



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

JANUARY 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are currently being held in the St. Dominic Savio Center to the right of the school.

MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily and Sundays.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

CHAPEL - Currently closed for repairs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every day from 9am till 9pm in the St. Dominic Savio Center, except during weekend Mass times.

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TURN SADNESS TO

Joy

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God. ©LPI

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 24 • St. Francis de Sales

8:30 am Religious Vocations

Tuesday, January 25 • The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:30 am Living & deceased members of the Eula McMurry Family

Wednesday, January 26 • Sts. Timothy and Titus

8:30 am Michael Accairdo

Thursday, January 27 • St. Angela Merici

8:30 am Our Parishioners

Friday, January 28 • St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 am Faye Dewey

Saturday, January 29

4:00 pm All Souls of Babies, Living & deceased members of the Carmen & Ronald Perilloux Family, Melancon & Fisher Families, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff

Sunday, January 30 • 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am All Souls, Nguyen Family, Special Intention, Mary Lee Morris, Shirley Soletto
10:30 am Rick Gaille
3:00 pm (en espanol) John F. Ebanks, Jr.
7:00 pm Our Parishioners

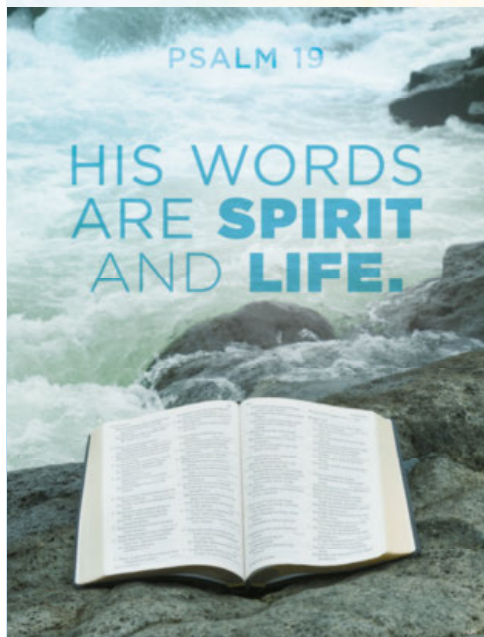


VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

In Memory of Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, and Conrad & Betty Hymel

CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

Special Intentions



OPEN HOUSE

Grades PreK - 1st

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

By Appointment Only

Call the school office at 985-652-4532 to schedule an Open House appointment.



Grades 2-7 may call the school office to schedule a tour at an alternate time.



Blood Drive

Sunday, January 30th

8:30am - 12:30pm

Bloodmobile in front of school

**Blood supplies are at critically low levels.
Help to end the current blood shortage.
Donate blood today!**

Please visit www.tbcdonors.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/45560 to schedule an appointment ahead of time.

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**Catholic Schools
Week 2022**
January 30-February 5

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Special Collection - January 30th Catholic Schools Collection

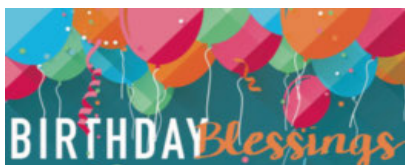
A message from Archbishop Aymond:

In the last week of January, we join the nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Our schools work continuously to remain institutions of academic excellence, deeply rooted in Christ's teachings. However, in order to remain successful, Catholic schools depend on financial resources.

Like most things in today's world, there are significant costs associated with maintaining successful operations. Teachers must be paid a just wage, facilities must be kept up to date, and faculty and staff must work hard to be innovative in their educational practices. This year has been particularly difficult with schools facing additional financial challenges presented by the pandemic and Hurricane Ida. Despite these difficulties, it is our responsibility to make Catholic education more affordable.

By offering financial support to the mission and ministry of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, you are affording a child an opportunity that is otherwise out of reach. Catholic schools help form disciples who live out our Christian faith, and it is the responsibility of every Catholic to assist in these efforts.

Next weekend we will take up a collection to support the Champions of Catholic Education tuition assistance fund. This fund will aid families who cannot afford the full cost of Catholic school tuition, and those experiencing financial difficulties due to Hurricane Ida and COVID-19. Our Catholic schools and families need your support. We thank you for your consideration in offering a gift.



Deacon Tom January 22nd

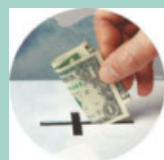


The 2022 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 12, 2022** at St. Catherine of Siena, Metairie. All men of our parish are invited to attend! The day will include empowering speakers, prayer, Mass, and reconciliation to help men reflect on what it means to be "Sons of the Father." To register, visit nolacatholicmen.com.



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, January 24

6:00 pm Parish School of Religion

Tuesday, January 25

6:00-8:00 pm AOL Open House (PreK-1st grades; appointment only)

Saturday, January 29 • Team 1

Sunday, January 30 • Team 1

Catholic Schools Collection
8:30am-12:30pm Blood Drive - in front of school

Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE



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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

WILL have class on January 31st. This is a change from the published schedule of classes.

Kids Corner

SHARING THE GOSPEL

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.



PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21.

Jesus kept all of those promises! ©LPi



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

WEDDINGS: Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office at 985-652-2615.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.

The Church is a Body

The Catholic Church isn't a building. Did you know that? The Church is actually the group of people who have been baptized into the Faith. All the different kinds of people in the Church work together, just like a person's body.



Think about the different parts of your body. What do your eyes do? What about your ears? Hands? Feet? Brain?



Now think about the Church. It has a pope, bishops and priests, teachers, doctors, musicians, mothers and fathers, and even children. What do each of these people do for the Church?

What is your job in the Church right now? What do you think it will be when you are grown up?



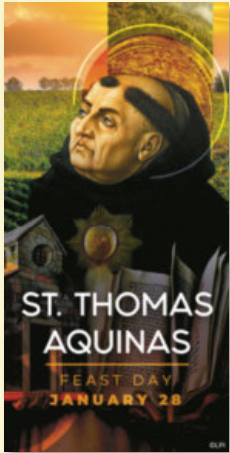
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Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

Spirit	Freedom	Lord
Chosen	Sight	Jesus
Poor	Suffers	True

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SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Thomas Aquinas
Feast Day January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she

had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today. ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED



Question: Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer: Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing ©LPi

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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