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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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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C JANUARY 30TH, 2022

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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 23RD, 2022

	Jan. 23, 2022	Jan. 16, 2022	Total M-T-D
Main	\$3,858	\$2,016	\$13,669
Assistance	\$0	\$120	\$1,350
Bldg/Main	\$0	\$0	\$415
Youth	\$10	\$105	\$195

*N/B Our budgeted operating cost for January 2022 is \$18,000. Your generosity has brought in \$13,669. We'll need an extra \$4,331 to fully fund the parish this month. Thank you to all those giving larger donations. May God reward you tenfold!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 30—David Robinson; Jan. 31—
David Stizza; Feb. 2—Frankie Gonzalez

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

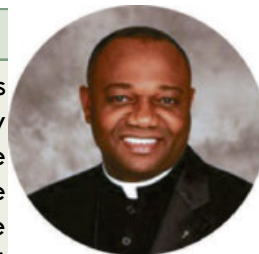
Jan. 30—John & Donna Deleo

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ada Nell Ward, Alan Holloway, Amy Nohetty, Bette Santine, 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 Zimmer, Kimberly Thomas, Mark Grosfield, Mary Zoller, Mr. Homer Sr., Norma Powers, Paul Mills, Paul Zoller, Ruth Lauerman, Sawyer Davis, Stephen Giandrone, 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 Terlaje, SSG Timothy Moore; those who suffer from Coronavirus.

(To add or remove a name on this list, please email stjohnmcalester@yahoo.com or call 918-423-0810).

REFLECTION *Fr. Chukwudi Jo Okonkwo*



Last Sunday, we read the prologue to St. Luke's Gospel, written to a Greek (might be Roman) convert, by name *Theophilus*. We see from today's Gospel that Luke has started to develop his message, meant to encourage and welcome the outsider, the outcast, the poor, and the rejected. Seemingly, the people left out in Luke's account are the so-called People of God—Israelites, by ethnicity and geography. Hence, the reminder that Elijah was sent by God to a widow at Zeraphat in Sidon, not to a Jewish widow, though there were many of them. And Elisha healed a Syrian leper, by name Naama, though there were many lepers in Israel. Jesus was not surprised that His own people would reject Him because they claimed to know Him. They could not accept the truth from Him because it went against their long-established beliefs, prejudices, and sense of superiority. They rather sought to destroy Him by throwing Him off the cliff for daring to preach tolerance, reform, love, social and religious justice to a people whose minds were already made-up about the ways they wanted to go. So often have we thrown others off the cliff because we are stiff-necked and closed-hearted. We close our hearts to truth and love because we have already established biases and prejudices and we have built our lives to center around them and around three people, who happen to be I, me and myself. **Luke's Gospel challenges us to think outside the box; the truth may be around us but often we reject it because of the walls we have erected to stifle and silence it.**

To measure actually how much we love the truth and are loving ourselves, St. Paul presents his lesson on love from first Corinthians 13, one of the best love poems ever written. We have heard enough of "I love you" and all those tired love expressions that do not stream from a true heart. Paul's text fires up the soul if we bring ourselves to truly appreciate love.

As a little exercise, pick up the second reading of today found in the *Word of the Lord Missal* (p. 585-586). Read from the second paragraph which says: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Cor 13:4-7).

Next, replace the word "love" with Jesus wherever it appears in the passage and you'll hear how the passage sounds: "Jesus is patient, Jesus is kind. He does not boast. He is not proud. He is not rude, He is not self-seeking, He is not easily angered, He keeps no record of wrongs. Jesus does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. He always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres." Notice that it flowed very smoothly when you replaced love with Jesus, showing that everything written in scripture points to Christ. Every line seemed even truer. That is why the Jesus is the Word of God. Jesus is Scripture and the absolute manifestation of the true Love of God.

Finally, read the passage a third time, this time substituting love with your name, your first name, and the relevant pronoun for the pronoun "it" in the passage. After substituting love with your name, tell yourself the truth. Does the passage still sound true? Do you still agree with the passage? To what degree do you come close to the truth of love? Do you consider yourself a truly loving person? Are you honest when you tell others that you love them? Are you patient, kind, not boastful, not proud, not rude, not self-seeking, not easily angered, and so forth? You may have realized that you've been lying to people when you tell them you love them. You may have discovered today that you have a long way to go with love of neighbor. **Love admits of nothing less than excellence, and "the measure of love is to love without measure."** Anything short of authentic Christian love misses the mark and gives love a bad name.

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sunday, Jan. 30, The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am † Sir Richard Coyle, KCHS
- Monday, Jan. 31, Weekday; Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Private Mass
- Tuesday, Feb. 1, Weekday
No Parish Mass
- Wednesday, Feb. 2, Weekday; The Presentation of the Lord
No Parish Mass
- Thursday, Feb. 3, Weekday; Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop
No Parish Mass
- Friday, Feb. 4, Weekday
No Parish Mass
- Saturday, Feb. 5, Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm † Sir Daniel Jalufka, KGCHS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

SAT. FEBRUARY 5, 2022 5 PM MASS

Lector: Kelly Drusen, Nancy Massaro; EMHC (Body) — Tom Steidley

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Ushers: Volunteers

SUN. FEBRUARY 6, 2022 10 AM MASS

Lector: Al Ross, Ariana Marquez; EMHC (Body) — Laura Stizza

Servers: TBA Music: TBA

Ushers: Volunteers

NOTICES:

FAITH & WORKS 2022 ANNUAL APPEAL KICK-OFF EVENT

We invite you to join us on Friday, February 4th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for a great evening of food, fun, and fellowship with Bishop Konderla here in the parish hall. We will have plenty of heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks. All are invited. Bishop will also offer us a few words on the shared ministries of the Diocese. The parish leadership, that is, members of parish/finance councils, are required to attend and welcome the bishop and other guests.

LAUNCH OF FORMED.ORG FOR OUR PARISH AND COALGATE

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 will be next weekend February 12/13.

WEDNESDAY FAITH ENRICHMENT

Wednesday Faith Enrichment will not hold this week. When we return next week on Wednesday the 9th, we will begin our discussion on the Holy Spirit, which will be a three-part discussion series for three Wednesdays with the topic, *Holy Spirit: Divine Person, Unction, and Advocate*. You would not like to miss this important discussion on the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives as disciples and believers in Christ.

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.

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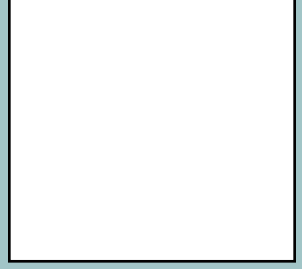


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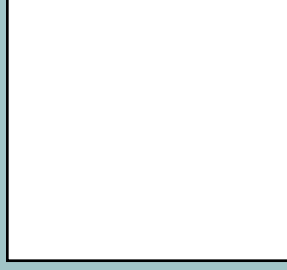


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