

St. Sylvester Catholic Church

6464 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563

850-939-3020

January 23, 2022

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me...
He has sent me to
proclaim liberty to
captives
and recovery of sight
to the blind,
to let the oppressed
go free.
- Lk 4:18*

**Fr. John F. Kelly,
Pastor**

**Fr. Alvaro Pio
Gonzalez,
Parochial Vicar**



Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon — Tue — Thu — Fri:

8:30am

Wed: 6pm

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Spanish: 5pm

Welcome!

New Parishioners:

Please register at the Welcome Table in the vestibule after Mass or stop by the office.

Active Membership is determined by:

- Registration in the parish
- Faithful attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days
- Support of the parish through **time, talent and treasure**

Sacraments and Services

Anointing of the Sick — Call the parish office 939-3020

Baptism

- Must have Baptism Preparation Class; email englishbaptism@stsyly.org or call Office 939-3020
- Spanish classes call Spanish Office 939-3020

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

First Fridays - 6:00pm - 9:00pm

- 6pm Exposition and Silent Adoration
- 7pm Communal Prayer of the Office of the Blessed Sacrament
- 8:15pm Hispanic Holy Hour and Benediction

Marriage Arrangements

- Six months in advance; please call the office, ask to speak to Mark.

Reconciliation

- Saturday **3:00pm—3:30pm**
- Sunday Spanish & English **4:00pm—4:30pm**
- By appointment call Office 850-939-3020

Religious Education Classes

Weds. R.O.C.K. Grades 1st-5th **6:00p-7:00p**

Sun. Middle School Youth Grades 6th-7th **12:30-2:00p**

Sun. High School Youth Grades 8th-12th **6:30-8:00p**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION (AFF)

Ignite your Faith Tuesdays, 5:30-7p

RCIC (4th-8th Grade) **Wednesday 6:00p - 7:00p**

RCIT (9th-12th Grade) **Call Youth Office**

RCIA (Adult) **Tuesdays, 5:30-7p**

Children's Liturgy of the Word (4-6 yrs. only)

Sundays during the 9:00am Mass

No registration is required. The teacher will call the children to the front of the sanctuary before Mass begins, and they will return during the offertory.



Please join
in
PRAYING the ROSARY
FOR
OUR COUNTRY
Thursday Mornings

8am Before 8:30 Mass & 9am After

St. Sylvester Parish Office

Phone: 850-939-3020—FAX: 850-677-8860

Website: www.stsyly.org

Email: saintsyly@stsyly.org

Bulletin Items: bulletin@stsyly.org

Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00am to 2:00pm

WEEK AT A GLANCE

		St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
	9:00a	Sunday Mass
Sun	11:00a	Sunday Mass
Jan 23	12:30p	Middle School RE
	4:00p	Confession
	5:00p	Spanish Mass
	6:30p	High School RE

Mon		St. Francis de Sales, <i>Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>
Jan 24	8:30a	Daily Mass



Tue		The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Jan 25	8:30a	Daily Mass
	5:30p	R.C.I.A.

Wed		Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops
Jan 26	6:00p	Daily Mass
	6:00p	R.O.C.K.
	6:30p	Men of St. Joseph
	6:30p	Choir

Thu		St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Jan 27	8:30a	Daily Mass
	7p	Knights of Columbus Assembly

Have hope and firm faith in God, for he will help you in everything.

Fri		St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & <i>Doctor of the Church</i>
Jan 28	8:30a	Daily Mass

Sat	9:00a	Pastoral Council Meeting
Jan 29	3:00p	Reconciliation
	4:00p	Mass
	5:00p	Soup Supper Sponsored by Columbiettes

	9:00a	Catholic Schools Week Sunday Mass
		Patriotic Rosary
Sun	11:00a	Sunday Mass
Jan 30	12:30p	Middle School RE
		Knights of Columbus Degree
	4:00p	Confession
	5:00p	Spanish Mass
	6:30p	High School RE



Readings for the Week

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

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16—Ps 117: 1-2—Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8—Ps 89:4-5, 27-30—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



