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Roman Catholic Church



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 23, 2022



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

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.

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Meditation**Recalling the Sufferings of Jesus***(from "My Daily Bread")***Christ:**

My Child, do you wish to know the secret of My saints? Would you like to understand how they could suffer so many things in peace and even with joy? They meditated often on My trials and sufferings. By burying themselves in My life, they drew strength for many trials. They placed their hearts within Mine and were filled with a love which could bear all things for My sake.

Come to Me and enter into My heart. You will find strength and comfort in your daily trials and sufferings. You will no longer mind being slighted and neglected by people. You will face evil tongues and bad will with a calm and peaceful soul.

All this will you do because you know Me and understand My life. I too was despised by people in My earthly life. In My hour of greatest need, while My enemies mocked and insulted Me, I was abandoned by My friends. For love of you I consented to be despised and to suffer an untold agony. Will you then dare to complain when you have to bear similar things? I had enemies who said many evil things against Me. Can you then grieve because you do not enjoy the friendship and good will of everyone? How can you be a true follower of Mine if you will not carry My cross? Those who wish to reign with Me must suffer and fight with Me.

Readings for the Week of January 23, 2021

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 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 89:21-22, 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 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10/
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-7, 10-11/
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Weekend Readings are at (727) 372-8600

**Mass Intentions
(for the week ahead)**

Monday	8:00 a.m.	George & Josephine Spellman
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Edward Hulse
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Vocations
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Norbert Rebain
Friday	8:00 p.m.	In Honor of St. Thomas Aquinas
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Patricia Szczepanski
	6:00 p.m.	Lari Lyons
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Irene Smiouskas
	8:30 a.m.	Lois Schaller
	10:30 a.m.	Parish Family
	5:00 p.m.	Kurt Williams

Mass and Devotions Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm and 6 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (*Contemporary*),
and 5:00 pm (*LifeTeen™*)

Daily Mass: 8:00 am Monday-Friday

Prayer Group: The 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month starting Sept. 13th and ending May 23rd.

Holy Rosary after 8:00 am Mass, Mon-Fri,
in Church

Marian Novena after 8:00 am Mass on Tuesdays

Benediction & Adoration: Thursdays at 3:00 pm
until 6:45 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm or by appt.

Parish Calendar

- Mon. 01/24 6:30PM Prayer Group Meeting;
6:30PM Life Teen Core Team Meeting
- Tues. 01/25 9AM Rosary Makers;
6:30PM Life Teen Core Team Mtg;
6:45PM Boy Scouts
- Wed. 01/26 9:15AM Legion of Mary;
4PM Traditional Choir;
5:15PM Faith Formation K-12;
5:15PM FF Parent Session;
7PM RCIA
- Thurs. 01/27 3PM Benediction/Adoration;
6PM Girl Scouts;
7PM Contemporary Choir;
7PM Bible Study
- Fri. 01/28 9AM Spiritual Motherhood of Priests
Apostolate
- Sat. 01/29
- Sun. 01/30 9AM FF; 9AM FF Parent Session;
6:15PM Life Nite

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Free tax preparation help will be available to low- and moderate-income wage earners and retirees from January 25, 2022 until April 18, 2022.

Service will be provided for homebound individuals upon request, subject to availability of volunteers.

Parish Information

Office hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.
Call for information.

Phone: (727) 372-8600

Website: www.stanpr.org

Prayer Line: (727) 372-8600

Emergency Number for Anointing of the Sick:

Nights and Weekends (727) 836-3211

Administration

Business Office Fax: (727) 376-7204

Asst. to Pastor/Staff Coordinator:

Cheralyn Quevedo - Ext. 111

Parish Bookkeeper: Cherise Amundson - Ext. 115

Bulletin Editor: Kate - Ext. 113

Parish Ministry

Faith Formation K-5: Jessica McIlveen - Ext. 132
Middle School (Edge) and High School (Life Teen):

Beth DeBella and Cliff Stodden – Ext. 131

Adult Formation: Michaela Meyers - Ext. 133

Music: Dan O'Hara - Ext. 128

Parish Nurse, Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:

Betty West - Ext. 116

Sacristan: Elizabeth Sheridan - Ext. 129

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Ext. 142

Ambassador: Mary Ellen Taylor - Ext. 144

Coordinator of Ushers: Ada DeFina

STA Early Childhood Center

Alicia Mumma, Director – (727) 376-2330

www.staecc.org

Food Pantry: Monday *and* Thursday
9:30am until 11:00am *and* 1:30pm until 3:00pm

Gift Store: *Open before and after Sat. 4pm
and Sun. 10:30am Masses*

Parish Library: Open during office hours.

Offertory: January 15/16, 2022

Offertory: \$ 9,248.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,522.00

Total: \$12,770.00

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**The Grotto Rock*
**Eucharistic Blessing*
**Candlelight Rosary*

**For more information
Contact:**

Cheralyn Quevedo
727-372-8611, ext. 111
Admission is free.

