



# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.  
- Lk 4:18

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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

#### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

#### Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
in the Sister Carol Center

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open:**  
**Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 5:00pm**  
**Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**OCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

#### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

#### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am  
Wednesday @ 6pm

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm





## Reconstruction Update #3: The surgery is complete, and now the recovery begins. I've never undergone major surgery like this before, especially one that required

so many modifications to my house. I was amazed by all that had to be done beforehand. Unlike packing for a vacation, which I usually leave until the last minute, this experience required much more thought and planning. I'm glad I listened to the advice not to procrastinate!

By last Thursday afternoon, I was pleased with how everything was falling into place. Thankfully, I followed the advice to avoid people as much as possible, allowing me to reach the surgical center on Friday without catching a cold or any of the viruses going around. The last thing I wanted was to delay the surgery due to illness!

My surgery took place at UnaSource Surgical Center on Crooks Road in Troy. I was incredibly impressed from the moment I walked in. People had told me I would be impressed, and they were right.

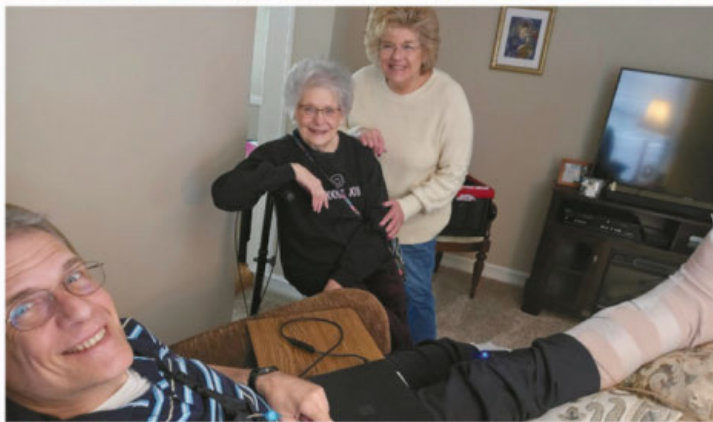
I was scheduled to arrive at 9:00 a.m., and they took me in right away. I was brought to a room that would be mine for the duration of my stay, both before and after surgery. All the pre-operative tasks were completed quickly because Dr. Fortin was ahead of schedule. When I arrived, my nurse, Linda, introduced herself and mentioned she knew me from my time at St. Blasé Parish. She had also been following our parish's live-stream and bulletin since COVID, so she was ready for me when I walked in. She also knew my sister Jackie and was eager to greet her and my mom in the waiting room.

Dr. Fortin and the anesthesiologist both visited my room. The anesthesiologist had some trouble with my nerve block, which was unusual. He was kind and patient, but he expressed his frustration with a phrase I often hear at SJA: "It NEVER happens like

this. This should be easy." We shared a laugh over it.

I then said goodbye to my mom, and they whisked me into the operating room. I remember telling the team that I and many others were praying for them. As they positioned me on the surgical table, one of them joked, "Thanks for the prayers, Father, but now we need you to do the 'Jesus thing:' stretch out your arms so we can strap you down." As I breathed into the mask, I heard someone say, "WOW, I've never seen levels like that. That's awesome." And with that, I was out.

The surgery was more complicated than Dr. Fortin initially thought it would be. He



inserted one plate at the top of my foot, eight pins, and fused my ankle to prevent side-to-side movement. I'm currently in a soft cast and will be fitted with a hard cast during my first post-op visit this week. I'll need to stay off my foot and keep it elevated as much as possible for 8-10 weeks.

Getting home was an adventure in itself, requiring a team effort to get me upstairs to my bedroom. With the help of my mom, Jackie, Lonnie, Father Bob, and Kevin Hendrick, they managed to get me, groggy and drugged, into bed. I don't remember much of that afternoon, except feeling relieved that it was over, and I was home.

Now begins the long recovery and the challenge of managing daily routines with limited mobility for the next ten weeks. This will certainly be a learning experience!

Thank you for all the prayers and best wishes. I truly appreciate them!

**Catholic Schools Week:** This week, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week across the United States, highlighting the great work and ministry in our Catholic Schools.

Catholic Schools integrate faith and values into every aspect of education. Whether in the classroom, on the athletic field, or in Church, students learn to think and act according to the mind and heart of Christ. Providing students with the resources to achieve this is vital in our complex world.

SJA's celebration begins on Monday, January 27th, with a mass at 8:30 a.m. I encourage you to join us or watch online as we thank God for the ways St. Joan of Arc School prepares students to think and act according to Christ's teachings. This week is also an opportunity to thank the outstanding teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents who contribute to SJA School's excellence.