Mass Intentions



Sunday, January 23

9:00am † **Joanne Thomas** by Tommy & Mary Ann
& † **Edie Garcia**

11:00am † **Ed Carron** by Loving Wife

5:00pm **For the Parish**

Monday, January 24

8:30am † **Gail Brousseau** by Tom & Mary Ann Kurtz

8:30am † **Karolyn Lind** by Bill & Bonnie

Wednesday, January 26 Spangenberg

6:00pm † **Eugenio Grimm** by The Dale Family

Thursday, January 27

8:30am † **Louis Diaz** by Loving Wife Nora

Friday, January 28

8:30am † **Robert Smith** by St. Sylvester Choir

Saturday, January 29

4:00pm † **Jack & Aggie** by Mark & Sandy
Nicholas Nicholas

Sunday, January 30

9:00am **For the Parish**

11:00am † **Nguyen Thoug** by Mia & Ray Owens
& **Family**

5:00pm † **Juan Juarez** by Esperanza Meraz

This week the Sanctuary Lamp
above the Tabernacle burns in
Memory of:

Joanne Thomas & Edie Garcia



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“**CREEP DOWN INTO THE HEART OF JESUS. HE ALONE CAN COMFORT YOU IN YOUR SUPREME HOUR OF SORROW.**”

St. Marianne Cope

Prayer Requests



For the grace to turn away from violence, For World Peace, For the Evangelization Group & their needs, For All God's Children; for Protection of the Unborn, the Sick, the Spread of Covid-19, For Christians Around the World, and All Medical Personnel who protect

life, Also for: Tracey Acevedo, Patricia Aguon, George Back, Pete Bayona, Matthew Birke, Peggy Bonno, Carli Boyko, Jerry Brandon, Betty Bright, Brad Briggs, Mamie Bruno, Ly Bui, Regina Burghart, Joe Checkley, Adeline Cleasby & Joan, Len Contarino, Quyen Crauswell, Bob Cushing, Renee D'Amico, Bob & Irene Dasho, Emily Decker, Barbara Donahue, Earl Dubin Jr., Audrey Engels, Emily Estrada, Tom Eubank, Shane Foley, Wynell Fontaine, Fr. Paul, Michael Fry, Kateri Gamberger, John Gibson & Family, SK Jim Gschwind, Dot Grimes, Dot Guerrero, Rebecca Hall, David & Dan Herda, Thim Hern, Sharon Hopkins, Kylie Hosey, SK Jose Jaime, Larry Juntras, SK Dick & Martha Justice, Clarice Kell, Stephan King, The Kirk Family, Anthony Konosky, Gloria Lamoureux, James & Marianne LaRussa, Dennis Leahy, Van Lejeune, Justin LeSage, Maria & Billy, Roger Martin, Shirley Matioda, Leisha McCafferty, The Miller's, Todd Milleson, Maria Morales, Anna Moran, Kathy Naranjo, Nell Nelson, Paul Nguyen, Fr. Phi Nguyen, Tom Nicoletti, Tiffany Nguyen, Lynlee Nicholas, Jean Niven, Sharon O'Neil, Stacey Paradise, Jeff Parker, Holly Parmenter Family, Donna Parr, Paula, Rick Pitts, Karen Priddy, Zach Prosser, Dan Ramsey, Ranger Trainees @ Ft. Benning, Denise Rebauno, Bob Rettinger, Austin Riley, Marcy Ritchie, Rose, Resy San Vicente, Eva Sanchez, Braylen Sanders, SK Frank Scandone, Patricia Schmidt, Patty & SK Bob Sears, Oliver & Julianne Semmes, Larry Sieg, Jerry Snyder, Marvin Spellings, Christina Sears Starr, Jim Stephan, Yvonne Strouse, Christian; Eric & Landon Suarez, Bill Teegarden, Janet Threlkeld, Nancy Tobin, Betsy Traynor, Robert Traynor, Rita Turner, Rita Van Fleet, Larry Walker, and Aaron Zeikle.

