

# SS. FRANCIS & JOHN CATHOLIC PARISH

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*So faith, hope, love remain, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love*

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
January 30, 2022



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## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY:

4:00pm @ St. John Church

### SUNDAY:

8:30am @ St. John Church  
10:00am Online Broadcast on SSFJ Facebook Page  
10:30am Outdoors @ Cardome  
12:30pm (Spanish) @ St. John Church  
4:00pm @ St. Francis Church

### MONDAY:

5:30pm @ St. John Church

### TUESDAY:

8:30am Livestreamed on SSFJ Facebook Page

### WEDNESDAY:

12:00pm @ St. John Church

### THURSDAY:

7:00am @ St. John Church

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Thursday @ St. John Church  
Beginning after 7:00am Mass & ending at 8:00pm

### RECONCILIATION:

Thursday @ St. John Church from 6:00pm-7:00pm

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4th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
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HYMN

HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG

Sarah Hart, Sarah Kroger,  
Josh Blakesley, and Trey Heffinger

Verses



1. What hope we have, e - ven in the long - est  
2. What peace we have, e - ven in this wound - ed  
3. What joy we have, for the stone is rolled a -  
4. What hope we have, e - ven in the long - est



1. night, for the light will o - ver - come.  
2. world where the bat - tle rag - es on.  
3. way and the tomb holds noth - ing now.  
4. night, for the light will o - ver - come.



1. We will not fear, † for we know the  
2. We will not fear, † for we know who  
3. No sting of death, no pow - er o - ver  
4. And we shall live; † sin - ners, we will



1st time to Verse 2

1. sun will rise.  
2. heals our souls.  
3. sin or grave.  
4. rise to saints. } Hal - le - lu - jah is our song.

Refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! He is ris - en



o - ver all. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -



lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah is our song.

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GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Lectionary: 72

**Reading I** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

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.

But do you gird your loins;  
stand up and tell them  
all that I command you.  
Be not crushed on their account,  
as though I would leave you crushed before them;  
for it is I this day  
who have made you a fortified city,  
a pillar of iron, a wall of brass,  
against the whole land:  
against Judah's kings and princes,  
against its priests and people.  
They will fight against you but not prevail over you,  
for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17

R. (cf. 15ab) I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, and deliver me;

incline your ear to me, and save me.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

Be my rock of refuge,

a stronghold to give me safety,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

For you are my hope, O Lord;

my trust, O God, from my youth.

On you I depend from birth;

from my mother's womb you are my strength.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

My mouth shall declare your justice,

day by day your salvation.

O God, you have taught me from my youth,

and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues,

but do not have love,

I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy,

and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;

if I have all faith so as to move mountains,

but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own,

and if I hand my body over so that I may boast,

but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, it is not pompous,

It is not inflated, it is not rude,

it does not seek its own interests,

it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,

it does not rejoice over wrongdoing

but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing;

if tongues, they will cease;

if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

For we know partially and we prophesy partially,

but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

When I was a child, I used to talk as a child,

think as a child, reason as a child;

when I became a man, I put aside childish things.

At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror,

but then face to face.

At present I know partially;

then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.

So faith, hope, love remain, these three;

but the greatest of these is love.

**Alleluia** Lk 4:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,

to proclaim liberty to captives.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel** Lk 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying:

"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?"

He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb,

'Physician, cure yourself,' and say,

'Do here in your native place

the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'"

And he said, "Amen, I say to you,

no prophet is accepted in his own native place.

Indeed, I tell you,

there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah

when the sky was closed for three and a half years

and a severe famine spread over the entire land.

It was to none of these that Elijah was sent,

but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon.

Again, there were many lepers in Israel

during the time of Elisha the prophet;

yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

When the people in the synagogue heard this,

they were all filled with fury.

They rose up, drove him out of the town,

and led him to the brow of the hill

on which their town had been built,

to hurl him down headlong.