Please note that our school Open House is on Thursday, January 30th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The event will be held in the school and parking lot between the Church and School. Attendees can meet our teachers and administrators, enjoy food from National Coney Island

Food Truck, roast marshmallows, make s'mores, and light a candle in Church during our regular Holy Hour. The Open House is a great opportunity to see the wonderful things happening at SJA and to invite prospective families to experience our school community. Mark your calendars and consider joining us on January 30th. More details are available in the bulletin flyer.

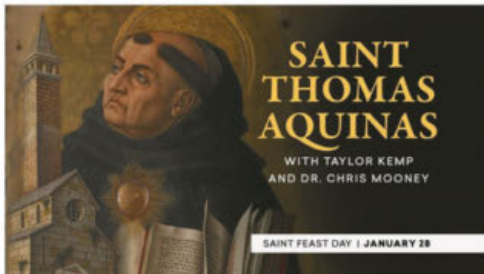
Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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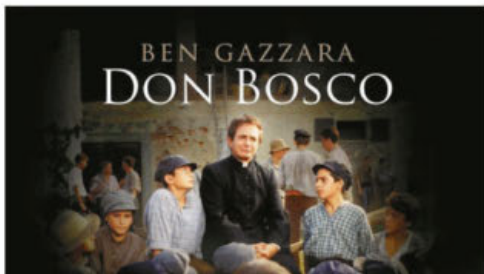
# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 26, 2025



## St. Thomas Aquinas | Catholic Saints

St. Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy.



## Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth

Don Bosco is the inspiring true story of a brave and holy priest. Blessed with tremendous gifts, a creative imagination, and a great sense of humor, Bosco had a winning way with youth and was a brilliant educator.



## Ongoing Formation

When it comes to formation, it's easy to be passive consumers. Instead, let's show up, get excited and be proactive about our own faith formation. The focus of this episode is turning down the noise and forming our minds.

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All of us, at one time or another, feel a touch of nostalgia. We yearn for the way things used to be. “Back in the day, when I was growing up,” we say, “things were ‘better’. Why can’t they be that way now?” Although I have my own moments of wistful memory, I try to snap back to reality as quickly as possible. I always remember how my Mom usually reacted to sentimental memories of childhood: she grew up on a farm not that far from here, in New Baltimore, with an outhouse for sanitary plumbing. Try that one on when it’s ten degrees outside and there’s a foot of snow on the ground. It’s enough to make one think that maybe there *is* something to be said for modern times.

Beyond the physical considerations, though, our warm memories of the past often come from a sense that things were morally more stable. We feel that we didn’t have to engage in a battle with everyone we encountered. We didn’t have to gear up for confrontation regarding the ethical aspects of every move we’d make. There seemed to be commonly accepted, mostly unspoken rules about how we should conduct ourselves in society: respect the elderly; get a job and earn your own way; wear some clothes in public (even dress up for church!); don’t cuss in front of everyone; don’t tell everyone all of your business; keep your weirdness to yourself; guys are guys and girls are girls; and other, seemingly obvious guidelines.

Yet, even this warm, fuzzy feeling that everything used to be delightfully ordered, moral, and righteous “in the good ol’ days” is a fantasy. In fact, human history rides an endless rollercoaster of moral peaks and valleys. We have nations, societies, organizations, communities, and grassroots groups that have swung dramatically over time (sometimes over centuries-long periods) from being sterling examples of wholesome goodness to only then become corrupted promoters of gross depravity. The best of people, it seems, as the years pass, tend to slide down from shining goodness into the mud of sin.

We presently find ourselves in the midst of yet another fall from grace. God and religion don’t seem to pull much weight right now. Sure, there are pockets of religious vitality evident in our world. But many of us are all too aware of religious gains being overshadowed by a religious exodus. Family members who have maintained a traditional commitment to religion have become disappointed at the exit of beloved family members from the Faith. The genuine power of true faith to make our lives better is being ignored.

To use an automotive analogy, religion used to be the engine that ran our lives, now it is a hood ornament. In *recent* “good ol’ days” (starting several decades ago), religious practice, particularly in the Catholic Church, was intertwined with *everything* we did. The Church was always considered in how we raised our families. Child-rearing, education, career choices, family spending, social activities, spiritual growth and sustenance, marriage, athletics, health care, death and dying – were **all** linked to religious practice. Now? *Meh* . . . Nowadays, these major life concerns are commonly managed without any consideration for religious practice – in our case, membership in the Catholic Church. Yes, to include Catholic sensibilities in our decision-making remains an *option* . . . but just an option. A hood ornament. And if religion is simply an option among options, it doesn’t *really* matter at all. Options are just that – *unnecessary*. So, if we can put a smile on Grandma’s face by getting Junior or Juniorette baptized – *and it doesn’t take too long* – we’ll do it. Or we can let the little one decide for herself or himself if Jesus’ command to “baptize all nations” was actually serious. No need to rush anyone into a relationship with God! The value of religious faith is left for the created, not the Creator, to decide.