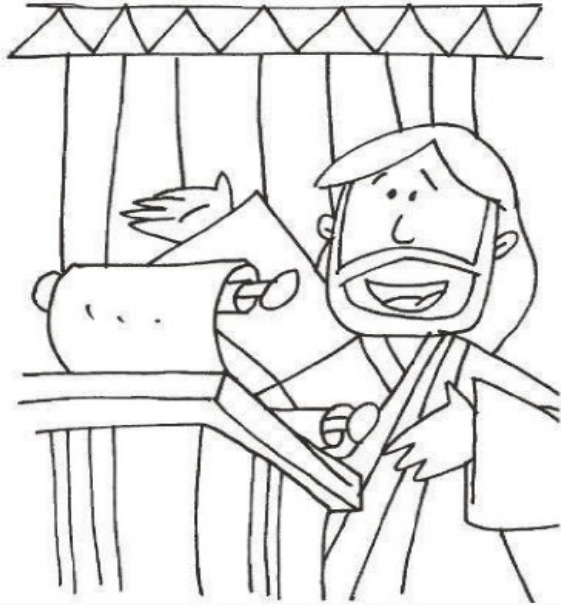
Please notify the Parish Office or Prayer Chain below if someone is in need of prayer. Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless the Office is notified.

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE If you have a Prayer Request you may always call or text 850-816-4851 (Ellen Stanley's new number) or send an email to PrayerRequest@stsylv.org **When two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.** —Matthew 18:20. (You may still call the office 850-939-3020 or email to bulletin@stsylv.org.)
PLEASE NOTE NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

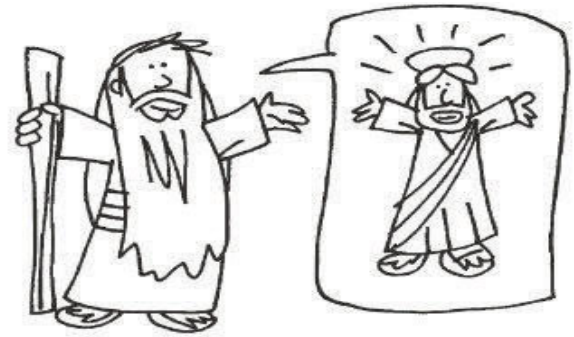
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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



GOSPEL

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

PUZZLE

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT	FREEDOM	LORD
CHOSEN	SIGHT	JESUS
POOR	SUFFERS	TRUE

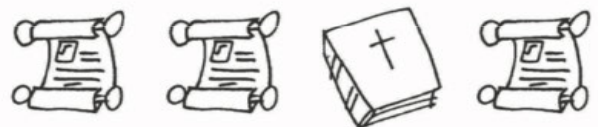
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MISSION

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will ask my family to give old eyeglasses to the Lions Club.



We have our new Breaking Bread Missalettes. **PLEASE HELP** keep these in good shape by placing them in the pews the proper way before you leave. You can help by simply putting them back like the Picture shows. Please also take any tissues you brought/used out with you. Thank you so very much for your help!
Little things do mean a lot!

QUESTIONS of the WEEK:

ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 (Ezra reads the Law)
1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (Analogy of the Body)
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 (Beginning of Jesus' Preaching)
Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."

ADULT: What do you believe that the anointing you received at baptism requires you to do?

CHILD: What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?



The Women's Study Group invites you to join our next study: *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*. This is a study based on

work by Dr. Scott Hahn. Format will be a short video presentation on Formed.org, followed by discussion and faith sharing.

We will meet in Conference Room 1 of the Activities Building from 9:30-11:45am, following morning Mass on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our first session will be on **TUES, Feb 2nd. Please join us!**

Spending the Day in the Desert with Jesus with Fr. Stephen J. Giorno, ST. March 30, 2022, 10-3pm EST

Encountering the Divine in the Beauty Around Us with Sr. Terry Bretthauer, MSBT. April 1-3, 2022

Annual Men's Retreat – Gospel of Luke with Fr. Guy Wilson, ST. April 29 - May 1, 2022.

Fr. Matt Linn Healing Retreats. September 2-4, 2022.

Private and Group Retreats: Consider Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat Center for your next private or group retreat, whether for a day or overnight. Contact us for more information.