But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

## CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

## DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Creator God, life is your gift to us. Through Baptism, you invite us to share in the gifts of our lives in service to others. Be with us each day as we choose to show Your presence in the world. Give us the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. We pray especially for those who serve you as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers. We pray for holy matrimonies. Keep them close to You. Open the minds and hearts of other men and women that they may accept Your challenge to build the Kingdom. *Amen.*

## OFFERTORY

### SERVANT SONG

Donna Marie McGargill, OSM

Verses



1. What do you want of me, Lord? Where do you  
2. I hear you call my name, Lord, and I am  
3. A - bove, be - low, and a - round me, be - fore, be -  
4. You are the light in my dark - ness. You are my  
5. I am your song and ser - vant, sing - ing your



1. want me to serve you? Where can I sing your  
2. moved with - in me. Your Spir - it stirs my  
3. hind, and all through me, your Spir - it burns deep with -  
4. strength when I'm wea - ry. You give me sight when I'm  
5. praise like Ma - ry. Sur - ren - dered to your



1. prais - es? I am your song.  
2. deep - est self. Sing your songs in me.  
3. in me. Fire my life with your love.  
4. blind - ed. Come, see for me.  
5. Spir - it, "Let it be done to me."

Refrain



1. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the Lord.  
2. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are my Lord.  
3. Je - sus, Je - sus, be the warmth of my heart.  
4. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are my Light.  
5. Je - sus, Je - sus, "Let it be done to me."



1-5. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the way.

COMMUNION

UBI CARITAS

Bob Hurd

HYMN(S)

Refrain: All



\*U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra: De - us i - bi

Verses: Cantor/Choir



est, De - us i - bi est.

1. The love of Christ joins us to -
2. In true com - mu - nion let us
3. May we who gath - er at this
4. For those in need make us your
5. May we one day be - hold your



1. geth - er. Let us re - joice in him, and in our love and
2. gath - er. May all di - vi - sions cease and in their place be
3. ta - ble to share the bread of life be - come a sac - ra -
4. mer - cy, for those op - pressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a
5. glo - ry and see you face to face, re - joic - ing with the



to Refrain

1. care for all now love God in re - turn.
2. Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
3. ment of love, your heal - ing touch, O Christ.
4. ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
5. saints of God to sing e - ter - nal praise.

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Look Beyond

Refrain



Look be - yond the bread you eat; See your Sav - ior and your



Lord. Look be - yond the cup you drink; See his love poured out as

To verses Final ending



blood. See his life poured out as blood.

Verses



1. Give us a sign that we
2. I am the bread which
3. The bread I give you will
4. This man speaks harsh - ly; who can
5. You, my dis - ci - ples, will



might be - lieve in you. Mos - es had  
from the heav - ens came; Those who eat this  
be my ver - y flesh; My blood will  
lis - ten to his word? We shall no  
you al - so leave? Lord to



D.C.

man - na from the sky.  
bread will nev - er die.  
tru - ly be your drink.  
long - er fol - low him.  
whom can we go?



PRAYER TO  
ST. JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. *Amen.*

CLOSING  
HYMN

## GOD HAS CHOSEN ME

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. God has cho - sen me,      God has cho - sen me      to bring good news  
2. God has cho - sen me,      God has cho - sen me      to set a - light  
3. God is call - ing me,      God is call - ing me      in all whose cry



1. to the poor.      God has cho - sen me,      God has cho - sen me      to  
2. a new fire.      God has cho - sen me,      God has cho - sen me      to  
3. is un - heard.      God is call - ing me,      God is call - ing me      to



1. bring \_ new sight      to those search - ing for light:      God has  
2. bring \_ to birth      a new king - dom on earth:      God has  
3. raise up the voice      with no pow - er or choice:      God is

Refrain



1. cho - sen me,      cho - sen me:      And to tell the world  
2. cho - sen me,      cho - sen me:  
3. call - ing me,      call - ing me:



that God's king - dom is near,      to re - move op - pres - sion and



break down fear,      yes, God's time is near,      God's time is near,



God's time is near,      God's time is near.

