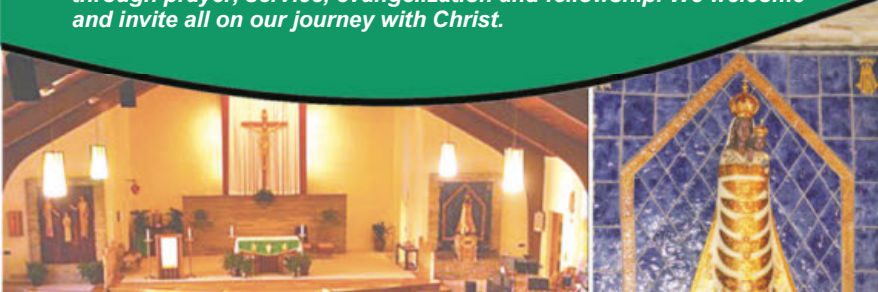


# THE TRAVELER

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## WEEKLY PRAYER

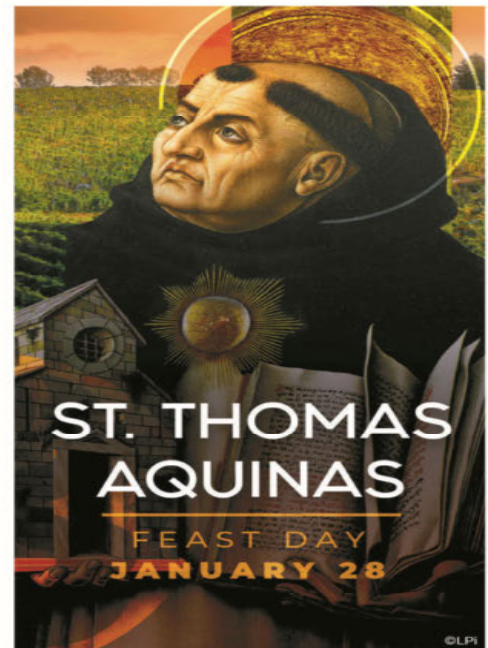
### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- 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

### 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.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**

Alan Baumgardner, Coby Carpentier, Cooper Frederick, David Fry, Heather Ingalls, Christopher Larry, Christopher Laveirge, Eric Polson, Robert Previch & Michael Genga.

Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen



"Can you not spend one hour with Me?"

Eucharistic Adoration  
Every Tuesday After 8:30am  
Mass until NOON

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...



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The Golden Rule: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law of the prophets." Matthew 7:12. Sometimes this is difficult to put into practice. Pray to the Lord.

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**MASS TIMES**

Saturday Evening..... 4:00 pm  
Sunday..... 10:00am  
Mon. & Tues..... 8:30 am

**CONFESSIONS:** Sat. 2:30 pm & by appt.

**BAPTISMS:** Family must be an active registered parishioner. Class held as arranged. Baptism by appointment.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made in advance (6 months min.). At least one of the couples must be an active registered member of OLL.

**SICK & COMMUNION CALLS:** We are happy to visit the sick. Notify the Rectory.

**REGISTRATION:** All new members are asked

**Schedule for the Week**  
1-23-22

**Monday, January 24, 2022**  
8:30a Mass Fr. Alex  
6:00p Religious Ed  
6:30p NO Bible Study

**Tuesday, January 25**  
8:30a Mass Fr. Alex  
6:30p Mary's Cardio

**Wednesday, January 26**  
6:30p N.A.

**Thursday, January 27**  
8:30a Mass @ St. Val's TBD  
10:30a OLL Morning  
Intercessory Prayer Grp  
6:30p Legion of Mary  
6:30p Mary's Cardio

**Friday, January 28**  
8:30a Mass @ St. Val's TBD

**Saturday, January 29**  
4:00p Mass TBD

**Sunday, January 30**  
10:00a Mass Fr. Wheeler  
7:00p A.A.

**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



## STEWARDSHIP

From: catholicstewardship.com  
**ICSC (International Catholic Stewardship Council) January Stewardship Prayer**  
 January, 2022