Elisabeth Donner

Executive Director

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS

SCHEDULE 2022 ROOM 205

FEBRUARY 3	Words of knowledge and Wisdom Meeting in Classroom 6:00-7:30 pm
FEBRUARY 17	Healing and Miracles Meeting in Classroom 6:00-7:30 pm
MARCH 3	Prophecy Meeting in Classroom 6:00-7:30 pm
MARCH 17	Discernment of Spirits Meeting in Classroom 6:00-7:30 pm
APRIL 7	They Might Be Saints I Meeting in Classroom 6:00-7:30 pm
APRIL 21	The Might be Saints II Meeting in Classroom 6:00-7:30 pm
MAY 5 DATE TBA	Tell us your story/End of class party Volunteer services
Yany	ywhelan@att.net cell (850) 867-5642
Carol	mcta3189@bellsouth.net cell (850) 501-0744

WE PRAY, EAT, MEDITATE ON THE GOSPEL, SAINTS LIVES, AND THEN WATCH AND DISCUSS VIDEOS BY JOHNNETTE BENKOVIC WILLIAMS.



Women of Our Parish...

are you looking for a way to get involved in Parish events?
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For more information contact:
Mary Stephan-Vice President/
Membership 850-480-3816
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Deacon musings from the SVDP

Retreat words from a wiser man than me: We have a common goal to grow in holiness, but it can sometimes feel elusive. If holiness feels elusive to you, I hope this retreat helps you gain some ground on it. We cannot do our ministries on

our own with the limitations of our human abilities. We need God's help to provide strength, endurance, and understanding when we find ourselves lacking in these areas. Our ministries are actually God's work through us. We need to be intimately connected to him in spirit to know that we are doing his will and growing in holiness. I don't know about you, but for a long time I did not completely understand lay ministries as a vocation. I understood the religious vocations of priests, nuns and, to some extent, deacons because they are clear examples of people giving their entire lives over to serve God and the church. I understood marriage as a vocation as that is also a complete life-giving commitment to another person and, hopefully, an entire family to fulfill God's desire to grow love throughout this world.

After hearing about Frederic Ozanam's life of service, it can feel daunting to understand our own life of service to God as a vocation, in SVDP or any other ministry. But we are not meant to compare our lives and our service with anyone else. We only have to consider our lives, our God given gifts, and our service in the context of our present time in this world. God is calling each of us to a life of holiness. He does want us to understand our lives as a vocation. But this is very much a personal calling and a personal response to Him. As you already know, participation in SVDP is not a membership to an elite group. It is not a formulaic approach to heaven. It is a recurring, open-ended invitation to come to know Jesus in a most unique way. A way that is not really well understood by most of our church and likely not understood well by the expansive community that you serve. Your service through SVDP is a personal response to God. However you have found yourself associated with SVDP, you are here and are expressing a desire and willingness to serve God, the poor, and our community at large.

Our lives, our ministries, our service to one another are not static things. We are living, everchanging people and so our ministries change over time as well. This is personal growth. It is not always easy or comfortable for us, but it is necessary.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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 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.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



Pray
without
ceasing for
the Born &
Unborn

"The CARE of human life and happiness, and NOT their destruction, is the first and only object of GOOD government." Thomas Jefferson



- Patriotic Rosary Jan 30th after 9am Mass
- Pancake breakfast: Feb 13th
- Fish fry dinners during Lent: Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 Apr 1 & 8



Interfaith Ministries:
bring items to Church Office or leave in Vestibule of Church.

NEEDS for January

- Jelly (no glass please)
- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- Rice (1# bags or boxes)

THANK YOU!!!!

Catholic Days at the Capitol Feb, 1-2

Sponsored by the Office of Advocacy and Justice

Each year, Catholics from across the state gather in Tallahassee to participate in Catholic Days at the Capitol (400 S. Monroe St, Tallahassee). This two-day event provides an opportunity for the faithful to put a call to political responsibility into action and to strengthen the presence of Catholic values in the public square. By joining together to advocate for laws that protect and defend human life and dignity, Catholic Floridians can give a voice to some of the most vulnerable and marginalized populations in our state and help promote the common good for all Florida residents. **Activities include:**

- A legislative briefing on policy issues affecting human life and dignity
- Pre-scheduled meetings with lawmakers
- A luncheon for Catholic Days participants, Florida's bishops and legislators
- Group photos of each diocesan delegation with their bishop
- Tours of the current and historic capitol buildings
- The opportunity to view the legislative process in action
- Annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit concelebrated by the bishops of Florida to pray for those working in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government. For additional information for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, visit <https://www.flaccb.org/cdac>.

