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## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	10:00 am
Sunday ( <i>Spanish</i> )	12:00 pm
First Sunday ( <i>Bilingual</i> )	10:00 am
Tues. & Fri.	5:30 pm
Wed. & Thurs.	8:00 am
Saturday (Sunday Vigil)	5:00 pm
Sunday Vigil @ Coalgate	5:00 pm

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# 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2022

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

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

**New Parishioners:** Welcome! We are glad to have you. Please register in the vestibule, parish website, or at the parish office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Offered on Saturdays 4:00 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.; Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. or by appointment.

**Sacrament of Anointing:** Offered during *Mass for the Sick* on 1st Tuesdays of the month. Call the office/rectory for sick visits.

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTION

JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

	Jan. 16, 2022	Jan. 9, 2022	Total M-T-D
Main	\$3,086	\$4,709	\$9,811
Assistance	\$950	\$280	\$1,350
Bldg/Main	\$35	\$380	\$415
Youth	\$20	\$60	\$185

\*N/B Our budgeted operating cost for January 2022 is \$18,000. Your generosity has brought in \$9,811. We'll need an extra \$8,189 to fully fund the parish this month. Thank you to all those giving larger donations. May God reward you tenfold!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 23—Maverick Haas; Jan. 24—Donnie Pulchny, Eli Boyle; Jan. 25—Karen Steidley; Jan. 27—Lorene Schumacher; Jan. 29—Aiden Whitmore, Doug Basinger

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Kindly let us know when your wedding anniversary falls and we'll celebrate with you and your family.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ada Nell Ward, Alan Holloway, Amy Nohetty, Bette Santine, Bob Armstrong, Candace Sanner, David Griffin, Don Laws, Donna Espinosa, Donnie Sherman, Elizabeth Thompson, Elizabeth Tweedel, Frank Gonzales, Gary Jackson, Guy Hudson, Hal Dalton, Herman Seiter, Ian Leybas, Irma Gonzalez, James Gray, Jamie Keef, Jason Wright, Jesse & Johnny Stiles, Jim Kelley, Jim Lauerman, Jonathan Reed, Juanita Zummer, Kimberly Thomas, Mark Grosfield, Mary Zoller, Mr. Homer Sr., Norma Powers, Paul Mills, Paul Zoller, Ruth Lauerman, Sawyer Davis, Sue McMullin, Sue Tillman, Tad Bowden, Tammy Gardner, Teddy & Janet Bernasky, Tim Mills, Tony Helmert, Zearley Families, Andrew Zdeb, SSG Ben Ales, Edward Zdeb, PVT Erick Palacios, SGT Greg Thompson, AMN James Lisle, PFC John W. Pelzel, PVT J P Dunlay, AMN Michael Kaskie, SGT Pierre Tertaje, SSG Timothy Moore; those who suffer from Coronavirus.

(To add or remove a name on this list, please email [stjohnsmcallester@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnsmcallester@yahoo.com) or call 918-423-0810).

## REFLECTION *Fr. Chukwudi Jo Okonkwo*



In our past two meetings of the **Wednesday Faith Enrichment**, I've focused on the reasoning behind the three year cycle of the Church's Liturgical Year. The idea is not at all hard to grasp. The arrangement of the Liturgical Year draws from the synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Years are distinguished using the letters, ABC. **In Liturgical Year A, we read the Gospel of Matthew; in Year B, the Gospel of Mark; and in Year C, the Evangelist Luke becomes our teacher.** How I learned it in my family catechism class was: "A is for Matthew, B is for Mark, C is for Luke" and I never forgot it. It'll be proper to ask: "Where does the Gospel of John come in? Is John left out?" John did not write a synopsis, that is, a summary or general survey of the life of Jesus, as the other Evangelists did. His was rather a theologically rich and a spiritually deep Gospel, the purpose of which was to invite the listener to "believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:3). Hence, the Gospel of John is mostly read during the special seasons and feasts of the Church, and, sometimes, too, interwoven during the year for the purpose of elucidating a particular mystery of faith. For example, during the last Year B, the "Bread of Life Discourse" from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John came at the middle (17th Sunday of Year B through the 21st Sunday) to shed more light on an idea introduced by Mark on the 16th Sunday about feeding the hungry crowd.