### Stewardship Prayer

*Good and gracious God,  
 a new year of grace is upon us, giving us  
 impressions of crisp beginnings, new goals,  
 a fresh sense of hope, even in these times.  
 Though we cling to our own expectations for  
 the year ahead, we know you alone are the  
 sovereign of our future, Lord of our lives,  
 and the source of whatever good we may  
 do.*

*We thank you, O Lord, for the gift of the  
 days and weeks you have entrusted to us.  
 Teach us to be good stewards of our time  
 ahead, that we go about our days, keeping  
 you at the center of our lives.*

*In the midst of current suffering, focus our  
 eyes on the needs of others; help us  
 respond with compassion to the poor; and  
 open our hearts to a suffering world.  
 We ask for a year of peace, a year that  
 brings an end to hatred, polarization, and a  
 year where we find a deeper joy that can  
 only be found in you.*

*We ask this through Christ your Son, who  
 lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
 Spirit, God, forever and ever.  
 Amen'*

Follow this prayer to make this the year you focus on your Christian stewardship. Live out your baptismal promises, and the commitment you made at Confirmation. We are obligated to be stewards, evangelizers, and disciples of our faith.

Time, Talent & Treasure are the keys to fulfilling the steward's way of life. There are many ways to give of yourself in each area. Make this your spiritual resolution for the year 2022.

Share the good news of Christ by your stewardship, volunteering, and good example. God bless!

### Small steps on your path...

"Humility, obedience, meekness, and love are the virtues that shine through the Cross and the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. O my Jesus, help me imitate you!"  
 -St. Anthony Mary Claret

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

In this month of January, 2022, the corona virus is on the rise in Michigan. We as a faith community have been affected and our lives have changed. Disease and tragedies are real. Today we need to face these obstacles. Our faith in God is being tested. In order to grow in faith we are called to follow God's Word and not live in a spirit of fear or a life of rebellion. Romans 13:1 says "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."

Lord, help us to learn to put our faith in you. God will be there for each of us. God and his Word have been true for thousands of years. God has been faithful and loves us unconditionally. Take a few moments and ponder how God loves you. It is inspirational to have the opportunity to witness God's love through the innocence of children, especially when a child shares their love for Jesus.

We can let our weaknesses and burdens be God's strength in our lives. Let us this week bask in God's love and goodness. Be not afraid! Blessings!

## *The Auxiliaries of the Legion of Mary*

"The auxiliaries are like wings to the active Legionary. Their prayers beat powerfully and uplift us. Their faithful prayer allows us to soar into the higher realms of ideal and effort and even mountains cannot stay its course.

If you already say a daily rosary or would like to begin, please consider becoming an Auxiliary Member of the Legion of Mary. All it will take is adding about five more minutes of prayer. The benefits are out of this world. You will be included in the prayers of countless millions of Legionaries around the world. Call Bill @ 248 320-0435 or Mary @ 734 743-5506 for more information.

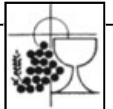
### *Christmas Flower Memorial 2021*

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## MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, January 24 2022

8:30am + OLL Parishioners

Tuesday, January 25

8:30am + Jose Noronah by Jane Noronah

Saturday, January 29

+ Christine Gerard by Friends

+ M/M A. Gerard by Friends

+ Mary Ellen Menninger by the Freeman Family

Sunday, January 30

10:00am + Franklin Delano Roosevelt by a Senior  
 + Robert & Dorothy Toby by Friends



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MINISTRY PRESENTS:

## ♥ Guard your heart

**"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." — Proverbs 4:23**

When we hear the word "heart" we think about our physical beating heart, but the Bible also talks about our "heart." When the Bible speaks of the word "heart," it's not talking about the physical beating heart, but it is the mind, the will or the inner person. It is the place where we make every decision. According to *Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, the word "heart" appears over 1000 times in Scripture.

