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January 23, 2022

This Week's Readings - January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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For more information on our Parish, how to become a Parishioner, or for Letters of Recommendation, please call the Rectory or head on to our website.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 24
7:30 am Elizabeth Dempsey
- Anne & Family
11:30 am Kirby & Ruth Dickson
- Patricia Stephens & Gary Dickson

Tuesday, January 25
Conversion of St. Paul
7:30 am Sharon Crowley
- Crowley Family
11:30 am Tom Inman
- Inman Family

Wednesday, January 26
Ss. Timothy & Titus
7:30 am All Souls
11:30 am George & Barbara Smith (65th Anniv.)
- Children

Thursday, January 27
St. Angela Merci
7:30 am For the People
- Fr. Greg
11:30 am Vincent Wade
- Joann Lowczys

Friday, January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas
7:30 am Richard DelSignore
- Mike & Kathy Kobis
11:30 am Frank Gawlik
- Family

Saturday, January 29
4:00 pm Ann Krempholtz
- Family
5:30 pm Elizabeth Batt
- Ken & Pam Jablonicky

Sunday, January 30
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Frank & Diane Benzing
- Family
9:30 am Micahel Tagliarino
- Jachlewski & Lampman Families
11:15 am Joseph Nigrelli
- Family

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

The answer to your first question is: Yes, I was at the Bills Playoff Game last Saturday night in the frigid cold. It was a great game as the Bills totally dominated the New England Patriots, their nemesis for close to twenty years, by a score of 47 to 17. **The answer to your second question is: No,** I was not one of those who took his shirt off during the game to celebrate the victory and I did not get frostbite, even though I was there for the whole game. **The answer to your final question is: Yes,** I will be at Queen of Heaven this weekend for the Masses. I am not going to Kansas City for the next playoff game. However, I and most of Western New York will be there in spirit cheering on the team. We pray that all will stay safe and that the Bills take another step toward the Super Bowl with a victory over the Chiefs. ***Go Bills!***

This past Saturday, **January 22, was the 49th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision which ruled unconstitutional a state law that banned abortions,** making abortion legal throughout the United States. Since that decision over 62 million abortions have been performed in the United States, which is a tremendous tragedy for our nation and the world. **As Catholics January 22 was a special day of prayer in the U.S. for the legal protection of unborn children,** and I wonder how many of us took time to pray for the protection of the weakest members of our society. I understand that the legalization of abortion is not a simple issue and the rights of women need to be protected. However, the fact that abortion is taking the life of a child seems rather clear to me, and the direct and voluntary killing of an innocent human being is always gravely immoral. **The second reading of this weekend's liturgies stresses the importance of every member of the body. "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored all the parts share its joy." (1Cor. 12, 26)** Every human life is precious from womb to tomb, and we have a responsibility to stand up for those who are not capable of defending themselves. This is quite evident in Catholic teaching, and it is the duty of government to protect the rights of all. Yet, in our country we are failing greatly in protecting the right to life of the child in the womb.

Each year we celebrate **a week of prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25**. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been in existence for over 100 years, and during this time, Christians around the world take part in an octave of prayer for Christian unity. We are now in the midst of that week, and I ask all to remember to pray that the scandal of division among Christians might be diminished. By annually observing this week of prayer, we move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer and desire at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." *(John 17:21)*

God Bless,
Fr. Greg

Our next meeting will be on

Tuesday, January 25th at 7pm

in the Board Room.

We will be discussing Chapter 4, The Cure.

Any questions, contact queenofheavenmoms@gmail.com.

MOMS AT QUEEN of HEAVEN

St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of new members.

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Parish Information

Mass Schedule
Daily: 7:30 am; 11:30 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm; 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:15 am
Confessions: 3:00 pm Saturdays
Holy Days: See Bulletin & Website

Rectory
Weekdays: 9:00 am - Noon
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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To see a particular priest, please make an appointment. Sick calls any time.

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Weekly Collections

1/16/2022

Regular: $8,804
Loose: $2,454.72
2022 Stewardship: $11,258
2021 Stewardship: $10,650

School Fund: $2,049.65

Holy Day: $81

Upcoming Second Collections

January 30
Catholic Relief Services

February 6
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Please remember in your prayers

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Joseph Hoestermann

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Phone: 675-3714 Text: 716-508-0018 Email: youthfamilyinfo@qofhchurch.org

It is very important to call or email our office for an appointment instead of just stopping in. Visitors are not allowed in our building.
Forms & payments, baptism certificates, etc. can be dropped off in the Rectory front door mailbox 24/7.

UNIT 3 GOSPEL WEEKLIES:

Packets for Home Study are ready for pickup from the Rectory front hall and Family Program packets are there as well.

SESSION INFORMATION

All sessions are in person this year. Masks are required for all programs whenever we are in the building.

