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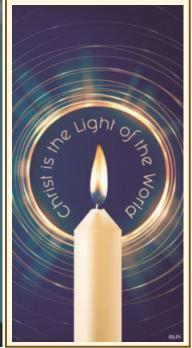
When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

#### Sunday Readings: <u>First Reading:</u>

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. (Jer 1:4-5) Psalm: I will sing of your salvation. (Ps 71) Second Reading: So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor 13:13) Gospel:

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place." (*Lk 4:24*)



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### Mass & Reconciliation Times

Sunday, January 30th: 8:00 A.M. (C); 10:00 A.M. (P); 5:00 P.M. (G)

Reconciliation 7:00-7:50 A.M. (C) & 4:00-4:50 P.M. (G)

Monday, January 31st: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Tuesday, February 1st: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Wednesday, February 2nd: 5:30 P.M. (L)

Thursday, February 3rd: 7:00 A.M. (L) - Blessing of Throats

Friday, February 4th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

**Reconciliation** before 7:00 A.M. Mass Monday; Tuesday; Thursday & Friday

Saturday, February 5th: 4:00 P.M. (P); 6:00 P.M. (G)

Reconciliation 3:00-3:50 P.M. (P)

### WEEKLY PRAYER

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022**

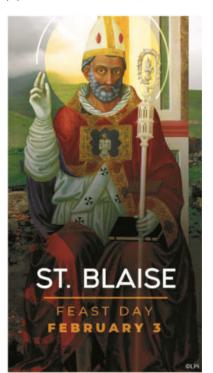
Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30		
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20		
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43		
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32		
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13		
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29		
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34		
Next Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11		

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022**

Sunday:	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week		
Monday:	St. John Bosco, Priest		
Wednesday:	The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life		
Thursday:	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop		
Saturday:	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr		
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs		

#### LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Prophets possess an intimate knowledge of God and act on their experience of God. Prophetic messages usually challenge the status quo and draw us up and out of ourselves, focusing us on the bigger picture. We often think of ourselves and our own needs first. When we listen to someone speak, we judge the merit of the message by its degree of usefulness. If the message or vision contains no personal benefit or profit but a call to stretch and grow, we can become indignant. Prophets are usually the ones whose message challenges us and calls us to see things differently and love more perfectly and deeply. God is love. When listening to St. Paul speak about love we witness the unfolding of this type of unconditional, other centered, self-sacrificial perfect God. It is an invitation to life, freedom, and happiness that can be offered to us only by God. Jesus, who is God and Love incarnate, calls us to this richer expression of love. Are we ready to listen and be challenged and stretched?



#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

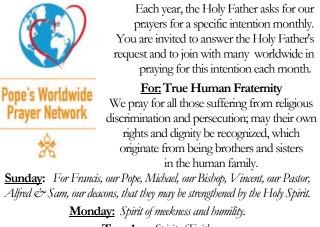
History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Apostleship of Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis



<u>Tuesday:</u> Spirit of Faith. <u>Wednesday:</u> Spirit of Charity. <u>Thursday:</u> Love of the Holy Eucharist. <u>Friday:</u> For peace within our country. <u>Saturday:</u> Love of chastity & the Blessed Virgin Mary.

#### Expectant Mothers Prayer Corner

Please pray for all expectant mothers especially those listed:

Michaela M. Sisson Kristin Sweeney Ashley Montz Emily Duebler Elisabeth Laurent Hailey P. Waguespack Victoria N. Roussel Joyce Gravois Raven Brack



for keeping their babies safe and secure in their mother's womb and in your love. Thank you for strengthening these precious babies, keeping them healthy, and preparing them for the plans you have set before them. For as long as their pregnancy lasts, we pray that you will be doing the mighty and marvelous work that only you can do, creating life and bringing beauty into the world through your creations. Amen. Traveling Chalice & Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Host family: Ryan & Vanessa Rojas - Feb. 2nd –9th Interested in becoming a host family? Call: Cheryl Louque, 225-206-2929

Our Lady of Fatima Statue with Rosary Host family Jan. 30th-Feb. 5th Peggy McCreary (St. Michael); Colette Chauvin (St. Mary) Call: Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129

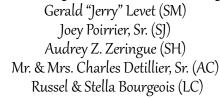
#### Prayer Line: Praying for parishioners needs:

To join this ministry or add someone to the prayer list contact: Nancy Cashio, 225-869-8124; Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129; Etta Ruiz, 225-869-8425 or Marcy St. Pierre, 225-869-9820.