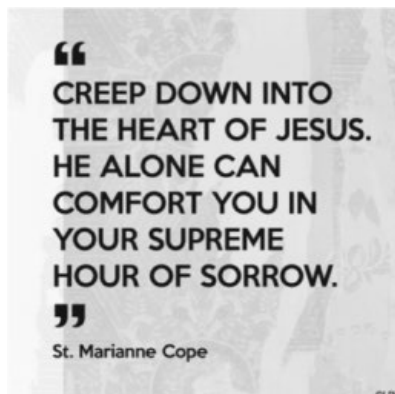
The Bible says we need to "guard our heart." There is an old saying "G.I.G.O." which stands for "garbage in, garbage out." If we feed our minds with negative thoughts, this will result in negative choices and decisions in our lives. Our decisions and choices are the result of what we feed our heart. If we put the right stuff in, we will get the right stuff out. Every decision we make follows out of our heart. This is why we need to protect, or guard, our hearts, keeping the wrong influences out of our lives because they will ultimately affect the decisions we make.

**"A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit." (Proverbs 15:13)**

**"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." (Proverbs 17:22)**

**"Man looks at the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)**

If you guard your heart, you will see a difference in everything you do.



## Walking with Purpose

by Mallory Smyth

**"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."**

**2 Timothy 1:7**

For five months now, I have needed to pick up a bundle of clothing from the cleaners. That's right, almost half a year ago, I dropped off cleaning and then forgot about them for two months. When I finally remembered, I avoided picking them up. I told myself that I was just too busy and the errand will have to wait.

You are probably thinking, Mallory, just go get the clothes. You are being silly. I have told myself the same thing, and I have still not remedied the situation. Why? Because I'm afraid. I don't want to suffer the embarrassment of picking them up after leaving them there for so long. I don't want to take the chance of hearing the words, "We gave them away," which, by now, is a real possibility.

The cleaners are only one example of things I avoid out of fear. I could write this entire article about friends I didn't call, opportunities I passed up, and chances I didn't take. I could give you a million reasons why I didn't do these things and convince you that I am just being smart or prudent. But in the end, all of those reasons boil down to one. Fear. Fear of what? Fear of what others will think of me, of failing, or of looking like a fool. I fear getting hurt and not being good enough. I fear many things, and when I let them rule my life, I start hiding and stop living.

Do you ever feel like you live your life from behind your fears? The more I talk to people, the more I understand that we often make our decisions according to our fears. We tell ourselves that we are using good judgment, and then we stop stepping out in big and small ways. Slowly but surely, we build lives that are predictable, setting boundaries that keep us safe but leave little room for the Holy Spirit to

move. We might be comfortable, but we miss out on the abundant life that God offers to us.

Scripture reveals that an abundant life requires risk. The entire Bible is story after story of God asking someone to take a chance, that person eventually obeying God in faith, and then God performing a miracle. The Christian life is an adventure, not an afternoon coffee break, and it requires that we do some things that make us uncomfortable.

Take Moses, for example. Moses was the man to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and to the edge of the promised land. But before he was that guy, he was a man on the run for killing an Egyptian. If he returned to Egypt, he could be killed for his crime, a great reason to stay away. Yet, God chose Moses to set His people free.

In Exodus 3, the Lord appeared to Moses and told him that He had seen the misery of His people and had come to rescue them out of Egypt and bring them into a land flowing with milk and honey. The Lord said, "Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring forth my people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt" (Exodus 3:10). Moses responded to this high call with four excuses. He had good reasons for thinking he was not able to say yes.

First, he said, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?" (Exodus 3:11). Moses was not wrong to raise this objection. After all, he was not a diplomat; he had no political power. He was an outlaw.

How did God respond? He said, "I will be with you" (Exodus 3:12). Who Moses thought he was didn't matter. The fact that the God of the universe would be with him mattered much more.

