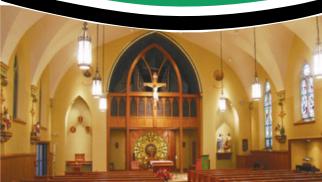
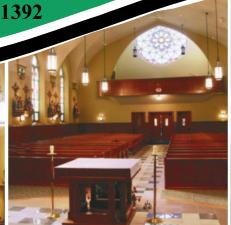
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## JANUARY 23, 2022 • 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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#### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday Liturgies: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Daily Liturgies: 7:30 a.m. (Monday-Friday) Holy Day Liturgies: 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. & any time by appointment.

#### **BAPTISM**

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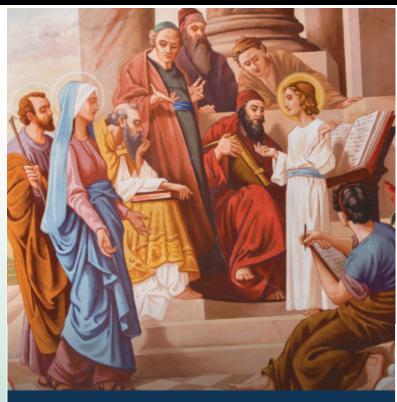
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#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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Call anytime for emergencies.

#### R.C.I.A. (Becoming Catholic)

Adult formation process.
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# 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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# LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

7:00 PM Donna Siggins by Jacklyn Pusateri

Wednesday, January 26-Ss. Timothy & Titus

7:30 AM Linda & Joyce Maljovec by Rose Shine

10:00 AM Rev. Jack Barwin (Lutheran Home)

Thursday, January 27

9:00 AM Nancy Haberberger by Jeanne & Jim Iannuzzi

Friday, January 28-St. Thomas Aquinas

7:30 AM Vincent DiMaria by DiMaria Family 10:00 AM Msgr. Henry Shauerman (Lutheran Home)

Saturday, January 29

5:00 PM Louise DeSio by Karen Smith, Sue Meyers Sunday, January 30-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of St. Callistus 10:30 AM Doris Bostjancic by Ellen & Jeff Perry

#### Scripture Readings for Week of 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

#### 9th Annual Catholic Men's Conference

Be a part of it! The name 22:32 Men is based on the theme of Luke 22:32: "But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." The conference will be held on Saturday, February 12, from 8:30AM to noon and men from our diocese will gather to pray, reflect and be inspired in three different ways: 1. Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle parish in Erie; 2. Virtually at hosting parishes via YouTube; participating parishes listed on our website, www.2232men.com; 3. Virtually via YouTube in your home. The morning program consists of two amazing speakers, and Mass with Bishop Persico. If you attend at St. Jude's or a satellite hosting parish, you will enjoy two of our life-giving Sacraments: Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. The event is \$20. For more information or to register visit www.2232men.com or call 814-455-7364.

#### Designated Collection for Jan. 23, 2022

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC engage and build Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Erie. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

#### **Annual Pre-Lenten Retreat**

Longing for a deeper encounter with the Lord this Lent? Singles and couples are invited to participate in a retreat Feb. 25-26 at St. Thomas More House of Prayer in Cranberry. Retreatants will have opportunities for community, talks, adoration, Mass and confession. For more information, visit <a href="www.eriercd.org/chastity/retreat">www.eriercd.org/chastity/retreat</a>. Questions? Call or email Jacob Kessler at 814-824-1216, <a href="jkessler@eriercd.org">jkessler@eriercd.org</a>. The retreat is sponsored by the Diocesan Chastity Education Office.



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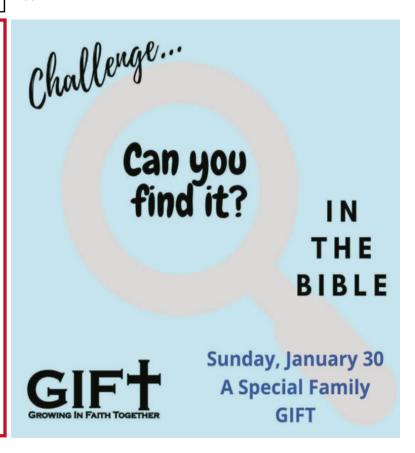
When: Sunday, February 20th
Where: St. Callistus Church
Pickups: Downstairs in Church Hall
(can grab a meal to take home right after mass)

**Drive ups:** outback **Time:** 11:30AM-12:30PM

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#### Sunday, Jan 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

#### Those aren't fighting words

Most fights don't start with a punch, but with a word. That's because words are among the most powerful forces on the planet. Ideas divide or unite a society. Insults scar, just as kind words can heal. Our sacred story contained in scripture is a word meant to make the world whole. Pope Francis asks us to honor the word of God this Sunday. We begin by symbolically enthroning the Bible in our homes today: putting it in a place of honor. This reminds us of the deeper enthronement of God's word in our hearts. Make room for one Bible verse every day.