#### Those In Need of Our Prayers:

Robert "Bean" Montelius Braylee Lambert Damien Powers Betty Brignac Cathy Nosacka Diane Rome John Lowman Elsie Batiste Margaret Pearce Brenda Richard

#### Sanctuary Candle In Memory of:





BAPTISM

#### Lula Cate Poche

Lula Cate is the daughter of Jason Paul and Heidi Lynn Martin Poche. Lula Cate was baptized by Rev. Vincent J. Dufresne on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

Lula Cate you are now initiated into the Catholic faith, and welcomed into the membership of the church and the holy body of the people of Christ.

Congratulations!

### Sacraments & Services

#### BAPTISM:

You must be registered parishioners to request baptism in one of the cluster churches. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.-St. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun.-St. Joseph & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.-Sacred Heart. Parents & Godparents are required to attend baptismal prep seminar, or complete on-line course now offered. REGISTER at least two weeks before the seminar by calling Missy Laurent (869-5751).

#### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children):

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, contact Ernie or Lisa Sieber @ 266-0569, or Fr. Vincent Dufresne for more information about the RCIA process.

#### <u>Matrimony:</u>

Couples planning a wedding are asked to contact Deacon Alfred Adams at

562-3255 at least six months prior to their planned wedding date. No tentative wedding date can be confirmed before initial meeting with the priest.

#### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

For emergency sick calls, please contact the Pastoral Center for a priest. If it is after hours follow the phone prompts to contact a priest.

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

Reconciliation available in churches before 7:00 A.M. daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and weekend Masses as scheduled.

#### CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

Please contact the Pastoral Center as soon as possible prior to making funeral arrangements.

#### JANUARY 30, 2022

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION** ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING **OF SCRIPTURE**

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, rightwing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked

several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected

Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day. We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving serv-



ant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only

saw but spoke the truth. Do we speak the 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 minimalized. 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 that is around you?

### A Call To Reflect & Respond

#### First Reading Question:

In his call to be a prophet, the Lord informs Jeremiah of both the human resistance and the divine providence that lies ahead for him. When have you felt God's presence in the midst of turmoil in your life? Second Reading:

Paul eloquently defines the spiritual virtue of "love" for the Christians in Corinth. How well do you live by the standards of love as defined by Paul?

#### Gospel:

The people of Nazareth were "filled with fury" at Jesus' words to them. How do you imagine Jesus reacted to being rejected by those in his hometown of Nazareth?

**CLPi** 



#### Cluster Blood Drive



On Sunday, January 30th there will be a Blood Drive in the Chanel Cafeteria. Doors will open at 9:00 A.M. and donations will continue until 1:30 P.M. Please consider donating as this will benefit parishioners of our Cluster.

#### Adorers Needed



The Adoration Chapel is in need of several Committed Adorers. If you are interested in finding out more about this wonderful ministry please contact Jason Amato @ 225-268-6902.

... So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Matthew 26:40

#### **Opportunities to Help!**



Help is needed cleaning Most Sacred Heart of Jesus church on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We are usually there for about an hour or so. Not a big time commitment. If you are interested in helping, please call Sandy Roussel at

869-4175 for more information. God Bless!

#### Al-Anon Weekly Meeting



#### Tuesday @ 4:00 P.M.

Sacred Heart Rectory - use side entrance.

Al-Anon members are people, just like you, who are worried about someone with a drinking problem. It's meetings are an opportunity for family members to learn

from the experiences of others who have faced similar problems.

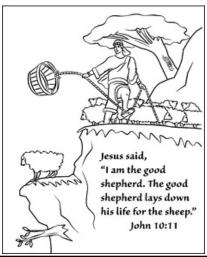
#### Knights of Columbus



The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, February 9th; 6:30 P.M. at the K.C. Home. The evening begins with the recitation of the rosary at 6:30, meal

served at 7:00 p.m., meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

The monthly "Chicken and Dirty Rice Dinner" will be Sunday, January 30th to benefit Chanel School. Dinners are \$10.00 a plate and can be ordered in advance by calling 869-8184.



#### Mandatory First Reconciliation **Retreat:**

Saturday, February 5, 2022, Sacred Heart PSR 9:00 A.M.-Noon All First Reconciliation Students: St. Michael; St. Joseph; Sacred Heart & SPC.

