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**January 23, 2022**

## Confessions

Tuesdays 10:30am

Saturdays 12:00 Noon

## Mass Schedule

Monday—Friday

12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:30pm

Sunday

8:30am and 11:00am

## Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, Feb 2nd

1:00pm-7:00pm

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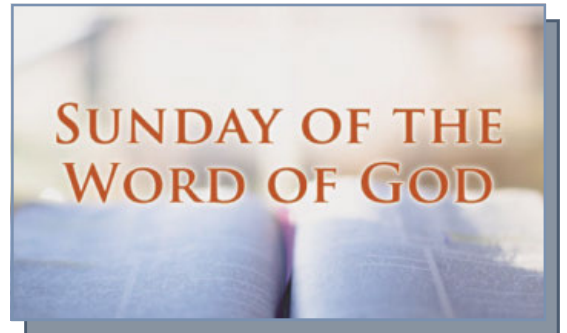
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## From Our Pastor, Fr. Jeff

### Reading the Bible from the Heart of the Church



In 2019, Pope Francis made the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time the “Word of God” Sunday. It is an opportunity to think more about the place of God’s word in our faith journey. Many of us have a desire to know more about the Scriptures. When we open the pages of the Bible, somehow, we sense that we are connecting with God in the Church. Despite limited proficiency in interpreting the Bible, we are not lost because we do not read the Bible in isolation, but within the communion of the Church: what we learn from weekly homilies, catechism classes, Christian hymns, Bible study, faith formation, fellow Catholics and Christian friends coming together to help us understand what we read in the Bible, though of course some passages remain difficult to understand.

With the advent of social media, however, we have been exposed to a wider source of information. We may have encountered conflicting interpretations of the Bible coming from non-Catholic or even anti-Catholic sources. These can only spur us to learn even more about our Catholic faith so that we can give a reasonable explanation of our faith (cf. 1Peter 3:15).

This year’s theme reminds us that we need to learn to read the Bible from the heart of the Church. That means three things: 1. reading the Bible with reverence and trust, not with suspicion; 2. interpreting what we read in the Bible according to the time-tested understanding of the Church’s Sacred Tradition as expressed in the Liturgy, the Church Fathers, the Doctors of the Church and the Saints, and distilled in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC); and 3. learning from the Bible as disciples of Jesus Christ, sincerely trying to learn from the Master.

Ultimately, reading the Bible is supposed to help us encounter Jesus Christ, the living Word of God. Such an encounter can be likened to a thirsty person who finds an abundant spring of water. Every time one is thirsty, one can drink as much as one can take in, but there is plenty of water that remains; and this is a good thing for which one should be grateful. If the spring were depleted, there would be no more water to quench subsequent thirst.

Adapted from the Archdiocese of Singapore

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**Parish Office Hour**

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

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**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one wishes to be anointed.

**Funeral:** When your loved one passes away, please contact the Parish Office regarding funeral arrangements.

**Bulletin Article Deadline:** 10:00 am on Mondays by emailing [aburgin@transfigsfld.org](mailto:aburgin@transfigsfld.org)

**Parish Registration:** Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Room and the main office.

If you change your address, phone number, or move to another parish, please notify the Parish Office.

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### PRE-PLANNING TOOL AVAILABLE

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Several months ago, we became aware of a tool to help people organize their financial, legal, and funeral information. We received permission to adjust it a bit and share it with you. It is simply a tool that you, your children, or your attorney might find helpful. It is always wise to plan ahead, and to keep important information in an organized and easily accessible place; this tool may help.

It is organized into two sections. Part one is a tool to gather your legal and financial information for estate planning; part two is a tool to help pre-plan your funeral. If you would find this helpful, you are most welcome to use it. You can fill it out, put it in a safe place, and also share it with your loved ones who someday may have to make decisions on your behalf.

Please contact the Parish Office to obtain a free of charge copy.

~ Fr. Jeff and Sharon



The Evening with the Franciscan Friars of Transfiguration Parish scheduled for February 4th has been postponed.