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69). "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

#### Monday, Jan 24, 2022

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### God, our shield and our strength

We live in tumultuous times for sure. But the world has been topsyturvy before. Saint Francis de Sales lived during the religious, political, and social upheaval of the Protestant Reformation. And he became known for his gentleness and patience in the face of it. Leave it to him, the patron saint of writers, to pen a prayer that is timeless balm for troubled souls: "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations . . ." A balm for these troubled times.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (317). "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."

#### Tuesday, Jan 25, 2022

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

#### Harden not your heart

Paul has always been a controversial figure. Before becoming a Christian, he was a persecutor of Jesus' followers. Paul's biblical words advising women to be submissive to their husbands have been alternately obeyed, rejected, and reinterpreted. But the word "conversion" on this feast reminds us what Christian life is about. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes Saint Ambrose on the "two conversions" in Christian life—one of them a one-time event and the other ongoing. "There are water and tears, the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance." What parts of your life still require repentance?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). "Jesus . . . appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

#### Wednesday, Jan 26, 2022

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

#### Stay the course

Evangelizing and living the gospel demands much of us. Saints Timothy and Titus serve as examples to us of holding fast to the faith among difficult circumstances. Friends and companions of Saint Paul, they ended up becoming bishops and leaders of the early church. They helped Paul to spread the gospel during those difficult early years. Timothy paid the ultimate price for encouraging others to embrace the emerging Christian faith.

Reflect on the ways you choose to follow Jesus Christ and embrace his mission despite the challenges and difficulties it presents.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:1-20 (520; Gospel 319). "[T]hose sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

#### Thursday, Jan 27, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

#### Wise counsel for the overwhelmed

On this memorial of Saint Angela Merici, 16th-century founder of the Ursuline Sisters, it makes sense to recall one of her many insights into faith-filled living. She advised the overwhelmed thus: "Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand." May you find that saving hand when you reach the end of your rope.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25 (320). "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand?"

#### Friday, Jan 28, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### Root yourself in honesty

G.K. Chesterton once said of philosopher and theologian Thomas Aquinas, "Being himself resolved to argue, to argue honestly, to answer everybody, to deal with everything, he produced books enough to sink a ship or stock a library." We could use a little more Thomas in our media, especially social media, because today we're not always sure if things are actually true or merely "internet true." For Thomas, honesty was key to communication. He considered it beautiful, honorable, and a reflection of moral goodness itself. May we take to heart his commitment to honesty in all of our communication.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34 (321). "Once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

#### Saturday, Jan 29, 2022

#### Sea of hope

Alonzo Ketcham Parker, a 19th-century travel writer, called the Sea of Galilee "a fifth gospel" due to the amount of biblical history that occurred on its shores. It is the site where Jesus performed many of his most renowned miracles, such as walking on water, calming the storm, and feeding the multitude. Villages and settlements dotted the shore in Jesus' day, and most of Jesus' followers probably gained their livelihood and nourished their families from its bounty. The nourishment continues every time we read the vivid accounts of biblical drama that occur on the holiest of seas. Dive in!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 (322). "He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm."

#### Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow-a day at a time



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#### FIRST READING

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could

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 certainly 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.

#### From the Pastor ...

Jesus begins his Galilean ministry by going into the Synagogues and teaching in the power of the Spirit. He then came to Nazareth and on the Sabbath day read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. This passage is about the prophet who brings God's kingdom and really about the coming of the Messiah. Messiah means "anointed one" and this anointed one will bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind and a year acceptable to the Lord. The poor, the downtrodden and the humble who are hungry for the Lord's blessings will hearken to his saving message. Hopefully, though we don't experience a crippling level of physical poverty, we recognize our need for all that God is and welcome Jesus' proclamation. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." *Fr. Bill* 



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## Sunday, January 23

8:45-10:15 - Elementary Classes 11:15-12:30 -Junior Confirmation class 6:00-7:30 - Class grades 6-10

## Sunday, January 30

8:45-10:15 - Elementary Classes 10:30 - Family Mass Confirmation Enrollment 6:00-7:30 - Class grades 6-10

#### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday - January 24
Tuesday - January 25
7:00PM Boy Scouts-MP Rm.
Wednesday - January 26
4:30PM Girl Scouts-MP Rm.
Thursday - January 27
Friday - January 28
Saturday - January 29
Sunday - January 30
8:45-10:15AM Rel. Ed., Gr. K-5
10:30AM Family Mass, Gr. 11 Confirmation Enrollment
6-7:30PM Rel. Ed. MS-9/10

#### **Family Perspective**

In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive' by our EXPECTATIONS

#### 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 ©LPi



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