SATURDAY PROGRAM

Will meet on Saturday, January 22 and January 29 from 9:45 to 11:15 AM.

CONFIRMATION

Session #6 meets Wednesday, January 25 from 7 :00 to 9:00 PM in the Cafeteria.
We ask our Parishioners to remember these candidates in your prayers in a special way during their journey to Confirmation.

LIFE TEEN

Meets Sundays from 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM in the Board Room.

EDGE

Meets Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Board Room.

For all correspondence, please check your email inbox and spam/junk mail for messages from: youthfamilyinfo@qofhchurch.org.

Vocation View

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives."

Jesus' first sermon reminds us that so many in our culture are held captive by addictions.
Priests have a special ability to set them free through the grace of Confession.
Are you called to join this rescue mission?

If so, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

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January 30, 2022 | 10:30am-12:30pm
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You can email them at littleportionfriary@outlook.com or call them at 716-882-5705.

Please visit their website, www.littleportionfriary.com to learn more about what they do.

This would also be a good service opportunity to consider during Lent.

Little Portion Friary

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Adoration Chapel

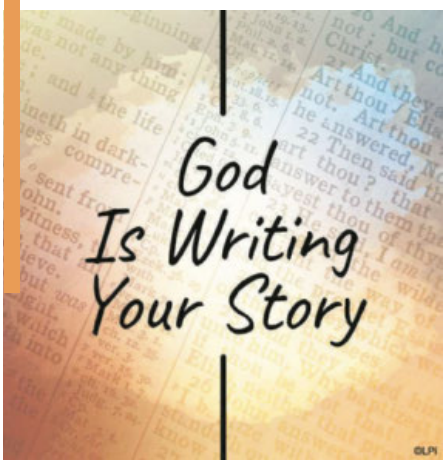
Pope Saint John XXIII said, "Every time I hear anyone speak of the Sacred Heart of Jesus or of the Blessed Sacrament, I feel an indescribable joy. It is as if a wave of precious memories, sweet affections, and joyful hopes swept over my poor person, making me tremble with happiness and filling my soul with tenderness. These are loving appeals from Jesus, who wants me wholeheartedly there, at the source of all goodness, His Sacred Heart, throbbing mysteriously behind the Eucharistic veils."

There are many open hours in the adoration schedule - when you decide to become an Adorer; simply write your name and phone number in any open spot on the printed schedule outside the Chapel nearest Mill Road, or go to the Queen of Heaven website and under the Adoration Chapel page you can view the open hours available and sign up for your hour there. For more information email us at: adoration@QofHChurch.org.

It's that time again to think about Tax Season!

Do you need a letter with your donaations for 2021?

Just give the Rectory a call and we can get one ready for you!



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.

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QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading: *Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10*

Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law.")

What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?

Second Reading: *1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27*

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ.

In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?

Gospel: Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel.

What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?

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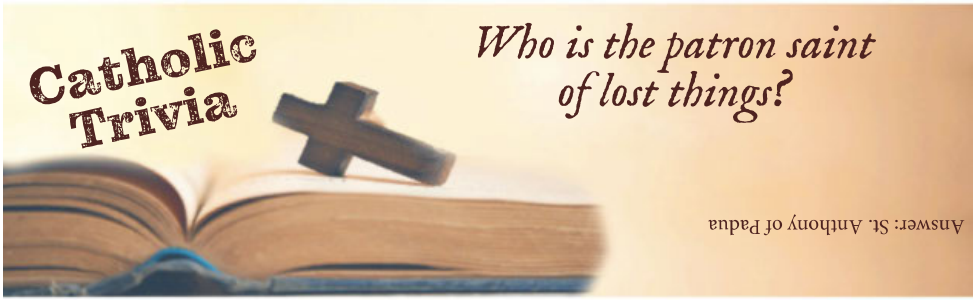

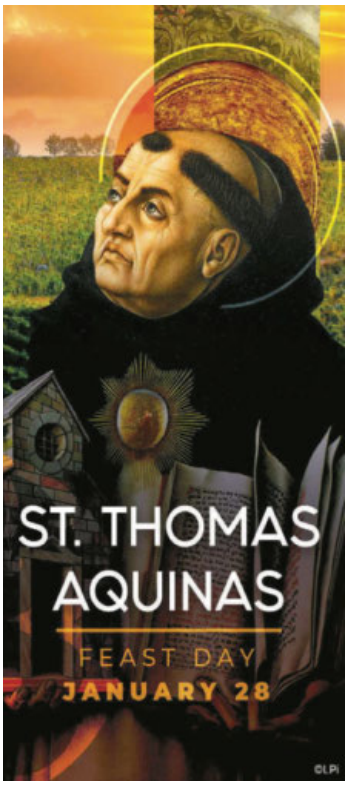

Saint of the Week

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his greatest contribution to the Catholic Church in 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.

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