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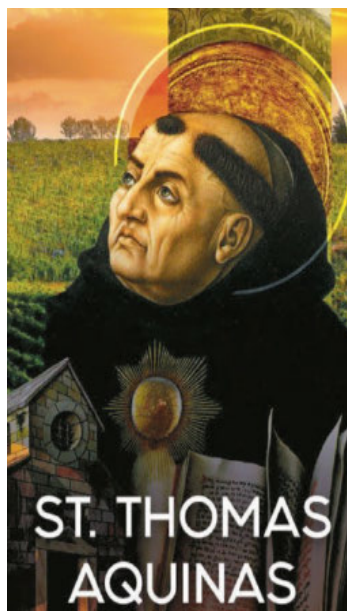
January 23, 2022 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Gospel Meditation

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPi



## 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



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## Mike's Musings

### St. Anthony

The life of Anthony will remind many of the life of St. Francis of Assisi. At 20, he was so moved by the Gospel message, "Go sell what you have and give it to the poor", that he actually did just that with his rich inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of his life was spent in solitude. He saw the world completely covered with snares, and gave the church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great mortification and prayer. But no saint is anti-social, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual guidance and healing. At 54, he responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again, like Francis there was great fear of "stately buildings and well-laden tables." At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison.

At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy, (fourth century heresy denying the divinity of Christ), that massive trauma from which it took the Church centuries to recover. 'The mule kicking over the altar' denied the divinity of Christ.

Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig, and a book. The cross and the pig are symbols associated with his valiant warfare against the devil, the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits, the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for "book of nature" over the printed word. Anthony died in solitude at 105.

*Comment: In an age that smiles at the notion of devils and spirits (today's world for sure), a man known for his power over evil spirits must at least make us pause. And in a day when people speak of life as a "rat race," a man who devotes his life to solitude and prayer points to an essential of the Christian life in all ages. His hermit life reminds us of the absoluteness of our break with sin and total commitment in communion with Christ. Even in God's good world there is another world whose false values constantly tempt us. "Strangers knew him from among his disciples by the joy on his face."*

Dcn. Mike



## Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

### Monday, January 24

Office Hours 9am-3pm

11am-AA

7pm-Adult Faith Formation

### Tuesday, January 25

Office Hours 9am-3pm

10am-Women's Prayer Group

12pm-Adult Faith Formation

5:10pm-Elementary FF

### Wednesday, January 26

Office Hours 9am-3pm

9am-Morning Mass

10am-Adult Faith Formation

6:45pm-Confirmation

### Thursday, January 27

Office Hours 9am-3pm

9am-Morning Mass

### Friday, January 28

9am-Morning Mass

### Saturday, January 29

5pm-Mass

### Sunday, January 30

9am-Mass-Rite of Welcoming

11am-Mass



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Parish Vision:** To Be Christ to All.

**Our Mission Statement:** Led by the Holy Spirit, we accompany others to encounter Jesus, to give witness to Him, and to grow as missionary disciples.

**Annual Holy Spirit Super Bowl  
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**Sunday, February 13th**  
Doors open at 4:30pm

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**Activities will include:  
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**ALL** Parishioners are invited to attend, but please note that this event is designed for parishioners 18 years and older.

Questions? Contact Brandan Luther  
248-496-0985 / brandanluther@yahoo.com  
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**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 pouring 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 weighting 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 of 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

**Thanks from TAG**



TAG would like to give a big thanks to all the parishioners who helped support the teens MLK service day, by donating the items for the Next Step Pregnancy Center. We were overwhelmed by the support and are grateful to be a part of such a wonderful community.

Thank you to everyone for continually supporting TAG with their bottle donations. This directly helps the teens support their causes and sponsor their events. We want to give a huge shout out to Kroger in Milford. They repeatedly open their bottle room up for us to be able to return the large amounts. The staff is always kind and helpful. Our appointed bottle return staff member Jon is always there helping our bottle return nights run as smoothly as possible. Please support Milford Kroger!



Thank you, our parish family, for your kindness and prayers for our son Michael Sean Benner  
Mike & Sue

**Meditations for January 23**  
**1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

*If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. (1 Corinthians 12:15)*

When we read St. Paul's words here about the body of Christ, we often think of the Church as a whole. We think of a beautiful, complex ensemble made of many different parts.