Value is a big factor in worldly decision-making. “What am I going to get out of this? If I’m not getting something out of this, I’m not doing

it!” There is certainly some sensibility in this attitude. Afterall, there should be purpose behind what we spend our lives doing. So, why “do religion?” What’s the benefit? In the early years of the United States, Catholicism brought Catholics tangible benefits in all of the areas of life mentioned above, like education, socialization, finance, spiritual development, and family support in general. Today, most of these Church-related benefits have been minimized or eliminated due to Catholic women and men turning to American culture for their needs. The only monopoly that the Catholic Church seems to hold anymore is getting people into heaven. Yet, getting to heaven apparently has lost its appeal.

Inhabiting a mansion in heaven is not a priority for lots of people. To non-religious people, heaven just doesn’t matter. Neither does hell. It’s not an issue. The consensus seems to be that *if* there really is a hell – which means there *might* really be a God – how could he possibly send us **there** just because we are idiots? An eternity of torture seems like a bit much for bunch of us clowns who just ‘wanna have fun’. To which the Devil says, “Perfect! Checkmate.”

It’s all been said before. All the Devil wants us to believe is that he doesn’t exist. Then we can all simply be a bunch of good-time Charlies and Charlene’s. We don’t have to think about the big, obvious questions like, “*Why* am I here? *How* did I get here? What does it mean to be *alive*? What does it mean to *love*? Who am I?” “Ahh, who cares? It doesn’t matter anyway. It all makes my head hurt. Gimme another beer and let’s light up a joint. And turn the TV up! Everything will be alright”. . . until it’s not.

We’ve each been given a mind and a sacred spirit, dear friends. It would behoove us to use them.

In Jesus,  
Fr. Bob



January 26, 2025

Written by  
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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 | 1 Cor 12:12-30 | Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Late 19th-century English author G.K. Chesterton famously wrote, "Catholic doctrine and discipline may be walls, but they are the walls of a playground." We can think of God's commandments serving as rules governing primary school recess: by providing us with a structure in which we can explore, play, stumble, and get up again, they allow us to discover who God created us to be without wandering far from his love. The mosaic law that served the Jews in today's first reading had given them the necessary parameters to live and grow within the covenantal relationship they had with God. Their unfaithfulness had led them astray, but upon their return from exile in Babylon they wept when hearing God's word for the first time in generations. They knew the power of God's commandments to keep them safe and secure in his love, and recognized all they had lost by wandering. Their sorrow was turned to joy in the knowledge that God rejoiced in their return to him.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Just as Ezra "opened the scroll so that all the people might see it" in today's first reading, Jesus also "unrolled the scroll" and then rolled it back up so that all might see *him*. Ezra held the law in his hands, Jesus is the fulfillment of the law in himself. Jesus' words in today's Gospel, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing," were an infusion of new life breathed into a new creation by God who is outside of time. All things, all mistakes, all failures brought about in our human pride and disobedience were being refashioned into new brick and mortar to build God's kingdom in and through Christ. Jesus, with his commandment to love one another as he loves us, gives us structure and a true freedom to discover who God created us to be, while helping us not wander far from this playground the Lord has given us. Knowing what holds us together, and relying on it to guide us, enables us to help build the kingdom even more for the glory of God and the good of others.

### LEARN

Research a Catholic teaching you do not fully understand for example, why Catholics attend Mass on Sundays. Ask God for the light to see how this teaching is life-giving instead of life-limiting. If you have the opportunity, share what you've learned with someone.





## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD – FEBRUARY 2 C

### Reading One – Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord GOD: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

### Responsorial Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; preach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in!

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

Who is this king of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; preach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in!

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

Who is this king of glory? The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory.

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

### Reading Two – Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### Gospel – Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



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To Learn More

**Bishop Foley Robotics**

# 1st Annual Mattress Fundraiser

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**@ Bishop Foley High School**

**Saturday, Feb. 1st, 2025, 11:00AM - 4:00PM**

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- ✓ Home delivery available
- ✓ All forms of payment accepted
- ✓ Financing available



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Thursday, January 30**

**OPEN HOUSE**



**5:30-6:30 PM - NEW VISITOR TOURS**

**6:30-8 PM - ALL FAMILIES**

**LEARNING FAIR & FUN FOR ALL**

**LIGHT A CANDLE AT THE 7-8 PM HOLY HOUR IN THE CHURCH**

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# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix *our* brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

### These Evil Days

"Alas, that these evil days should be mine."

