

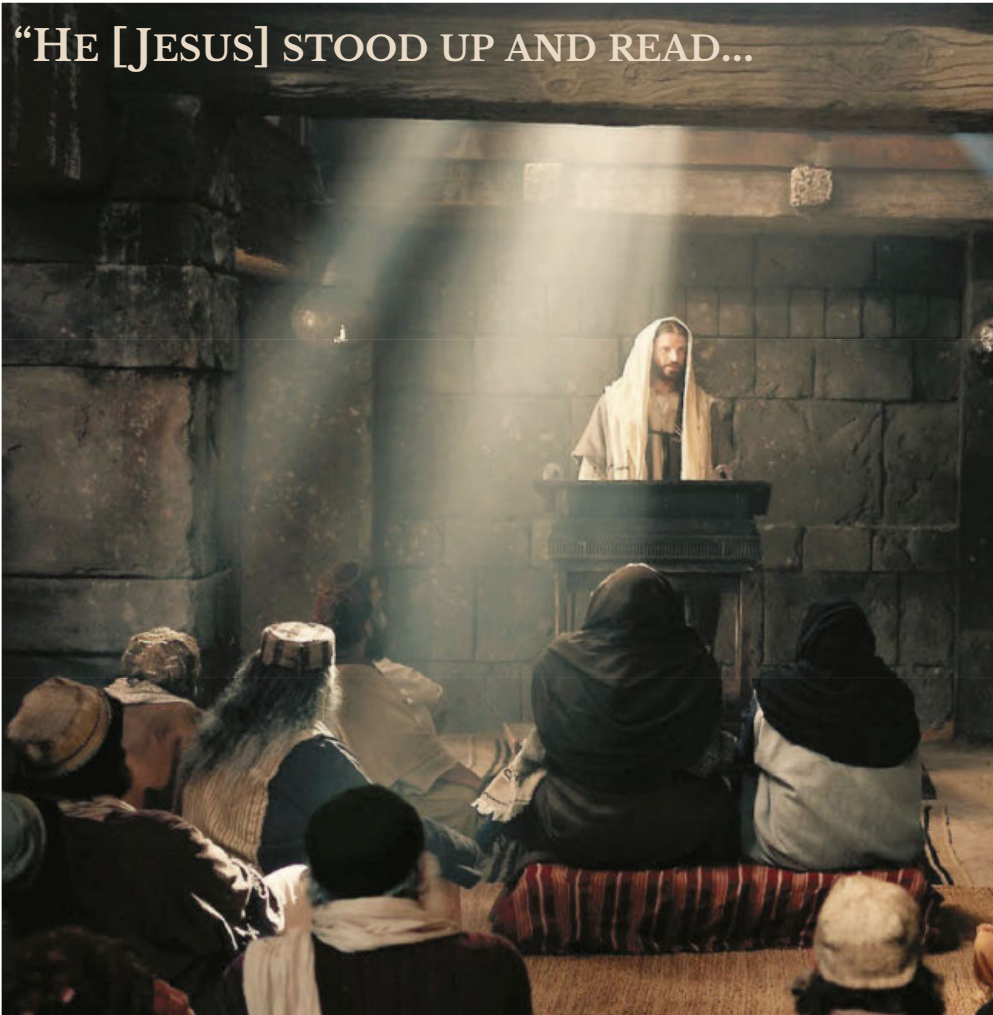


St. Anthony the Abbot Catholic Church

Courageously Living the Gospel

January 23, 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“HE [JESUS] STOOD UP AND READ...”



...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... ’

...HE[JESUS] SAID TO THEM,

Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing”

—
LUKE 1:18-21

Mass Weekdays:

Monday—Saturday
8:00 a.m.

Mass Weekends:

Saturday
4:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass

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Saturday 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. or
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Mass Intentions and Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 22

4:00 p.m. Stephen Strmensky †

Sunday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased
Members of St. Anthony
the Abbot Parish