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From the
Desk of

Sister Margaret Kuntz, ASCJ
*Office of Faith Formation, Lay
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Ministry Delegate for Religious
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Adult Faith Formation The diocese has become a partnering diocese with the University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation. This means that any adult in the diocese can take one of the online courses for \$50.00. For more information: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/> or contact Sister Margaret at kuntzm@ptdiocese.org or 850-435-3523
Retreat for Women: Living a Life of Love sponsored by the Women Study Groups is February 5-6, 2022 at the Visitation Monastery, Mobile, AL. Leader is Martha Hall. Cost is \$80 for overnight and \$40 for Saturday only. For more information or to register, please contact Nanette at 850-543-0901 or Sister Margaret Kuntz at 850-435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures and portrays this great missionary saint!



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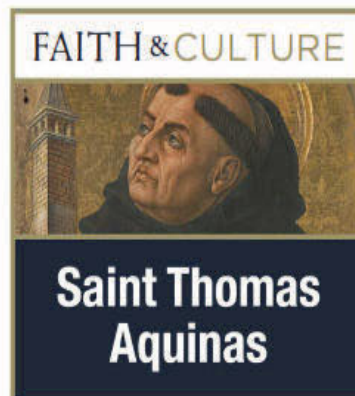
Outside of Jesus, the greatest teacher of the faith was Paul the Apostle. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the great theologian known as the Apostle.

LEARN

LISTEN

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS WITH RANDALL SMITH

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.



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**Retreat for Women: Living a Life of Love
Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m. - Feb. 6, 11:30 a.m. CT**

Sponsored by Women Study Groups

This weekend retreat for women at the Visitation Monastery (2300 Springhill Ave., Mobile, AL) will include talks, Stations of the Cross, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, reconciliation and quiet time for additional prayer.

Participants can come for the day or stay overnight. For more information or to register, contact Nanette Bell at **(850) 543-0901**.

The deadline to register is Jan. 28.

40th/41st Annual Liturgical Celebration Commemorating Black History Month Jan. 30, 2 - 4 p.m. CT,

Sponsored by the Catholic African-American Cultural Awareness Group of Okaloosa County.

All are invited to the 40th/41st Annual Liturgical Celebration Commemorating Black History Month at Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church (1028 White Point Dr., Niceville). This year's theme is "Love One Another as We give God Glory and Praise". The Most Reverend Bishop Martin D. Holley is the homilist and celebrant of the Mass. Music will be provided by the Eglin Air Force Base Brotherhood Gospel Choir, St. Joseph Choir and St. Anthony Choir. A liturgical dance will be performed by the Anointed Angels of Grace Praise Dancers.

A full course meal will be provided after the Mass. For more information, contact Roland Simmons at at71@cox.net or (850) 729-2573.



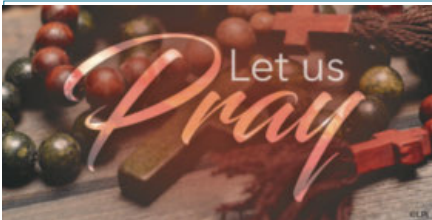
Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

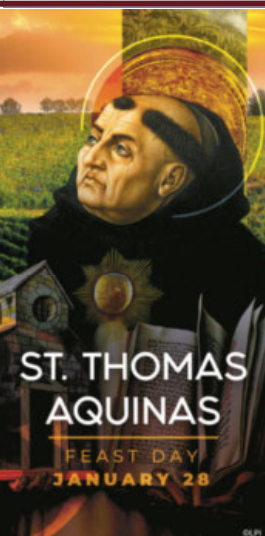
Answer: If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. ©LPi



**Prayer for the Poor Souls in Purgatory
(Given to St. Gertrude by Our Lord)**

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Jesus, I love and trust in You.
Amen.



St. Thomas Aquinas | 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.

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