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# Keep in your Thoughts & Prayers

Paula Skrivan, Friend of Anne Dadds; Jeff Bernsen, Nephew of Claudia Calandrella; Patricia Stanek; Steve McFadden, Brother of Barbara Stripplehoff; Pauline Bartley; Sal Meli, Brother of Nancy Sebring; Ronnie Roby, Brother of Karen Cash; Johnness Wood; Jane Scott, Niece of Anne Dadds; Carol Poad Gilstrap, Cardome Alumni; Elaine Schweitzer, Sister of Dick Schweitzer; Juanita Cleveland; Ken True; Katie Taylor; Boyd Marx, Friend of Diane Ishmael; David Stachnik; Donna Atkins; Evie Woll, Sister of Carol Kaulig; Mandi Hendrickson, Daughter of Gary & Lynn Steele; Rosemary Carter; Karys Durham, Granddaughter of Larry Oser; David Seay; Lisa Chambers; David Walls, son of Mary Alice Walls; Pat Manion; Patrick Willett; Joy Walker; Brody Jones; Donnie Putty; Lisa Sturgill; Ethan Munson; Jennifer Burns; Andrew Kenneth Wilson; Jane Brock, Sister of Carol Kaulig; Jean Sparks; John Kenneth Wilson; Dorothea Wilson; Dcn. John & Claudia

Pray for Those in the Military:

Matthew Silver; Elizabeth Schilder; Brad Nelson; William K. North; Mary Katherine Mulholland; Marckia Wilson; Matthew Brown; Stephen Carter; James Parker; Chelsea Carter; Alexandra & Anthony Walters; Matt Woods

## This Week's Mass Intentions:

MONDAY, JANUARY 31:  
5:30p (SJC) (MI) *Geraldine Craft*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1:  
8:30a (ONLINE ONLY) (MI) *Craig Heithoff*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2:  
12:00p (SJC) (MI) *Juanita Cleveland*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3:  
7:00a (SJC) (MI) *Beverly Stout*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5:  
4:00p (SJC) (MI) *Juanita Cleveland*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6:  
8:30a (SJC) (MI) *Sal Meli*  
10:30a (Cardome) (MI) *For the Intentions of SSFJ*  
12:30p (SJC) (MI) (Spanish) *Doris Sandoval*  
4:00p (SFC) (MI) *For the Intentions of SSFJ*

## Giving

Did you know you can tithe online?  
It's safe, easy & only takes a minute.  
Go to the homepage of the SSFJ website  
([ssfrancisjohn.org](http://ssfrancisjohn.org)) and give!

### OTHER METHODS OF TITHING:

You can drop off your offertory through the slot in the Parish Office door if needed.  
Someone will be collecting them daily.

You may also mail contributions to the Parish Office: Ss. Francis & John Parish, 604 E. Main St., Georgetown, KY 40324

If you need help or have questions, please contact the Parish Office by email: [parishoffice@ssfrancisjohn.org](mailto:parishoffice@ssfrancisjohn.org)

## Mass Schedule

at SSFJ

SATURDAYS:  
4:00pm Vigil Mass @ St. John Church

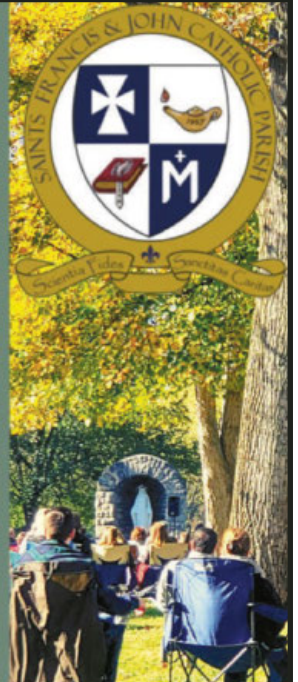
SUNDAYS:  
8:30am Mass @ St. John Church  
10:00am Mass Streamed on SSFJ Facebook  
10:30am Outdoor Mass @ Cardome Grotto  
12:30pm Spanish Mass @ St. John Church  
4:00pm Mass @ St. Francis Church

MONDAYS:  
5:30pm Mass @ St. John Church

TUESDAYS:  
8:30am Livestreamed on SSFJ Facebook Page

WEDNESDAYS:  
12:00pm Mass @ St. John Church

THURSDAYS:  
7:00am Mass @ St. John Church  
7:30am to 8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Church  
6:00pm-7:00pm Confession @ St. John Church



### BE SURE TO STAY INFORMED!

SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS & EMAIL UPDATES ON THE SSFJ