If you've ever seen "The Lord of the Rings," you might recognize this quote from "The Two Towers." The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

*These evil days.*

You don't have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos — are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix *our* brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

I've heard that love is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

#### Answer:

Charles Shultz, the creator of the Peanuts comics wrote, "*I love mankind ... it's people I can't stand!*" This good humored comment gets at an important truth. St. John wrote a very strong statement in one of his letters: "*If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen*" (1 John 4:20). How often do we say "I love the homeless," but ignore the parish food drive? Or insist on the importance of respecting others, but don't bother to say hello to our cashier? If we can't love an individual person, we might not love people like we think, and we certainly need to work on our love for God.

Love is "*the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God*" (CCC 1822). God knows acts of love of Him and others isn't always easy. So He invites us to pray for the grace to do it. The virtue of love gives us the grace and strength we need to offer our lives to God and love people in our lives, especially those who are difficult to respect, tolerate, and care for. Real love, of course, is risky. Real love wills the good of the other when we just want good for ourselves. Real love gets up on the cross when we'd prefer to take a nap in Gethsemane. Real love changes things.



### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, January 27th**

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Tuesday, January 28th**

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Wednesday, January 29th**

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM: Reconciliation

6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Thursday, January 30th**

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

5:30 PM: SJA Open House

7:00 PM: Holy Hour - Live Streamed

#### **Friday, January 31st**

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Saturday, February 1st**

11:00 AM: Reconciliation

12:30 PM: Baptism of Brielle Ann Rutkofske

1:30 PM: Baptism of Bennett Edward Haubert

4:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, February 2nd**

8:00 AM: Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM: Family Mass - Live Streamed

11:00 AM: Family Faith Formation - Gym

12:00 PM: Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

### Words on the Word

#### ***January 26, 2025 – Eat Up!***

“Eat, drink and be merry...” the biblical expression goes.

Food and drink, to be sure, have a special place in our lives. It goes well beyond simple sustenance to include celebrations and other opportunities for social interaction.

*The Detroit News* recently listed a dozen new restaurants across the area anticipated to be opening during the first half of this year, from downtown and Eastern Market, out to Ann Arbor and up to parts of Oakland County and elsewhere. The story included another half dozen spots anticipated for the second half of the year.

Of course, that story, even in the electronic version of the paper, was also surrounded by the usual assortment of bad news. If the story placement could speak, it would probably note that reporting on food and drink in the midst of all the chaos hopefully has something of a calming and centering effect.

It's an image we see in today's first reading from the Book of Nehemiah. Ezra, the priest, stands in front of a large assembly of people, reading from and instructing on the book of God's law. We're told the words had an unsettling impact.

But, wait!

“Today is holy to the Lord your God,” we're told Nehemiah and Ezra said. “Do not be sad, and do not weep” – for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law.

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our Lord.

“Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.”

It's a snapshot of the struggles and realities we face even today, and a reminder that God's perfect plan proceeds through it all.

Our life is meant to be enjoyed, even as – or especially as – we stay focused on God.

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# Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

## Mass Intentions

**Monday January 27, 2025 Weekday; Saint Angela  
Merci, Virgin and Religious Founder (Green/  
White)**

7:00 am Special Intention for Dr. Keith Khalil

**Tuesday January 28, 2025 Saint Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor of the Church (White)**

7:00 am Hugo Calisi

**Wednesday January 29, 2025 Weekday (Green)**

7:00 am George J. Bugarin

6:00 pm Duane Gore

**Thursday January 30, 2025 Weekday (Green)**

7:00 am Guido Regelbrugge

**Friday January 31, 2025 Saint John Bosco, Priest  
(White)**

7:00 am Tina Calisi

**Saturday February 1, 2025 Vigil for the Presentation  
Of the Lord (White)**

4:00 pm Deacon Gene DiCrese, Bonnie Batche, Anthony Marino, a Special Intention for the living and deceased members of the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, Prayerful appreciation for the work of the Priests and Staff of St. Joan of Arc