#### STUDENTS ONLY **DROP OFF AT** FRONT DOOR OF SHPSR BUILDING!



8:00 a.m. (C) For the Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

**10:00 a.m. (P)** For the Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

5:00 p.m. (G) For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

#### <u>Monday, January 31, 2022:</u> 7:00 a.m. (L)

L.J. Hymel Sr., Madeline & Kermit Kraemer, Sr. & Jr. Souls in Purgatory

> <u>Tuesday, February 1, 2022:</u> 7:00 a.m. (L) Leroy & Donna Wescovich

<u>Wednesday, February 2, 2022:</u> 5:30 p.m. (L)

Donald & Odile Brignac, Doris L. Martin & Family, Joseph & Scott Accardo, Ewell & Georgina Poirrier & Family, Claude & Melda Petit & Sons, LtCol Joseph A. Lucia III & Joseph A. Lucia Jr., Lawrence & Delia Lambert, Grady Poche & Richard Roussel, Bradley & Jason Bourgeois, Gwen LeBlanc Tregre, "Leo" Leopold Laurent, Myrrh H. Poche, Joan Whitney Gonzales, Christie Marie Melancon, M/M Albert Poche Jr., M/M Willie Guzman, Ms. Rose Mary Roussel, M/ M Eugene Roussel, Ms. Elvina Roussel, M/M Nolan Bourgeois Sr., Levi Laiche, Charlene Folse Pollet, Kathleen Andermann

> <u>Thursday, February 3, 2022:</u> 7:00 a.m. (L) John, Ruth & Joseph (JT) Minvielle

> > *Friday, February 4, 2022:* 7:00 a.m. (L)

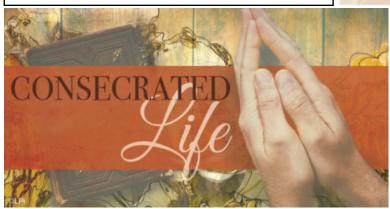
LJ Hymel Sr., Souls in Purgatory, Lawrence & Delia Lambert, Richard & Charmaine Zeringue, Dennis Paul Matherne

#### <u>Saturday, February 5, 2022:</u> 4:00 p.m. (P)

Barry St. Pierre, Warren & Ken Laiche & Julie Carpenter, Genevieve, Florance & Vernon Deslatte, Clifford & Pete LeBlanc, Cindy, Armance & Benoit Kliebert, George & Dolores Schexnayder, Marie Waguespack, Jerry Louque, Roland "Shawee" Roussel & Rosemary L. Roussel & Family, Roman & Elia Lambert & Family, Josie Heughan, M/M Ernest Veron, M/M Joseph Lambert & Sylvia, Souls in Purgatory, Myrrh Poche, Kenny Pham, Alvin Pollet, Gerald Levet, Zeke Roussel; Larry & Arnold Millet & Stephanie Vitrano; Anita, Fidelise & Rene Millet; Bruce Melancon

#### 6:00 p.m. (G)

James O'Neil Steib Sr., Rita & Amedee Boe, Yvonne & Scotty Bourgeois, M/M Charles Detillier Sr. & Peter Louque, Cherie Bourgeois, Souls in Purgatory, Donald Blank, Kay Bourgeois



### READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus did not expect everybody to like him. Jesus chose to follow God's plan, no matter what other people said. Even though some people wanted to hurt Jesus, he always spoke the truth. He always did what was right, no matter what.

#### PRAYER

Dear God, help me to keep on doing what you want, no matter what other people say.

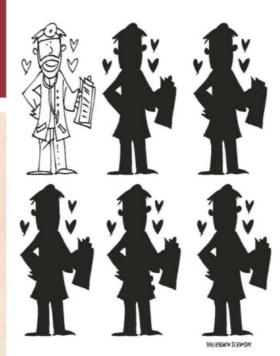
#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Has anyone ever hurt your feelings because you love God? Pray for that person, and keep doing what is right.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **KIDS CORNER**

Find the right shadow



#### World Day for Consecrated Life Feb. 2nd

God of all goodness, you have called people to follow you faithfully. Humans have heard that call and many choose to follow your call in varied and faith-filled lives.

Some follow your call in private, silent lives as hermits; some choose to follow you with lives lived as virgins and widows; while others choose public lives of vowed men and women as religious brothers and sisters.

Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as witnesses to your gifts and faith and service to the world.

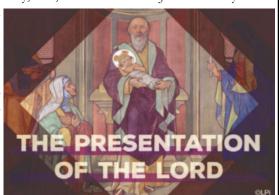
We ask this in faith through the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen

#### I'VE HEARD PEOPLE CALL JESUS' CONCEPTION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT BEING "IMMACULATELY CONCEIVED." IS THAT WHAT THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS?

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the

beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!





### DONATIONS

January 17, 2022	<u>(SM)</u>	<u>(SJ)</u>	<u>(SH)</u>
Offertory	\$1,332.00	\$5,378.00	\$2,295.00
On-line	\$977.00	\$5,295.00	\$1,555.00
Church in Latin America	\$285.00	\$1,023.00	\$636.00

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born, and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?



## First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."



Before you were formed in your mothers' womb, God knew you. Before you were born, you were dedicated to the Lord. Do not be afraid to re-

email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