Moses then brought up the second reason he was not the guy to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The Lord did not appear to you'" (Exodus 4:1). Again, Moses' reason is legitimate. He would sound like a crazy person running into Egypt saying that he heard a message from God. Cont'd pg. 5

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response? He turned Moses’ staff into a snake and reminded him that He is the God of miracles (Exodus 4:2-4). There is no obstacle He can’t overcome.

Moses again contested, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either heretofore or since thou hast spoken to thy servant; but I am slow of speech and of tongue” (Exodus 4:10).

This was Moses’ best argument. He did not have the skills to do what the Lord was asking. God replied, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak” (Exodus 4:11-12).

Finally, Moses was out of excuses, and he revealed his fear: “Oh Lord, send I pray, some other person” (Exodus 4:13). Moses had every reason to be scared. Can you imagine approaching Pharaoh’s throne and asking him to let go of the labor force that had served Egypt for over 400 years? Can you imagine having to convince the Israelites to leave everything they had ever known? Moses could have said no, and who would have blamed him? He would have avoided the risk and the hardship that came from saying yes, but he would also miss seeing God perform incredible wonders.

And so back to you and me. What scares you? Take a moment to write it down and then answer these two questions: Why are you afraid? What is your fear stopping you from doing?

Is fear keeping you from being more generous or stepping into leadership? Is it keeping you from having a much-needed conversation or apologizing to a person you have wronged? Avoiding these things may save you from an awkward or embarrassing situation. It might even keep you from pain and hardship, but it will also keep you from seeing God move in the chances you take.

For clarity’s sake, the Lord is not asking you to be reckless or run into harm’s way

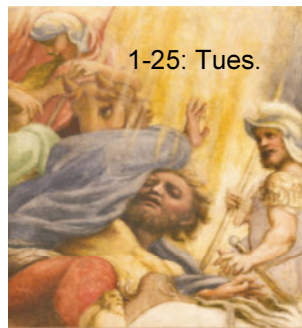
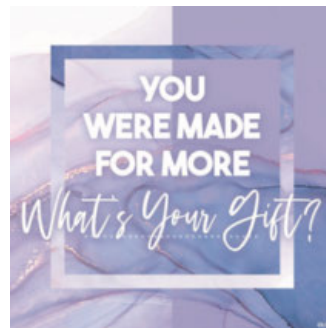
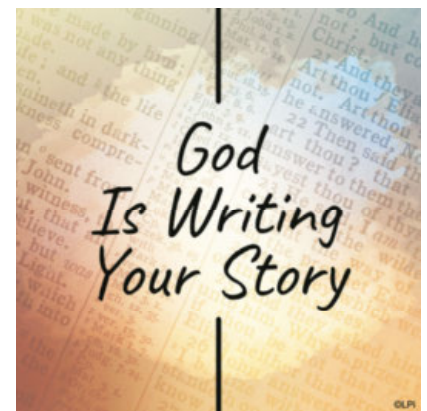
with disregard for wisdom and good decision-making. Instead, He asks you to be obedient to Him, even if you have to take risks to do so. He invites you to reject the spirit of fear and embrace the spirit of freedom.

Years ago, Fr. Mike Schmitz gave a sermon in which he highlighted Piglet from Winnie the Pooh. He said that Piglet was the most courageous character in the children’s story because he was afraid of everything but accomplished great things despite his fear. Courage is not fearlessness; it’s doing something even though we are afraid to do them.

So here is my challenge to you for 2022. Tell the Lord all that you are afraid of and let Him answer you with a mighty, “I will be with you,” or “I am the God of miracles.” Then, do the thing that you are afraid to do even if your voice trembles and your legs shake. Make the phone call even if it’s awkward, risk the embarrassment of putting yourself out there even if you make a fool of yourself, or step up to lead even if you don’t feel qualified. Start small and go from there. As for me, I am starting with a trip to the dry cleaners.

“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

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