Donations are welcome.



Assembly 2882 is having a **Sweeties Dinner/Dance**

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Monsignor Aiden Foynes Hall located at **Our Lady Queen Of Peace Church**. Doors open @ 5:00 PM, Dinner @ 6:00 PM. Chicken Marsala dinner catered by St. Lorenzo's Kitchen. Music by "DJ Lewis". 50/50 raffle. Donation of \$20/person. All proceeds go to helping veterans. For tickets contact, Jim Marcotte at 207-229-1032

or by email at: jrmarcotte@gmail.com



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MINISTRY TO PRIESTS: *Serving those who serve*

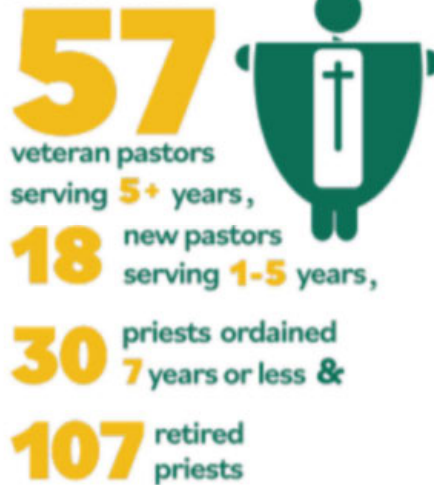
“ It’s been 5 years since I was Ordained as a priest. It is important to have priestly fraternity, to see the guys that have walked the same journey with me in seminary, to spend time with those with whom we were Ordained together or perhaps were close together in Ordination years, and to talk and process things through.

Meeting with priests with similar years of experience is instrumental in building fraternity and in practicing solidarity, letting us reach out to a brother priest and having our brother priests reach out to us to help if we need the advice.

I think it helps us to articulate a lot of the things that we go through in our ministry. It helps us to become better selves and better instruments of God’s grace flowing through the parish and through our parishioners as well. ”

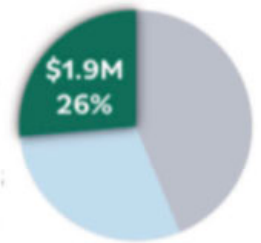
- Fr. Felipe Gonzales
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Land O’Lakes

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Ministry to Priests is one of 12 diocesan ministries that serve our clergy and lay leaders in their pastoral journey so they may continue offering our people the formation and foundation needed to bring God’s message, mission and ministry to our faith communities and world. Through the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*, this group of ministries will receive \$1.9 million of the total \$7.1 million appeal goal to carry out their good works.



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Our Mission Statement

As Knights, associated with Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in New Port Richey, Florida, we strive to humbly serve our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ; guided by His Word and teachings, inspired by our patron, Saint Thomas Aquinas, to Learn, Live, and Share the “Good News” through valiant acts of Charity, delivered in Unity, backed by a Fraternal commitment to each other as an order, to our Parish family and her neighboring communities, and to the nation we Patriotically stand to respect and protect. Vivat Jesus!

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- Membership meetings are every first Thursday of the month and social meetings are every third Thursday of the month (unless announced otherwise)

Further questions contact our Grand Knight Larry C. Alaimo at 813-297-9968 or email to: lcalaimo@yahoo.com

ALTAR CANDLES
for the Month of January



In Memory of:
Antonio & Maria Narcisi
From: Grace Narcisi

TABERNACLE LIGHT
for the Month of January

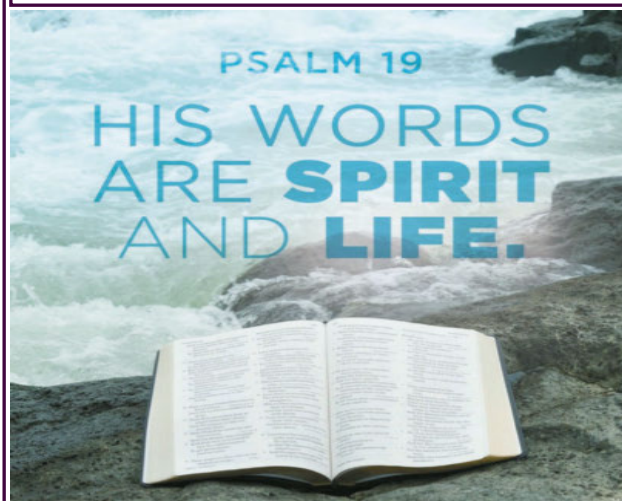


In Memory of:
Beatrice Zamborsky
From: Bill Zamborsky

BREAD AND WINE
for the Month of January



In Memory of:
The Kasper Family
From: Katherine Logue
And
Andrew Christophersen



Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

One of seven themes at the heart of **Catholic Social Teaching** is “**Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.**” A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt. 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

In Cambodia, **Catholic Relief Services** and the Cambodian education ministry work together to identify and help children with disabilities to reach their God-given potential.

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