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January 30, 2022



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[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

**Masses: Sat. 4:00pm (Vigil), Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am**  
**Weekday: 8:30am (M-F) Reconciliation: Sat. 3:00pm**



**From the Desk of Fr. John**

Welcome to St. John XXIII. Living the Gospel — *really living it* — is difficult. The Gospel calls us to change. It makes us uneasy. We want to hear that we are “fine” because “*we’ve always done something this way*” or because it’s “*my way.*” Today, I encourage you to let these Readings permeate within you. Perhaps God calls you to change; or be the one to encourage others to do so? That’s the prophetic role. In our First Reading, Jeremiah serves as an example of someone who lived his calling but, like Christ, was ultimately rejected. The Gospel finds people “not wanting” to recognize Jesus’ authority. We repeat the same mistakes today. To be pulled from our comfort zones and into something new takes work. Being rejected is even more difficult. That’s the power of the Mass, and why every week it’s so important. In your prayer life this week, ask yourself *how* and *where* God is calling you to grow or help others grow this week. You really can make all the difference in your family and at work and school. It is worth it.

In other news, please place your final wagers for the “Oklahoma!” Musical Raffle (winner selected next week), and our Hearts Galore Calendar Raffle (winners begin being selected this week). **Finally, our Vera Bradley Bingo on Feb. 27th is off to a great start.** Join in and win something big. You’ll love it.

God’s abundant blessings, Fr. John.  
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**Stewardship in Faith:**  
For the week January 23, 2022:  
Regular: \$ 5,118.20



**Help Us! Without Sunday Mass for several months due to COVID-19, our annual collections have been affected. Would you help us? As you know, our collection revenue is down overall, and without regular contributions, we will experience problems with bills. *Please prayerfully consider increasing your contribution if you are able.* Help us help you. God’s generosity can’t be outdone.**



“Dustbusters, Inc.” ... Team #6 will clean the Church the week of January 30th. Thanks!



**JOIN THE BINGO FUN . . . WE’RE READY!!!**  
**SATURDAYS 7:00 PM**

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**DONATION UPDATE!** THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MAILED OR DROPPED OFF THEIR WEEKLY DONATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL. PLEASE HELP US.



**Welcome Visitors!**

**In this time of change, we welcome everyone to our vibrant community, so “consider yourself invited” to join us! Call the Rectory for a Registration Form or find it on our website at [www.stjohn23.com](http://www.stjohn23.com). Welcome!**

**Don’t Give Up. Don’t let frustration knock you down. Don’t let fear stand in your way. Pray because you CAN DO IT — and the struggle will be all worth it.**



**FAMILY MOMENT: “LIVING” IT!**

“Love is patient, love is kind ...” As familiar as these words are, they never seem silly. Despite the fact that you’ve probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn’t just for newlyweds. It’s for single and married folks too. It’s for every one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe – including the online world. It’s for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram. A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world. Be grateful. Be kind. Remember, “love never fails.”



**INCOME TAX TIME!**

Would you like a statement of your recorded contributions for income tax purposes? Call (823-1090) or write us by depositing a note in the collection. We’re happy to help! Most of all, we’re very grateful for your support.



**JANUARY FUEL COLLECTION**

Please be sure to help with our January Fuel Collection. It greatly helps in paying winter costs. Please use your envelope or a write on a blank envelope “fuel.” Thanks for your generosity!

*We pray through the power of Christ for the healing of ...* Robert Rath, Stephen Boryszewski, Leo Schiffhaer, Alice Morrisley, Jeanette Watkins, Judy Kelly, Michael Weishaupt, Lynn McKenna, Grace Lord, Fred Postollese, James Hogan, Rosalie Diaspara, Marian Spoor, Patricia Walczak, Thomas Lavelle, Marge Dutka, JoAnne Hahn, Max Wojciechowski, Tony Peters, Christopher Travis, Rick Stoddard, Kaylin Kline, Elizabeth Fay, Rick McEvoy, Cheryl Lane, James Ruggiero, Gladys Roche, Norman Dailey, Mary Laubenthal, Heidi Sheehan, Beverly Smith, Harry Gray, Sharon Quinn, Hugh & Judy Bondanza, Andrew Dodges, Phyllis Elbers, Alice Kowalewski, Patti Catanzaro, David Smith, Eleanor Szeffler, Rosyln Hawthorn, Kevin Denecke, Mary Jane Lane, Melissa Piskor, Jack Fadeley, Robert Loniewski, Rhonda Strumpf & Sharon Krug.



*From the Desk of Jennifer Lang, Director of Faith Formation*

The Readings from this week can be reflected on for the next month. The First Reading is “the prophetic call” that each of us has received from God. We have all been dedicated as prophets of God. The ways of God we have been taught from our youthful days from family, schools, and Faith Formation Programs. The Second Reading is one of the Scriptures that is well-known. It is the basis of all that we have learned. Learning about the Scripture and the Church’s traditions are very good, but it is all done in love or it is all for nothing. Children talk and think and reason as children, but adults can comprehend the immense power of God in even greater ways.

Jennifer Lang, Director of Faith Formation  
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**Catechetical Corner**  
*A Weekly Faith Growing Bulletin Corner*

**Presentation of the Lord (Feb. 2nd)**

The Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd, forty days after Christmas Day. It is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in the day’s liturgy. The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as “The Encounter.” The Presentation concluded the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter. Christ is the light of the nations — hence the blessing and procession of candles on this festive day.