10:00 a.m. Isabelo Madrinant †

11:30 a.m. For the sick and lonely

Monday, January 24

8:00 a.m. Mario Sandoval †

Tuesday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Jeanette Pepe †

Wednesday, January 26

8:00 a.m. Karen Beyer †

Thursday, January 27

8:00 a.m. Vince Solomon †

Friday, January 28

8:00 a.m. Frank Pecchie †

Saturday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Rios †

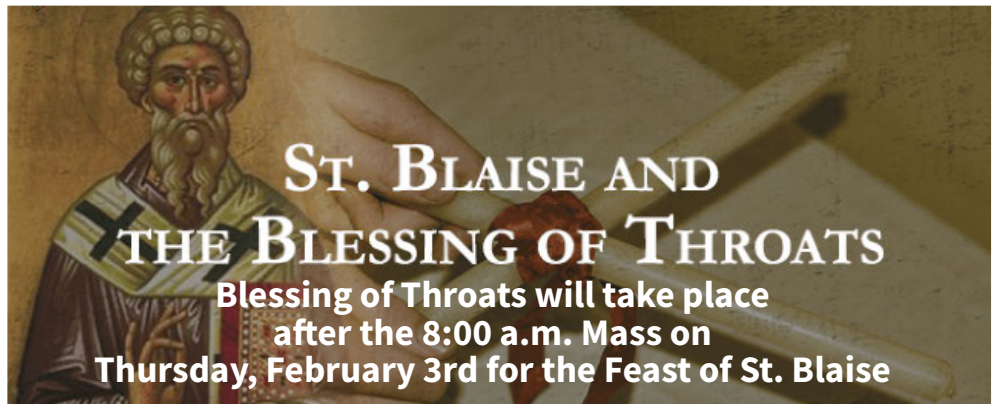
4:00 p.m. Alverua & William Heintz †

Sunday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased
Members of St. Anthony
the Abbot Parish

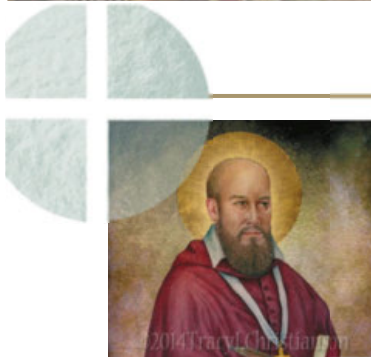
10:00 a.m. Pete Niemier

11:30 a.m. Michael Anthony Pedone, Sr



SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

DATES: 1567-1622 FEAST DAY: JANUARY 24



“ Let us think only of spending the present well. Then, when tomorrow shall have come, it will be called TODAY and then, we will think about it. ”

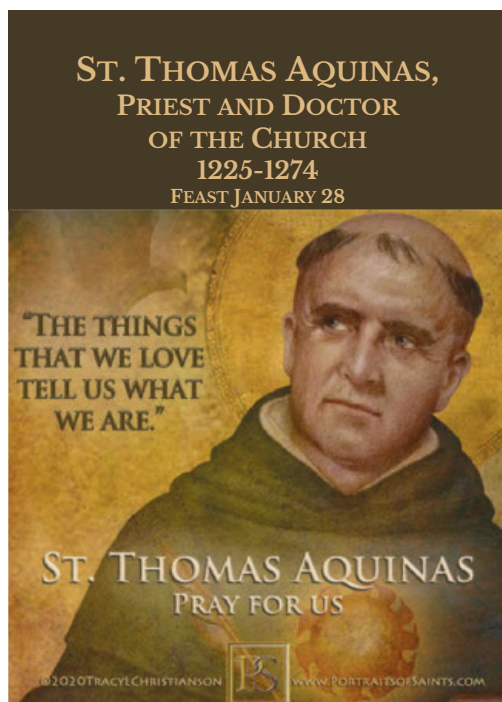
—St. Francis De Sales

Born in the Duchy of Savoy (now France), Francis studied at Annecy, Paris and Padua, and was ordained in 1593. He spent four years reconverting Catholics who had become Calvinists, writing many tracts to explain basic tenets of the faith. In 1602 he became bishop of Geneva, which he reorganized and re-

formed. He also famously preached in Paris and wrote two devotional books that are still widely read. A 20-year friendship with St. Jane Frances de Chantal led to their founding the Order of the Visitation. Canonized in 1665 and declared a doctor of the church in 1877, Francis is the patron saint of journalists, authors and the deaf.



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Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday, January 23 Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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, January 24 Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 ;Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 25 Feast of The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2 ;Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday, January 26 Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 ;Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 27 Weekday [Saint Angela Merici, Virgin]

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14;Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 28 Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11;Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 29 Weekday [BVM]

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 ;Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 30 Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 ;1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

Weekly Message from Fr. Pecchie



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Many people last year participated in the Bible in a Year, with Fr Michael Schmitz which he will conduct again this year. I highly encourage all to participate in it. Today's readings remind us of the importance of the Word of God in our lives and of those who help us to understand it. Our Lord never meant us to try following his Word without help.

In today's First Reading, the priest Ezra, as part of a liturgical assembly in honor of the dedication of the newly rebuilt Temple in Israel, reads the law for hours to the people to help them to renew the covenant and understand how to live it. It was probably the first five books of the Old Testament (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). The Israelites found their identity in the words of the Law, just as we find it in the Sacred Scripture today, especially in the Gospel.