I chose to give this summary of the Liturgical Year and its connection with the Gospels because today we heard the prologue to the Gospel of Luke, which is the Gospel for Liturgical Year C. The Gospel was clearly addressed to a Greek (might be Roman) convert to the faith, by name Theophilus. **Luke calls his Gospel an accurate account of facts that have been properly investigated to which he presents in an orderly sequence.** The prologue to the Acts of the Apostles, too, shows that Luke wrote twice to this convert. This can be compared to Fr. Jo writing two lengthy letters to one of our RCIA candidates, detailing all I know about Jesus, in order to elicit faith in the seeker. But Luke could have also meant the letter for anyone who wishes to take the compliment of being, in Greek, a "theo-philos," meaning, *friend of God*. Friendship with God opens one's ears to hear the Word of Life. Using that introduction, Luke started his narrative of the events we have been celebrating for the past seven weeks; events culminating in the birth and infancy of Jesus. With Christmas over, today, we are introduced to Jesus' public ministry. Luke says: "**Here is your new Rabbi.**"

Welcome to the Synagogue Nazareth! Jesus was handed a scroll and from the prophecy of Isaiah he found His purpose statement. "**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord**" (Lk 4:18). He announces that this scripture passage is today fulfilled in our hearing. What a news! **Who are the beneficiaries of the good news? The poor, the prisoners, the blind, the oppressed, all who seek God's mercy and favor.** Can you find yourself in this group? Are you a member of this club?

Significantly, Jesus did not promise to make the poor wealthy in this world. Sorry to the prosperity preachers, who promise people that God will make them materially rich – Jesus doesn't agree with you! His glad tidings to the poor is that they have a special place in God's heart. **God is the wealth of the poor; in God, captivity becomes captive; blindness turns to a dark night of the senses where one sees God and oneself clearly through shutting the eye of the senses; freedom is derived by being fettered by Christ; and there is mercy and jubilation for them who have seen the dungeon in which sin has thrown them.** The Lord who is kind and merciful comes to liberate us from our sinful self!

## MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sunday, Jan. 23, The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:00 am † Annette Davis // Guy & Marlene Hudson
- Monday, Jan. 24, Weekday; Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church  
Private Mass
- Tuesday, Jan. 25, Weekday; The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle  
No Parish Mass
- Wednesday, Jan. 26, Weekday; Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops  
No Parish Mass
- Thursday, Jan. 27, Weekday; Saint Angela Merici, Virgin  
No Parish Mass
- Friday, Jan. 28, Weekday; Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church  
No Parish Mass
- Saturday, Jan. 29, Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5:00 pm † Jack & Rose Ann Duncan // Cathy Godwin

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

### SAT. JANUARY 29, 2022 5 PM MASS

Lector: Tony & Margaret Fields; EMHC (Body) — Kim Mansour

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### SUN. JANUARY 30, 2022 10 AM MASS

Lector: Kali Pulchny, Mary Herandy; EMHC (Body) — Walter Descher

Servers: TBA Music: TBA

Ushers: Volunteers

## NOTICES:

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis declared that the *Third Sunday of the Year* shall be observed every year as *Sunday of the Word of God*. He places special emphasis on the reading of the Bible and encourages every Catholic be familiar with the words of scripture; and to use scripture to form our lives. With St. Jerome he admonishes: "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ."

### WEDNESDAY FAITH ENRICHMENT

Our pastor, Fr. Jo plans to take some days off between January 24th and February 4th. Hence, daily Masses and Wednesday Faith Enrichment will not hold during this period. When we return on Wednesday, February 9th for Wednesday Faith Enrichment, our discussion will focus on the Holy Spirit, which will be a three-part series for three Wednesdays, with the topic: *The Holy Spirit: Divine Person, Uncion, and Advocate*.

### LAUNCH OF FORMED.ORG FOR OUR PARISH AND COALGATE

As we enter the year 2022, the parish brings you a tool to help you grow in your faith and become true disciples of Jesus. We will be launching "Formed.org"— an online platform that delivers Catholic content, children's programming, audio talks, e-books and more. All you need is an online device and you can sign in and receive thousands of content. The Diocesan Rural Outreach program helped pay for this program. We'll be sharing it with our sister church in Coalgate. The launch date has been moved to February 12/13.

## FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Friday Mass and Eucharistic adoration will not hold this week and next. We will return to Mass & Adoration on Friday, February 11th.



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## ST. JUDE'S CENTER

The requested items for the St. Jude's Helping Center this week are pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, and other breakfast items. The center is accepting winter items such as coats, blankets, socks, and gloves. You may drop them off at the center or bring them to Church. Also contact Amelia London at 918-424-8833 to volunteer.

Meet and greet your fellow parishioners during coffee and donuts in the parish hall after 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

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Thursday Bible Study is on hold until further notice.



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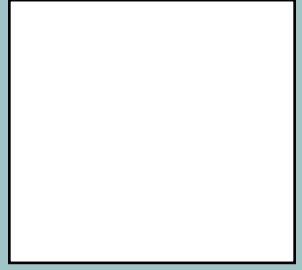
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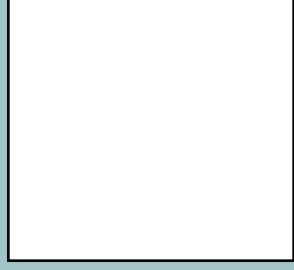


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