**View Life As A Giant Progress Bar...**



**Everything you do is progress. Prayed a rosary? You progressed in your spiritual life. Forgave someone? You progressed in mercy. Bit your tongue and paid a compliment? You progressed in patience. Each progression builds the Body of Christ in our world. How much progress can you make this week?**



**TODAY’S GOSPEL.** It’s all about who Jesus is and who people believe Him to be. The story of Jesus’ preaching and rejection at Nazareth is found in each of Synoptic Gospels. In the Gospel of Luke, it is told near the beginning of His public ministry to foretell His passion and death, and help explain the inclusion of the Gentiles in the promise of salvation. Only St. Luke identifies the content of Jesus' teaching in any detail, with the cause of this rejection at Nazareth in the context of this later Christian history. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many Israelites will not accept the preaching of the Gospel. Jesus persevered. So may we also *live* the Gospel, even if it is difficult.

*From The Mouth Of A Saint. . .*

“It is not those who commit the least faults who are the most holy, but those who have the greatest courage, the greatest generosity, the greatest love, who make the boldest efforts to overcome themselves, and are not immediately apprehensive about tripping.” -- **Saint Francis de Sales**



*Keep The Peace . . .*

**SOMETIMES WHEN YOU ARE IN A HEATED ARGUMENT, IT’S BETTER TO STOP ARGUING AND JUST LET THE OTHER PERSON BE WRONG.**



*Leave The Past In The Past!*

**THE PAST SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE PAST OR IT CAN “STEAL” YOUR FUTURE. LIVE LIFE FOR WHAT TOMORROW CAN BRING, NOT WHAT YESTERDAY HAS TAKEN AWAY. EVERY DAY IS A GIFT.**



**SEVEN STEPS TO HAPPINESS:** Think less, *feel more*. Frown less, *smile more*. Talk less, *listen more*. Judge less, *accept more*. Watch less, *do more*. Complain less, *appreciate more*. Fear less, *Love more*.



Do we speak God’s “truth?” It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all around you?

**Candlemas 2022.** Candlemas, or the Presentation of the Lord, is a significant day of the Church’s life. If you have a candle, you can pray right at home and celebrate the Light of the World, Christ. For a prayer, visit [www.stjohn23.com](http://www.stjohn23.com).

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, January 29, 2022, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm. Anthony Persichini - *by Eleanore Persichini*

AND: Patricia Lafferty - *by Marty & Peggy McGrath*

### Sunday, January 30, 2022, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am. Dr. Michael Talluto - *by Gavin Family*

AND: Richard Izzo - *by Gavin Family*

10:30am. Wallace S. Piotrowski - *by Teach Family*

AND: Mary Lou & Harold Moebius - *by Daughters*

### Monday, January 31, 2022, Weekday

8:30am. Rev. Msgr. Kevin O'Neill - *by Estate*

### Tuesday, February 1, 2022, Weekday

8:30am. Mary Elizabeth Bauer - *by Estate*

### Wednesday, February 2, 2022, Presentation of the Lord

8:30am. Louis Adamski - *by Estate of Nancy Adamski*

### Thursday, February 3, 2022, St. Blaise

8:30am. Anna McFarland - *by Estate of Mary Higgins*

### Friday, February 4, 2022, Weekday

8:30am. All Souls' Intentions

AND: Parishioners of St. John XXIII Parish

### Saturday, February 5, 2022, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm. Lesser & Casserta Families  
- *by George & Toni Lesser*

AND: Patricia Lafferty - *by Jim & Rita Wagner*

### Sunday, February 6, 2022, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am. Bernard J. Ruda - *by Wife, Mariann*

AND: Adam Fornoff - *by Gavin Family*

10:30am. Wallace S. Piotrowski - *by Val & Family*

AND: David Luchowski - *by Anne Mary Agostinelli*



### Scriptures for Next Sunday

First Reading: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

Psalm: 138:1-5, 7-8

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel: Lk 5:1-11

*The Sanctuary Light will shine this week for Kathleen Dolan, by Gavin Family.*



## ST. ANSGAR (FEB. 3RD)

St. Ansgar (801-865), became a Benedictine at Corbie, France, where he had been educated. Three years later, when the King of Denmark became a convert, St. Ansgar went to that country for three years of missionary work, without noticeable success. Sweden asked for Christian missionaries, and he then went there, suffering capture by pirates and other hardships on the way. Fewer than two years later, he was recalled, to become abbot of New Corbie (Corvey) and bishop of Hamburg. After 13 years' work in Hamburg, he saw it burned to the ground by invading Northmen; both Sweden and Denmark returned to paganism. He directed new apostolic activities in the North, traveling to Denmark and was instrumental in the conversion of another King. By the strange device of casting lots, the King of Sweden allowed the Christian missionaries to return. Biographers remark that St. Ansgar was an extraordinary preacher, a humble and ascetical priest, and devoted to the poor. May he pray for us.

*This Week at St. John's*

**Sunday Mass. We're Open: Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil, Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Also view Mass live on Facebook, YouTube, and at [www.stjohn23.com](http://www.stjohn23.com).**

**Knights of St. John. Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

**Choir Rehearsal. Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word. Sunday at 10:30 a.m.**

**Healthy Living: Fun low-impact exercises while sitting with Kathy Zawadzki. Monday at 9:15 a.m.**

**Rosary. Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.**

**Classic Citizens. Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.**

**Holy Name Society. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**

**Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer. Thurs. at 9:00 a.m.**

**Eucharistic Adoration. Friday at 9:00 a.m.**

**Bingo. Saturday at 7:00 p.m.**

*Next Sunday at St. John's*

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## Eucharistic Adoration



**This Friday, February 4th  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**

## Win Shea's Tickets To

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# Vera Bradley


# BINGO

**SUNDAY, FEB. 27TH @ 1:00 PM**

# FISH FRY



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