WEBSITE HOMEPAGE: [www.ssfrancisjohn.org](http://www.ssfrancisjohn.org)

**BE SURE TO SAVE SSFRANCISJOHN.ORG AS A CONTACT SO THE EMAILS WILL NOT END UP IN SPAM!**

If you need to update your email address or are having trouble receiving Parish Emails, please contact us at [gstewart@ssfrancisjohn.org](mailto:gstewart@ssfrancisjohn.org)

IF YOU HAVE PARISH NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH IN UPCOMING BULLETINS OR NEWSLETTERS, PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRIES TO GINA BY EMAILING: [gstewart@ssfrancisjohn.org](mailto:gstewart@ssfrancisjohn.org)



Parish Council would like all parishioners to take the survey below. You can find it on the SSFJ website or fill it out below and cut out to put in offertory at mass.  
Thank you in advance for your participation!

**Parish Survey**  
From Parish Council

\* Required

1. Email \*

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2. Are you aware of Parish Council and their function within the parish?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

3. Do you feel your faith has been challenged during these difficult times?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

4. Do you feel that Ss. Francis and John provides the spiritual resources and leadership to reinforce and strengthen your relationship with God?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Maybe



Youth Life is going Skiing!

When: Monday, Feb. 21st (President's Day)

Where: Perfect North Slopes Lawrenceburg, IN

Who: Middle and High School Youth

Space is limited. Forms and payment MUST be turned in by Sunday Feb. 13th. Forms may be turned in to either parish office or given to Katharine Coleman directly. If you need a form or more info, please contact Katharine at [kcoleman@cdlex.org](mailto:kcoleman@cdlex.org)

**CAN YOU HELP?**

We are currently needing to locate several keys to Building 3 at Cardome that were checked out by parishioners for meetings. If you have a key, please contact Teri as soon as possible by emailing her at [parishoffice@ssfrancisjohn.org](mailto:parishoffice@ssfrancisjohn.org)

01.30.22 1 PM TO 3 PM  
PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE



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**Free Throw Contest**

Knights of Columbus

Sunday, January 30

Creekside Elementary

Georgetown, KY

Boys & Girls ages 9 - 14

Registration - 1:30 p.m.

Shooting - 2 p.m.



\* Masks required inside school property



# MEET & MINGLE

CHRIST CENTERED DATING GROUP  
FOR MIDDLE AGED ADULTS WHO  
ARE SINGLE, DIVORCED, OR  
WIDOWED WHO ARE FREE TO  
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FEB 4TH | 6:30-7:30PM  
HEHMAN HALL

If interested Email:  
meetminglectk@gmail.com



## *Renew Your Relationship with Jesus in the New Year by Making a Weekly Holy Hour!*

Sign up for a holy hour. Don't just promise yourself that you'll make a holy hour each week, put it on your calendar!

Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday at St. John Church beginning after the 7a Mass and ending at 8p? We would love to have at least two adorers each hour to ensure that all hours are covered. We send out weekly sign ups via the Parish email on Tuesday mornings, so check your inbox and sign up! You can also find the sign up

link on the homepage of our website: [ssfrancisjohn.org](http://ssfrancisjohn.org)

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED AT 12:00pm

& THE DIVINE CHAPLET

WILL BE PRAYED AT 3:00pm.



## The Synod for a Synodal Church Begins Listening Phase!

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. has announced that he will be attending six deanery-level listening sessions as the Diocese of Lexington begins the listening phase of the Synod for a Synodal Church. Please encourage your community to attend one of these sessions! The schedule is as follows:

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|--------------------------------|--|
| > Fayette (January 30)         | Holy Spirit Parish/Lexington • 2:30 pm |
| > Bluegrass West (February 6)  | St. Leo/Versailles • 2:30-4 pm         |
| > Mountain West (February 13)  | St. William/London • 4-6 pm            |
| > Bluegrass East (February 27) | St. Mark/Richmond • 2 pm               |
| > Mountain East (March 13)     | Mother of Good Counsel/Hazard • 1 pm   |
| > Big Sandy (March 27)         | St. Michael/Paintsville • 3-5 pm       |



In addition, Bishop John hopes parish and school leaders will host additional listening sessions at the local level that facilitate the participation of our whole human community. A landing page has been developed at <https://cdlex.org/synod/> to support these local efforts. This page includes links to an 8-part informational video series (less than 10 minutes in length) in English, Spanish, and Swahili that helps answer important questions about the Synod process, a Synod toolkit in both English and Spanish that includes listening session templates, facilitator strategies, planning checklists, evaluation forms, and prayer resources, and a mobile-friendly digital survey in English and Spanish to help those who may not be able to attend a listening session be heard.