At the same time, though, you might feel that you're an insignificant part—a foot rather than a hand, as St. Paul would say (1 Corinthians 12:15). So many people seem to be more vital to the functioning of the body of Christ than yourself. There's the mom of six kids, on the parish council, who has a son in seminary. Or the successful businessman who generously gave thousands of dollars to fix the church's bell tower. Or the widow who leads a Bible study and never misses daily Mass. Or the popular preacher who has a million followers on YouTube. Are you really as important as these members?

Absolutely yes! Remember, "God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended" (1 Corinthians 12:18, emphasis added). Each member is essential to the proper functioning of the whole body. That includes you. He intended you to be an important part of his body.

How can you be sure? Jesus called you and made you part of his body through Baptism. He knows why he called you—and it's not so that you would be exactly like someone else. He loves you in a way that he loves no one else. That means you are just as dear to his heart as the people who might look like superstars to you.

So try seeing the body of Christ—and yourself—the way God does. Each person has a role to play, and if everyone were the same, the Church wouldn't be all that God wants it to be. God made you exactly as you are to help make his body, the Church, whole.

*"Thank you, Lord, that even I am an essential member of your body!"*

*Prayer*  
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**Weekly Offertory Collection**

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
01/16	\$ 6,316	\$ 10,200	(\$ 3,884)
Y-T-D	\$372,012	\$396,000	(\$23,988)

This report is based on the Offertory Collection line in the budget. It includes weekly envelopes, loose and children's collection, holy day collections, and online giving. It does not include Christian Service, fuel, or kitchen fund envelopes, the Christmas collection, Parish fundraisers, grants received, CCE tuition and fees, or other miscellaneous income. It is based on a yearly budget where we anticipate the expenses of the Parish. Just because there may be a deficit here, it does not mean the Parish is operating at a deficit. Feel free to direct questions to the Parish Finance

**Readings for Sunday, January 30**

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 | 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 | Lk 4:21-30



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## Explore the Gospel



The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry &  
The Rejection at Nazareth  
LK 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

## Please Prayerfully Consider Adoring in Our Chapel

Hours needing to be immediately filled.

Sunday	3-4AM
Monday	9-10AM
Tuesday	8-9PM
Wednesday	2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 3-4PM
Thursday	3-4AM, 4-5AM, 7-8AM, 4-5PM, 5-6PM
Friday	8-9AM
Saturday	3-4AM, 11AM-12PM, 12PM-1PM

Children's Hour - Monday's 11AM-Noon

### COVID Cleaning Schedule

Weekdays 12PM-1PM closed for cleaning

We are always looking for substitute adorers. Please call, Jenna Konarzewski 248-891-1623  
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## Meet Our Extended Family



VEN. SATOKO KITAHARA

Feast Day: January 23

Satoko Kitahara was born in Japan in 1929 to a wealthy aristocratic family, descended from samurai. When World War II began in 1940, Satoko went to work in an airplane factory, while her father and brother joined the army. While working at the factory, she lived in constant fear of attacks and miraculously escaped when her workplace was bombed. As a result of the bombing, Satoko became sick with tuberculosis. After the war, most of Japan was in ruins, including Satoko's home. When introduced to the Mercedarian Sisters at a nearby Catholic school, she was drawn to the sisters' deep faith. In 1949, Satoko was baptized, taking the name Elisabeth Maria. Although Satoko desired to be a member of the religious order, she was not accepted because of her poor health.

As a single person, Satoko dedicated her life to serving the poor of her community in an area known as the "Village of Ants," where children and young people survived by collecting and selling garbage. She gave up her money and belongings to live among the people, teaching them to read, building a school, and working to provide clean living conditions for them. Satoko died of tuberculosis in 1958 at the age of 28. Pope Francis declared Satoko venerable in 2014.

## Family Prayer

*Lectio Divina*

*In the beginning was the Word,  
And the Word was with God,  
And the Word was God.  
He was in the beginning with God  
All things came to be through him,  
And without him nothing came to be.  
What came to be through him was life,  
And this life was the light of the human race;  
The light shines in the darkness,  
And the darkness has not overcome it.*

**Mass Intentions**

**Lector Schedule**

**Monday, January 24**

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 | Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday, January 25**

Acts 22:3-16 | Mk 16:15-18

**Wednesday, January 26**

2 Tm 1:1-8 | Mk 4:1-20 6

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Fitz & Amy Nguyen

9:00 a.m. Our Parishioners

**Thursday, January 27**

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 | Mk 4:21-25

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Fitz & Amy Nguyen

9:00 a.m. +Fr. Tim Shephard

**Friday, January 28**

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 | Mk 4:26-34 19

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Fitz & Amy Nguyen

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the

Malik, Ciemiega & Hobbs Families

**Saturday, January 29**

5:00 p.m. (PPP) Fitz & Amy Nguyen

5:00 p.m. +Wilford (Jeff) Jefferson (2nd Anniversary)