All 9-12th graders are invited to attend RISE! All attending teens must be accompanied by an adult chaperone (youth minister, high school campus minister, teacher, pastor, parent, etc.).

The event will take place on **Sunday, February 6th** from 8:15am-7:15pm at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. The speakers include Dr. Bob Rice, the Culture Project, Bishop Cepeda, and Fr. Patrick Gonyeau! Activities include keynotes, powerful music and worship experiences, two workshop opportunities, small group discussion, and Liturgy!

Visit [www.risedetroityouth.org](http://www.risedetroityouth.org) to learn more and register.

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### 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.



## This Week In and Around Transfiguration

Monday, January 24 - Sunday, January 30 2022

Monday, January 24 thru Friday, January 28

12:00 noon Mass

Tuesday, January 25

Confessions: 10:30 am

Saturday, January 29

Confessions: 12:00 noon

Saturday, January 29

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 30

8:30 am & 11:00 am Masses

Masses will continue to be livestreamed  
Facebook.com @TransfigurationSouthfield

Bridge Group Monday, January 24 10-3 Dun Scotus Rm

Knitting and Crocheting Group Thursdays 10-Noon DS Rm

Choir Rehearsal Thursdays 7pm

Religious Education Classes - Sundays 12-1:30

January 9, 2022

Sunday Collection:	\$4,838
Maintenance:	\$340
Mary Mother of God:	\$63
Christmas:	\$850

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to the LORD,  
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PSALM 107:1



## Christmas Flowers

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## Everyday Stewardship Thoughts: 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 "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.



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Remember to pray for  
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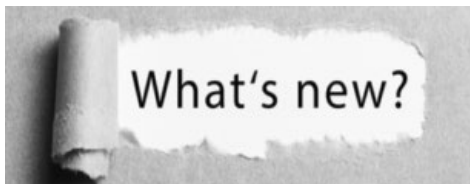
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 a family member who is currently  
 serving in the armed forces and  
 would like to have them included by  
 name.

### Readings for the 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



**We would love to celebrate with you!!**

Is there a milestone birthday or anniversary?  
 News about your job, school, family?

Please send us your news so we can share it with our Parish Family.

**Mass Intentions This Week**

**Monday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales**  
 12:00 Special Intention—In Thanksgiving req. by Priscilla

**Tuesday, January 25: Conversion of St. Paul**  
 12:00 +Ralph Edwards req. by Thomas Harrington

**Wednesday, January 26: Saints Timothy and Titus**  
 12:00 +Betty Hendrix req. by Legion of Mary

**Thursday, January 27: Weekday**  
 12:00 +Lillian Stubbs

**Friday, January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas**  
 12:00 +Margaret Loper req. by The Batz Family

**Saturday, January 29: Weekday**  
 4:30 +Guiancarlo Estupigan req. by The Lim Family

**Sunday, January 30: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:30 For the People of the Church of the Transfiguration  
 11:00 In Thanksgiving req. by Maria Shamoun

+ denotes deceased

**Sacristans**

January Linens: Marie Poole



**January 28/29**

**Brookdale & Franklin Terrace**  
 Sheila Fallon

**Lakeland Center**  
 Diane Aman

**Evergreen Nursing Center**  
 Sr. Karen Wieleba

**Vigil Light Intentions**

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention  
 St. Anthony: Special Intention  
 Tabernacle Lights: +Betty Hendrix

**Liturgical Assignments**

	Saturday January 29 4:30 pm	Sunday January 30 8:30 am	Sunday January 30 11:00 am	
<b>Lector</b>	Marie Poole	Diane Aman	Joan Cash	
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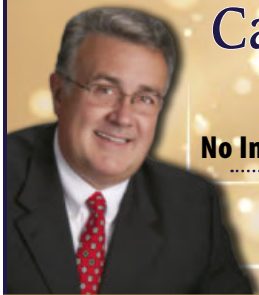
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