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SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

### 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

**Saturday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time****Confessions are by Appointment Only**

**4:00 p.m. Mass**—+Joseph Rodler—by Family  
 +Jeanette Niemiec—by Jane Evers Family  
 +Charles Pulis—by Frances Pullis

**Sunday, January 23, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Karl Kakaley—by Pat & Mary Kay Koss  
 +Christina Zebrowski—by Ray and Marlene Vincent  
**11:00 a.m. Mass**—+Harry and Eleanor Sacha—by Family  
 +Patrick Sieszputowski—by Mike Fusco  
 +Jeanette Niemiec—by St. Sabina Fish Fry Family  
 +George Cremona—by Linda Wielkopolan  
 +Virginia Favor—by Richard and Joanne Fronczak

**Monday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Rita DeGuire—by Ron DeGuire  
 For the intentions of the Popovich Children—by Molly Popovich

**Tuesday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

**6:30 p.m. Mass**—+Josephine Holota (10th Anniv.) -  
 by Mike & Barbara Holota

+Patrick Foley—by Rita Foley  
 +Jeanette Kowalski—by Tom and Angela Klocek  
 +Elizabeth Ostafinski—by Family

**Wednesday, January 26, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

**8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Virginia Favor—by Mary Ann Owens

**Thursday, January 27, Weekday/St. Angela Merici, Virgin**

**8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Elizabeth Mallon (21st Anniv.) - by Rita Foley  
 +David Veverica—by Bev Comps

**Friday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

**8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Virginia Favor—by Friend

**Saturday, January 29, Weekday**

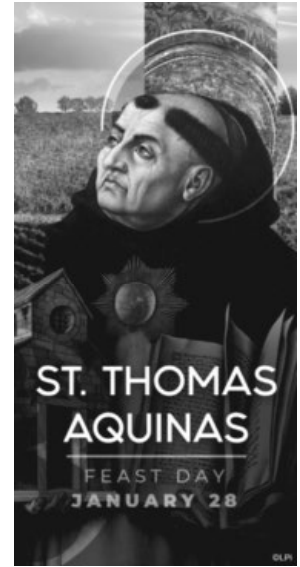
**8:30 a.m. Mass**—+For deceased members of St. Sabina Parish  
 (Privately celebrated at Mariannahill Chapel)

**Saturday, January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Confessions are by Appointment Only**

**4:00 p.m. Mass**—+Bob Csokas—by Mary K. Lynch  
 +Pauline Serwa—by Jo Johnson  
 +Sr. Martin dePorres Ostafinski—by Family  
 +John and Stella Wawrzyniec—by Bob & Mary Wawrzyniec

**PRAY THE ROSARY AFTER MASS WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS****Sunday, January 30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 a.m. Mass**—+Joanne Gdowski—by Family  
 +In Memory of McEwan Family—by Helen McEwan  
**11:00 a.m. Mass**—+Jeanette Niemiec—by Anthony and Mary Neam  
 +Ron Budzinski—by Richard & Joanne Fronczak  
 +Rocco Mannarino—by Luisa Mannarino  
 +Chris Motyka—by Tom and Nancy Bobee

**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





**From the Bullpen**  
**Guest Column**  
**January 23, 2022**

**While Fr. Jim was away from the rectory, a guest columnist asked to take over his *Bullpen* article for the week. Thank you for submitting.**

We are taught as Catholics it is our duty to embrace the Corporal Works of Mercy. Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Clothe the naked. Visit the imprisoned. Shelter the homeless. Visit the sick. Bury the dead. Most of these are familiar to us from the Gospel of St. Matthew 25:31-40. But “bury the dead” was well-established as a work of mercy before Jesus’ birth. Tobit recorded his works

of mercy in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and burying the dead – those whose bodies were simply thrown behind the wall of Nineveh. Tobit 1:16-18.

St. Sabina Parish is a welcoming community – for the living and the dead. We have the privilege of being the place of celebration of the Mass of Resurrection for many. Most are parishioners, still faithful in attendance and support. Some are former parishioners, having been a vital part of the parish or school before moving out of the adjacent neighborhoods. Others are relatives of parishioners who are without a parish home at the time of their death. Some are residents of long-term care facilities who had a connection of heart to St. Sabina at some point in the past. Still others are the loved ones of parish members, perhaps who have fallen away from the parish, fallen away from their families, or simply fallen on hard times.

How privileged we are to be able to provide the final commendation and spiritual blessings for those who have passed on. We are fortunate that our caring community, led by our Pastor, Fr. Jim, has a special ministry to ensure those who have died have one last communion with the Lord, a place to allow the loved ones of the deceased a space to mourn while being supported by the faithful. What a gift we have been given in the opportunity we have to embrace those who may have lost their Catholic identity by being warm, kind, patient, and welcoming them back to the Church without judgment or negativity. We are blessed to be able to witness the saving love of Christ the Good Shepherd. In the words of St. Louis Jesuit Bob Dufford, “I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray. The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds and pasture them, giving them rest. Like a shepherd, he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.” Have a good and mercy-filled week.