In embracing the Gospel, we haven't discarded the Old Testament: God's Word endures throughout history to guide us and to shape our identity, then in the life of Israel, now in the life of the People of God. The New Testament helps us to understand the Old Testament more deeply. Just as in Ezra's time, we don't understand Sacred Scripture just as individuals. We gather to hear and be helped in understanding the Word of God by our sacred ministers: bishops, priests, and deacons.

In today's Second Reading Paul, envisioning the Church as one great body composed of many members with different functions, strengths, and weaknesses notes that the Church has certain members of the body that help understand the Word of God. As the Church we are one body in Christ: through Baptism, we are incorporated into the Mystical Body of Christ. It was one Spirit that moved us to believe in Jesus and seek Baptism—the Holy Spirit—and that same Spirit sustains the unity of the Body, like a soul.

We became a part of this Body after we not only heard the Word of God, eliciting the faith in our souls, but put our love, faith, and trust in the Word—Jesus—completely, through Baptism, making our lives Christian in a way we never could alone. Although we are one Body and have one Spirit in Christ, we don't all have the same role within the Body, just as the head, the toe, the heart don't have the same role in a human body. Thanks to the apostles, the prophets, and the teachers were always sure to understand and live the Word of God as he has been communicated to us. The apostles and prophets may now be in Heaven, but their words continue to transmit God's Word to us.

In today's Gospel Luke explains to Theophilus that he sought to check and compile all concerning Jesus that had been written or handed down by other "ministers of the word." Our Lord too in today's Gospel reads from the prophets but presents something new, something that represents his Incarnation and mission and sheds light on all the Word of God. He has come to fulfill everything promised through the prophets, and to give meaning to the history of salvation lived until that moment.

What we call the Bible today was passed along through oral and written traditions, compiled into books at various moments of salvation history, and the Church, aided by the Holy Spirit, established as the canon (rule) of Scripture those books we read and meditate on today. Without God's Word, we'd soon lose our identity and our way in a world plagued by ignorance, confusion, and evil. Sacred Scripture continues to ensure that we have access to the Word of God, spoken through all of salvation history, and remain united in the Word of God, Jesus Christ. Just like Ezra, Paul, and Jesus himself, the Lord blesses us with people who conserve and interpret what God has said to us throughout salvation history.

The Church has long believed that there are multiple senses (meanings) in Sacred Scripture, senses that are not incompatible but, rather, "concordant," as the Catechism describes it. Concordant means they are in harmony, just as chords are meant to harmonize with each other.

The **literal sense** is the meaning of the Scripture being considered: what does it literally mean? The study of the literal meaning of Sacred Scripture is called exegesis.

The **spiritual sense**, which is divided traditionally into three senses (allegorical, moral, and anagogical), acknowledges that the realities and events narrated in Sacred Scripture can be signs that go beyond their literal meaning. It's not just what Scripture says; it's also what Scripture signifies.

The **allegorical sense** of Scripture helps to understand the significance of certain events in Christ. For example, the crossing of the Red Sea, which occurred well before Our Lord's birth, is a sign or type of Baptism (passing through the waters to be saved) and also Christ's victory over sin (the defeat of Pharaoh's armies through the waters).

The **moral sense** of Scripture helps us understand how we should live more justly.

The **anagogical sense** of Scripture shows the meaning of events and realities regarding their eternal significance. For example, the Church on earth is a sign of the heavenly Jerusalem as described by John in the Book of Revelation and should lead us to it.

While sacred ministers help us know the authentic interpretation of the Word of God in Sacred Scripture, they don't have a monopoly about learning Sacred Scripture.

There are many good commentaries on Sacred Scripture to help us understand the Word of God more deeply and put it into practice: The Navarre Bible, Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture, and Catholic Study Bible are just a few examples.

Reading a little of the Word of God daily is important, but seeking a little help in understanding it will help you meditate on it even more fruitfully.

Oremus pro Invicem

Fr. Pecchie



Ministry Information



Pastor's Class

Join Fr. Pecchie to study and learn as he shares the truths of God's Word, and enjoy the fellowship of other people like you.

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The Gospel of MATTHEW A BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.
Led by Jack Lavery

Please join us to study the Gospel of Matthew. Come and deepen your knowledge and understanding of Scripture. Studying Scripture helps to deepen your personal relationship with our Lord. The class meets in the parish hall on **Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.**. The only book you need for class is your Bible. Contact:

Jack Lavery, (813) 340-7343
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for more information or to register. Jack sends out regular reminder emails to the class. Warning: Reading the Bible can be habit forming!



