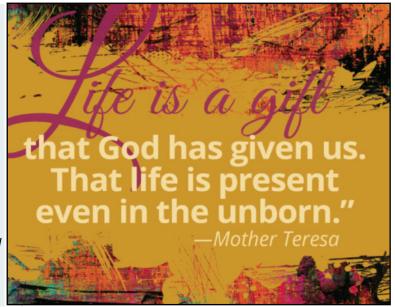
Randy Thibodaux and Michael Mignacca

Forever in our Hearts Keith, Meghan, Keith Jr & Tia

GOOD AND FAITHFUL GOD,

you have given us so many people in our lives that have given us joy and solstice. On this day we ask you to remember our dearly departed, especially those above. Keep them close to you as we all wait for that day when we all will come and worship in your presence. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are soliciting people to honor their beloved departed by placing their name in this section. These spaces will remind others to pray for your loved ones as we pray for them. Space is available for 1 year and masses will be said in their honor monthly. There is an offering amount of \$100.00 per year.



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