5:00 p.m. +John Johnson (3rd Anniversary)

**Sunday, January 30**

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Fitz & Amy Nguyen

9:00 a.m. +Larry Biernat

9:00 a.m. +Kathy Rakowski

11:00 a.m. (PPP) Fitz & Amy Nguyen

11:00 a.m. Intentions of Joanne Lincoln

11:00 a.m. Intentions of Jan Oleszczak

**Saturday, January 29**

5:00 p.m. - Joyce Lucas

**Sunday, January 30**

9:00 a.m. - Mike Perrera

11:00 a.m. - Bill Metz

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**Mass Schedule**

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4pm or by Appointment

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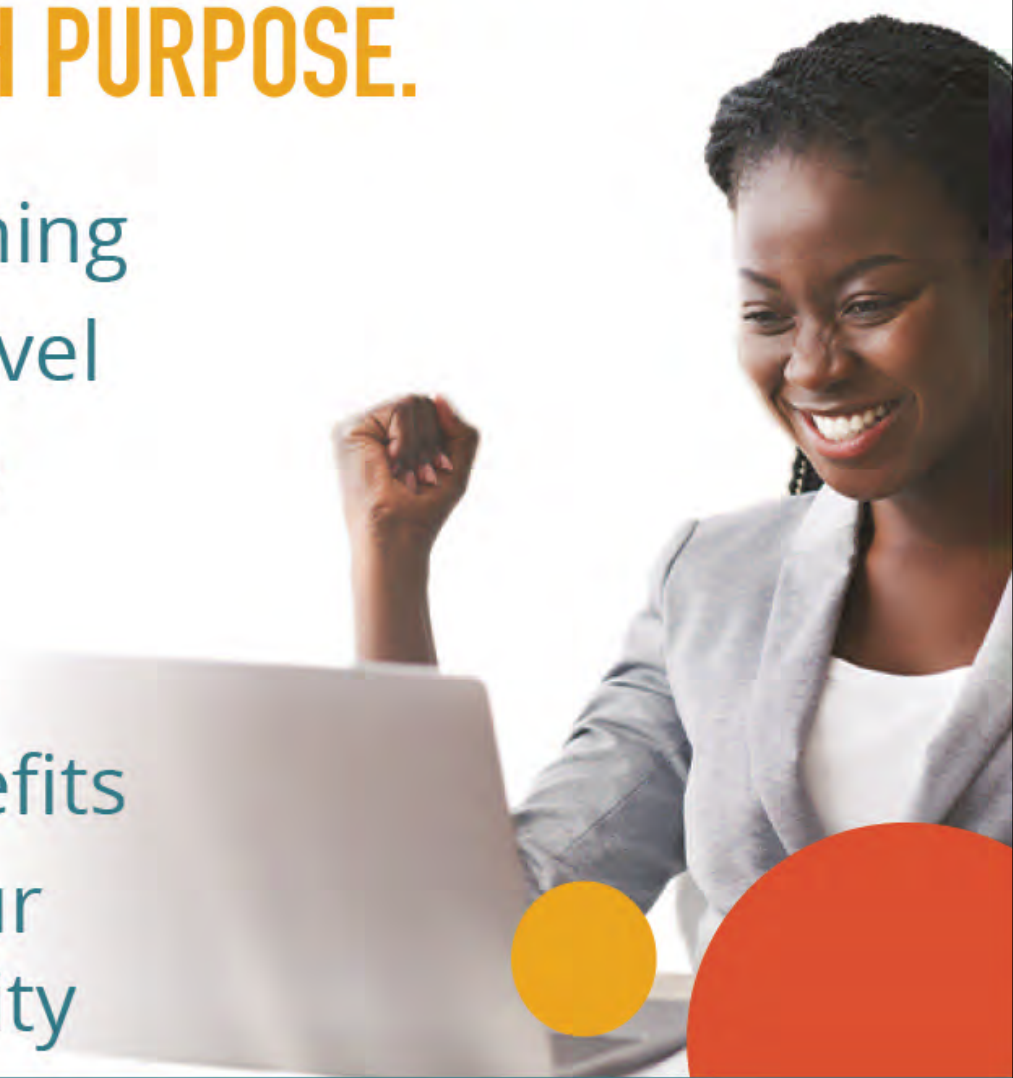


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