There is a real critical need for blood donors at the Kentucky Blood Center in Lexington. Blood supplies are running low at this time. Due to the pandemic, many blood drives have been cancelled.

If you are eligible to donate this month, please consider doing so. Donations are being accepted at their Lexington locations.

For an appointment, please call 800-775-2522 or [kybloodcenter.org](http://kybloodcenter.org)



**INVITE A FRIEND TO MASS NEXT WEEK!**



**A Great Place to Grow!**

Come See the Great things happening at St. John School

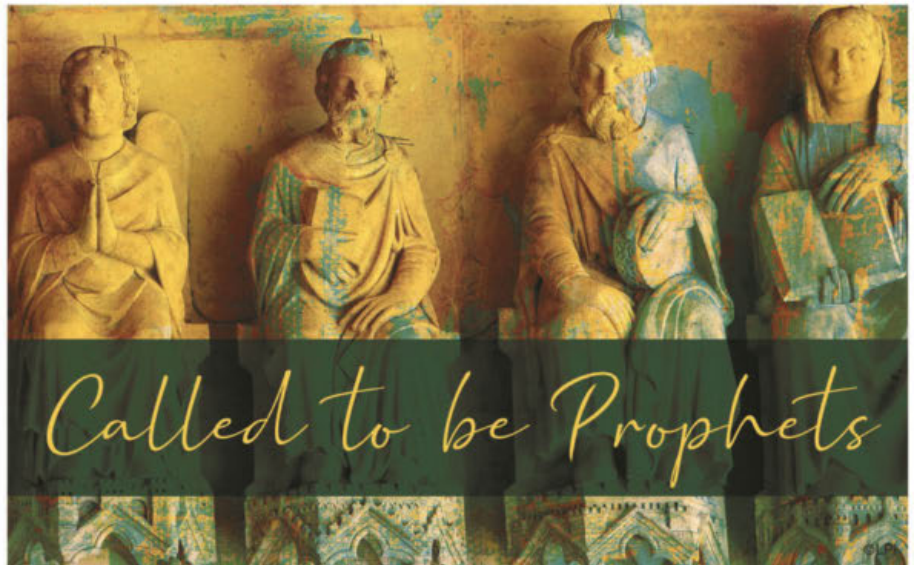
**\*\*CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT\*\***

We have openings in ALL grades (PreK-8th)  
Be sure to ask about our move to the Cardome Campus!

CALL US TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION!  
502-863-2607



## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### 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, 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?





Life is truly a journey...and sometimes the way is rough. Whether it's a loss of employment, kids worrying the heck out of you, a spouse who is sick, or any other challenge or loss, sometimes it's helpful to have a companion. We naturally turn to trusted friends, but sometimes we worry about burdening a friend or feel that we might have to put life together in their way or time. Wouldn't it be nice to have an "ear" that doesn't judge – that has no agenda or timetable, someone who can keep a confidence – just to not be so lonely while working things out? Someone who trusts God – but also trusts you-- to work your situation out in your own time? That's what Stephen Ministers do – they respectfully join you in your journey, listening and offering confidential support and encouragement. Need a companion for your journey?

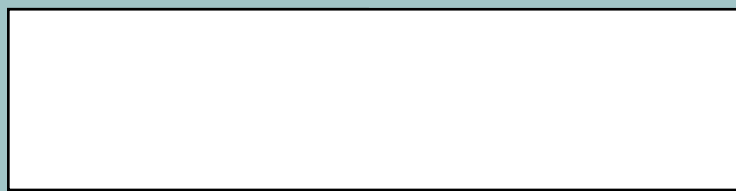
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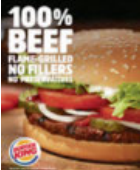
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