6:00 pm A Special Intention for Monsignor Mike

**Sunday February 2, 2025 The Presentation of the  
Lord (Green)**

8:00 am The Intentions of SJA Parishioners

10:00 am Jack Accardo

12:00 pm George J. Bugarin, Rachel Allemon, Tina Calisi

## Daily Readings

**Monday, January 27**

Hebrews 9:15-28  
Mark 3:22-30

**Tuesday, January 28**

Hebrews 10:1-10  
Mark 3:31-35

**Wednesday, January 29**

Hebrews 10:11-18  
Mark 4:1-20

**Thursday, January 30**

Hebrews 10:19-25  
Mark 4:21-25

**Friday, January 31**

Hebrews 10:32-39  
Mark 4:26-34

**Saturday, February 1**

Hebrew 11:1-19  
Mark 4:35-41

**Sunday, February 2**

Malachi 3:1-4  
Hebrew 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40



## I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

**Jeffrey Lewandowski  
Anthony Minauro**

“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

*Minnie Louise Haskins*



## Reporting Sexual Abuse

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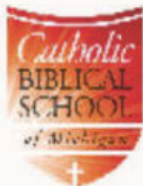


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## Prayers Needed

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at [info@sjascs.org](mailto:info@sjascs.org).

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# Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

January 26, 2025

## Fulfilled in Your Hearing

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

When we hear that phrase, we might be inclined to think of prophecy. However, today's readings suggest something a bit different. True, in today's gospel, Jesus states that he is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah. However, the way that passage was fulfilled by Jesus was not the way his hearers expected. The passage seems to promise a change in society, where there will be no more poor or prisoners. The people expected a political change that would overthrow Roman control. Jesus' application was

quite different. The fulfillment of that prophecy included a new and often radical way of understanding society. In other words, Jesus revealed the true meaning of the prophecy.

Such reapplication is even clearer in the first reading. Nehemiah, the Jewish leader of those who had returned from Babylonian exile, gathered all the community together, read the Law, and then reapplied it for them.

Reapplication is often necessary, because what might have been a helpful way of understanding something in our faith under some circumstances might be impractical, even inappropriate, in others. For example, to pray for an end to war is important, but to do nothing to work for peace changes how we understand prayer. Circumstances often change as we go through life. Reapplication of our faith acknowledges this and searches for ways that faith can continue to address those changing circumstances. Faithful reapplication always keeps our religious tradition alive and meaningful. †

***Jesus is the fulfillment  
of the promise made by  
the prophet Isaiah.***

## A Word from Pope Francis

I would like to make a suggestion. On the Sundays of this liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke, the gospel of mercy, is proclaimed. Why not also read it personally, all of it, one small passage each day? A short passage. Let us familiarize ourselves with the gospel. It will bring us the newness and joy of God!

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## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How do I bring my faith to everyday situations?
- On what occasions might I forget to act like a disciple of Jesus?

## Sunday Readings

**Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

Ezra read clearly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27**

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

**Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.



# Living as a Christian in Community

Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

When parents in the neighborhood do not work together to instill in their children a sense of love and respect for others, hatred of others prevails. When teachers do not work together to create a positive learning environment, children and youth become indifferent to the search for knowledge and truth. When law-enforcement officers do not work together to uphold the law, people in the community begin to administer their own brand of justice. When healthcare professionals do not work together to care for the sick and poor, people's lives are put at risk. When members of the business community do not work together to create networks of support, the quality of life diminishes. When Christian religious leaders do not work together to give a common witness



to the Gospel of Jesus, people begin to lose faith and hope in God.

All who are baptized receive the Spirit of God's love and belong to the one body of Christ. We have been given the Spirit of God's love to work together to build a community of love. The mission of the

Christian community is to use its resources to eradicate the evil of racism in the world, eliminate all forms of violence, and give testimony to the gospel of peace and nonviolence. Being a member of the body of Christ is not a luxury but a responsibility to be embraced and lived. When Christians work together in accordance with the Spirit of God's love, life becomes more peaceful, fruitful, and loving for all people.

**Ponder:** How do I live the responsibility of being a follower of Christ?

**Prayer:** Lord, you created all people equal. Open my eyes to recognize the dignity of all people and my heart to love unconditionally.

**Practice:** Today, I will reflect on the meaning of my baptism. †

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Polarization: Stop Labeling—Start Listening" by Rev. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

When we find ourselves polarized, mired deep in our own opinions and judgments, no matter how objectively "right" we may be, we have chosen the path of refusing to listen. When we refuse to listen compassionately and generously, not only to the arguments and the questions but also to the deeper truth people may reveal when they feel heard, we miss the opportunity to live more fully, to flourish, and to grow into the people we were created to be.... If we indulge in a passionate response without permitting ourselves the time to listen, we can only hope to understand part of the truth—sometimes a very small part indeed—and we deprive ourselves, and the community, of the fullness waiting to be revealed.

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Ever-present God, give us the grace to remember your love and care for us when we are faced with difficulties and uncertainty. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

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Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 / Mk 4:35–41

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