Saint Angela Merici

DATES: 1470-1540

“Disorder in society is the result of disorder in the family.”

—St. Angela Merici



All men invited!!
Join
Father Pecchie for

Faith and Ale

Learn about your faith and grow closer to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as you fellowship with Fr. Pecchie and other men like you. Every **2nd Thursday** of the month at **7:00 p.m. at the Fire Pit**.



All women invited!!
Join
Fr. Pecchie for

Wine and the Word

Come and fellowship with Fr. Pecchie and other women while learning about your faith and grow closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ. Every **3rd Thursday** of the month at **7:00 p.m. at the Fire Pit**.

By age 26, Angela had lost most of her wealthy Italian family to death. As a Franciscan tertiary, she performed good works and taught catechism to girls in her home in Desenzano del Garda. Two visions inspired her to found a congregation dedicated to the religious training of young women; she began this mission with a school in Brescia in northern Italy. Earlier she had endured an episode of blindness while on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and had rejected a papal request to run all charities in Rome. In 1535, she founded the Ursulines and served as superior until her death. This mystic, a patron of catechists, reportedly was fascinated from childhood by the legend of St. Ursula, an early virgin-martyr.

“In the Renaissance, Angela Merici presented a path of holiness also to those who were living in a secular environment.”

—Pope Benedict XVI, *Angelus*,
January 29, 2006

“St. Angela asked every Ursuline to be a ‘true and unsullied Virgin and Bride of the Son of God’ (Introductory Letter to the Rule of St. Angela Merici): an ideal that requires a ceaseless quest of holiness. . . to be able to respond to these expectations, in the first place, you must strive for holiness with all your might, keeping in constant contact with Christ in prayer and contemplation.”

—St. John Paul II, *Message*,
July 12, 2002



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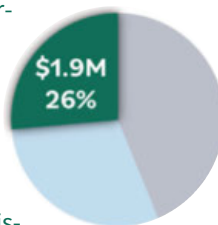
“This past October, we were at the Tampa Woman’s Health Center for four straight Fridays during 40 Days for Life with fellow members of our parish, Corpus Christi. On our first day, 15 of us stood in the sun and the heat and proclaiming God’s love for His people and for His most innocent, the unborn. We shared His love with everyone - with bystanders, bus-riders, drivers on the road, and most importantly, with the poor mothers going into clinic, and their babies. And through it all, the presence of the Holy Spirit was palpable. At the end of the day, we left (exhausted) with new friends and renewed convictions. We knew our presence had made a difference, and through prayers and perseverance, this clinic will close.”

—Dave and Marie Koehler, Parishioners Corpus Christi Parish, Temple Terrace



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Life, Justice & Advocacy Promotion & Formation 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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Today’s Gospel is a transformational moment for Jesus. After standing up in the synagogue and reading Isaiah’s prophecy about the coming of one who will free the captives, heal the blind, and bring glad tidings to the poor, Jesus tells those gathered: “Today the Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” Jesus gives his listeners any other interpretation: He is the Messiah. He is the one who fulfills all the Old Testament prophecies.

Do we believe this? Do we believe that Jesus really can bring freedom and healing and spiritual richness, to us and to the world? If so, then how important is His Church? How important is the liturgy, the sacraments, acts of Christian service, learning the Church’s teachings, and all the other good things we do at our parish?

Our parish activity is an essential way that Christ continues to fulfill these ancient prophecies, pouring His love out into the world. Help this essential work continue by supporting our diocese’s *Catholic Ministry Appeal* today.

Information

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 23 Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass
 9:30 a.m. RCIA Session
 10:00 a.m. Mass
 11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass
 Coffee and Donuts after all Masses

Monday, January 24 Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena
 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Class

Tuesday, January 25 Feast of The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. St. Anthony of Padua or Infant of Prague Novena
 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Spanish Legion of Mary
 —Portable #7

Wednesday, January 26 Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. St Joseph Novena
 8:45 a.m. English Legion of Mary
 —Portable #7

Thursday, January 27 Weekday [Saint Angela Merici, Virgin]

8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. St. Jude Novena
 9:00 a.m. Pastor's Class
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 28 Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, January 29 Weekday [BVM]

8:00 a.m. Mass
 10-11 a.m. Reconciliation
 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 30 Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass
 9:30 a.m. RCIA Session
 10:00 a.m. Mass
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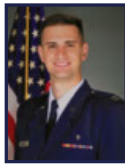
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