***You are invited to join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, January 29th, following the 4 pm Mass to pray the Rosary. Thank you for joining in prayer.***

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***Farewell to 49 Years, We Pray!***

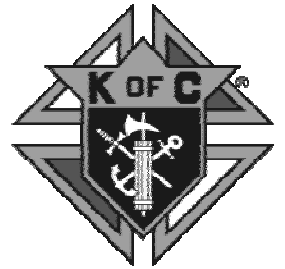
This weekend marks the 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision. This week, we begin to reflect on the Supreme Court Oral Arguments on the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* case from December 1, 2020. Mississippi Solicitor General Scott Stewart argued on behalf of Mississippi's law restricting abortions to the first 15 weeks of pregnancy. Stewart's argument also explicitly called for the Justices to overturn *Roe*. Julie Rinkelman of the pro-abortion Center for Reproductive Rights argued on behalf of the abortion clinic backed by Biden Administration Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar. Call 734-422-6230 or email [wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org) for pro-life volunteer opportunities.-



**KNIGHTS'  
CORNER**

**This Scripture Passage is Fulfilled in Your Hearing!**

WOW! What a shocker that must have been for those present in the synagogue in Nazareth that day. Only the coming of the Messiah, the long-awaited Savior would fulfill this passage! I'm sure they wondered what Jesus was talking about. Where was this new Messiah? Some must have been thinking how did Jesus possess this knowledge, to whom was he referring? Some may have even guessed that He was referring to Himself! The reactions must have ranged from confusion to downright anger that this local Man who they had known since His childhood might dare to be referring to Himself. We pray, "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done" every day. Are we ready for the day itself? Are we ready to accept it? Let's bring Hope to everyone that our Salvation has been won by Jesus, and that He will indeed come again!



Our next General Membership Meeting will be held at St. Linus in the multi-purpose room at 7:00pm on Thursday January 27, 2022. Looking forward to seeing all our Brother Knights!

COMING SOON: Knights' Annual Superbowl Party at St. Linus – Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup>! Stay tuned to the bulletin for more details!

Knights' Annual Craft Show will take place on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Linus. More details to come! If you are an adult Catholic male that would like to join the Knights of Columbus Father Veryser Council at St. Linus and St. Sabina's, please reach out to any of us that you see around the Parish. Joining the Knights is a terrific way to socialize, grow in Spirituality, and to participate in many rewarding works of Charity and Mercy. We look forward to counting you as a brother!

God Bless You and your families and we pray that you continue to grow in Faith and Love!

**LIVE THE LITURGY — INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

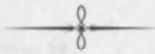
People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless

law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God. ©LPi



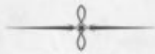
### FIRST READING

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)

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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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 certainty 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.

## 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.

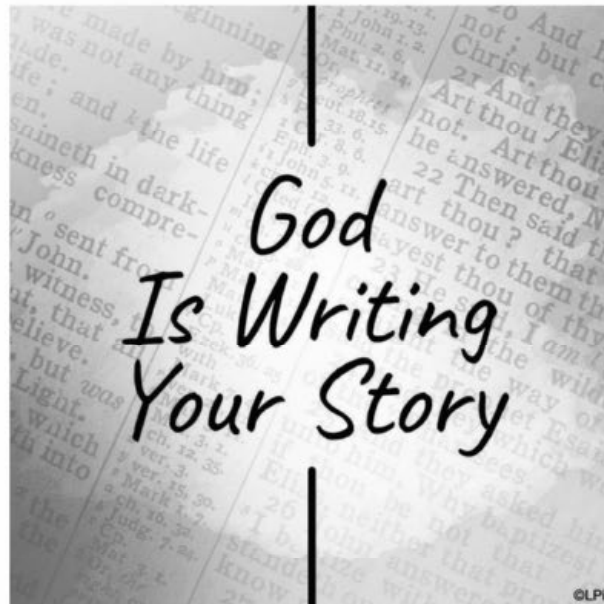
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## IS IT RIGHT TO SUE SOMEONE? ISN'T IT A WAY OF GETTING REVENGE?

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.





**St. Sabina Mission Statement**

*We become the Real Presence of Christ through prayer, education, worship, and service. Gathering in Christ's name we share our time and talents with our community, and welcome all.*

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From the desk of Fr. Don

**EXPERIENCING THE HOLY**

**We have always** been told to love God, and that is probably a good goal to keep in mind. But actually, we do not have a clue how to do that.

**What we consistently** find in the saints and mystics is an overwhelming experience of how God loves us. That means, when it comes to loving, God is the initiator, God is the doer, God is the one who comes looking for us. All we can do is respond with grateful acceptance.

**The great spiritual teacher,** Meister Eckhart said, "The love by which we love God is the very same love with which God has first loved us."

**The great experience** of saints and mystics' is this powerful Divine Love for them, of God fully accepting them just as they humanly are, "warts and all", as we say! And the rest of their life is trying to trust and verbalize that - and then looking for ways to give that love back through forms of service to the needy, forgiveness of hurts, compassion for those who suffer and acts of worship.

**None of this** is done in order to earn God's love because we already have that. It is always and only to return God's love. Love is repaid by love alone.



*May Jesus be the source of strength for those who suffer from heavy burdens of life, a haven of hope and light in darkness. Keep all the sick, those in the hospital, the homebound, and those awaiting surgery in your thoughts and prayers. "Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen!"*

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**Weekend Lector Schedule  
 January 30 2022**

**4:00 p.m.** Karen Policicchio  
**8:30 a.m.** Shirley Walmsley  
**11 a.m.** Terry Viviani

**Weekend Eucharistic Minister Schedule  
 January 30 2022**

**4:00 p.m.** K. Riley, J. Terski, R. Bravo  
**8:30 a.m.** P. Koss, A. Turek, N. Kelley  
**11 a.m.** L. Tallieu, M. Lizbinski, E. Viviani



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