

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

January 30, 2022—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing 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 servant 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 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 that is around you?

## 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

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**SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASSES -**

Saturday: 5pm English  
Sunday: 11am English (livestream and recorded)  
Sunday: 1:15pm Spanish (livestream and recorded)

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Tuesday: 5:30pm  
Wednesday: 7am  
Friday: 9am (First Fridays—Adoration until noon)

Please sign up for Adoration 1/2 hours. The next date will be FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2022.

**Ministry Schedule for February 5/6—**

**Saturday: Lector:** Ana Sanchez **E.M.:** Deacon Jose  
**Sacristan:** Deacon Jose **Usher:** Steve Huppert

**Sunday: 11AM—Lector:** Kristine Embree **EM:** Deacon Jose  
**Sacristan:** Lee Mathis **Ushers:** Sean Garvey & Scott Greiner  
**Media:** Brad McCumsey

**Sunday: 1:15PM—Lector:** Claudia Taylor **EM:** Deacon Jose  
**Sacristan:** Hector Escamilla **Usher:** Jose Gomez & Juan Carlos Romo  
**Media:** Jesus Banuelos

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES:**

**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:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

**Monday:** St. John Bosco, Priest

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life

**Thursday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

**Friday:** **MASS, ADORATION AND BLESSING OF THROATS**

**Saturday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER** When we pray for others, we lift them up to God, seeking God's grace and blessing in their individual situations. When we ask others to pray for us, we honor them with our prayers. *Please pray for the terminally ill, the sick, for those who are recovering, and for those who minister to us:*

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Fr. Charles Breindel | Fr. Anthony Senyah       |
| Fr. Louis Benoit     | Fr. Patricio             |
| Christine Waller     | Aaron Noe                |
| Mary Rodriguez       | Mary McAdams             |
| Terry Arnold         | Anayeli Delgado-Granados |
| Dolores Boyle        | Brendon Kearney          |

*(This group will rotate weekly. If you know of someone who may be removed from this list, please let us know. If someone should be added, contact: officemanager@holyspiritcatholic.net.)*

**And the repose of the soul of :**

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Marie Fizer       | Olivia Lyall               |
| Bob Gribben       | Marfisa DiMicco            |
| Richard Muller    | Leobardo Bañuelos Arellano |
| Catherine Johnson | Bob Elliott                |

Please, kindly inform Fr. Patricio or the office of anyone who may need our love and prayers, whether aged, sick, hospitalized, in a life crisis, grieving or unable to attend a weekly mass. [palcantara@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:palcantara@richmonddiocese.org)

**WINTER WEATHER NOTIFICATION**

IF THERE IS PRECIPITATION OF ANY KIND, PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL, FACEBOOK, WDBJ7 OR WSL 10 FOR INFORMATION REGARDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CHANGES TO MASS. PLEASE BE SAFE IN ALL YOUR TRAVELS THIS WINTER SEASON. THANK YOU!



**Have you signed up for the Kroger Community rewards program for Holy Spirit??** This quarter we earned \$462.31. Go to: [www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards/](http://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards/) Holy Spirit's organization code is SR146

**OFFERTORY REPORT:**

DECEMBER 2021

FISCAL NEWS 2020-2021	Week 29	Week 30
	1/16	1/23
Weekly Budgeted Collection	\$ 3,520.00	\$ 3,520.00
Actual Collection	2,222.00	2,775.00
Over (Under) Weekly Budget	\$ (1,298.00)	\$ (745.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Collection	\$ 102,080.00	\$ 105,600.00
Year-to-Date Actual Collection	\$ 96,028.52	\$ 98,803.52
Over or (Under) Yearly Budget	\$ (6,051.48)	\$ (6,796.48)

**We are in need of offertory counters.** Are you available?? Contact [bookkeeper@holyspiritcatholic.net](mailto:bookkeeper@holyspiritcatholic.net) for more information. Thank you!

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Richard Wharton      Karen Sapp  
Dennis Wnorowski      Dan Maderic      Alexia Zarco  
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If you have an interest in joining either of these committees, please speak to Fr. Pat.

If you have an item for discussion, please email the committee contacts listed above. We welcome your input!

### Enrollment! St. John Neumann Academy



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a tour to learn more about the many benefits our school offers by calling 540-552-SJNA or visit [www.sjnacademy.org](http://www.sjnacademy.org). Tuition assistance is available.

### Knights of Columbus Council 6747 is

once again holding its Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser. Orders will be taken after all masses this weekend (29-30 Jan) and next weekend (5-6 Feb) with the ordered subs delivered after the masses on Super Bowl Weekend (12-13 Feb). Subs are \$10.00 per sub with the choice of either ham and cheese or turkey and cheese. All proceeds from this fundraiser will support charities supported by the Knights of Columbus Council 6747 in the New River Valley.



**Justice and Peace** is grateful to all who signed up to provide meals for the "To Our House" mission. Holy Spirit will be responsible for January 29th through February 4th. Please keep all who are served by this mission in your prayers.

"Before you were born, I consecrated you." Do you think that you may be called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



**New River Valley RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program**—St. Mary's, St. Jude, and Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Churches. Contact Deacon Jose Melendez at (540) 250-1903 or email [deacon@holyspiritcatholic.net](mailto:deacon@holyspiritcatholic.net)

**NEXT MEETING: February 1, 2022 at St. Mary's**

**IN HONOR OF ST. BLAISE:** Please join us for a blessing of throats on Friday, February 4th at our 9am Mass.



Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat. Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written of 400 years after his martyrdom in the "Acts of St. Blaise."

Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles.

As Jesus told his apostles at the Last Supper, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you" (John 15:7). With faith we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blaise's protection.

**Join our Young at Heart group** for coffee, lunch and outings throughout the month. February Dates: TBD  
CONTACT KAREN FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[YAHDATES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:YAHDATES@GMAIL.COM)

### YOUTH GROUP REMINDERS:

- High School Heartbeat small groups meet this Sunday Jan 30 at Holy Spirit and Next Sunday February 6th at St. Jude. Both meet 7:30-9pm.

Go to [nrwym.flocknote.com](http://nrwym.flocknote.com) to sign-up for weekly emails to keep up with all events!"

| [nrwym@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:nrwym@richmonddiocese.org) | 540.251.1754 | Our youth will be traveling to Richmond for the annual Diocesan Youth Conference, February 11th weekend. If you would like to sponsor a youth for this event, please mark your donation "Youth Conference."

**September pilgrimage to St. John Paul II sites and central Europe**—Save the dates – Sept 18-30, 2022. Come and join a wonderful spiritual journey to Pope John Paul's places in Poland's Krakow and then to other inspiring places in Prague and Vienna. Our spiritual journey also includes places of St. Faustina, the saint of Divine Mercy. Our spiritual leaders include Fr. Danny Cogut, pastor of Salem's Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Fr. John David, pastor of Richmond's St. Benedict.

Reservations are due Feb 28 with \$500 deposit per person. Total cost per person for airfare, lodging and meals is \$4,399 for double occupancy. Contact Vicki and Larry Cogut at email [LCOGUT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LCOGUT@GMAIL.COM) or phone 703-635-9243.

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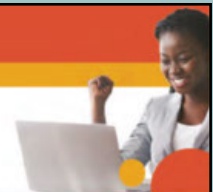
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