



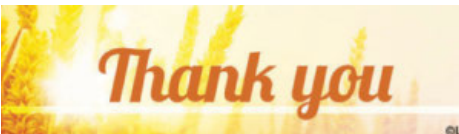
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January 23, 2022



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you to all our parishioners who were generous in funding the St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Program. You helped bring Christmas blessings to more than 170 individuals.

Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que fueron generosos al financiar el Programa de Navidad de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl. Ayudaste a traer bendiciones navideñas a más de 170 personas.



PRESCHOOL

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Thomas Aquinas Preschool registration is now open! Please visit <https://www.sta.org/preschool> for more details. Call 770-664-2214 to schedule a tour.

REGISTRO PREESCOLAR

¡La inscripción para el Preescolar Santo Tomás de Aquino ya está abierta! Visite <https://www.sta.org/preschool> para obtener más detalles. Llama al 770-664-2214 para programar un recorrido.

Our Sister Parish
ST. MARTIN DE TOURS

OUR SISTER PARISH IN HAITI

The group organizes prayer support, cultural exchange, communication, and material assistance for our sister parish of St. Martin in Delatte, Haiti. The second collection for our sister parish is this weekend. Please see page 3 for more details about this ministry.

COMITÉ DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA HERMANA EN HAITÍ

La segunda colecta para nuestra parroquia hermana es este fin de semana. Consulte la página 3 para obtener más detalles sobre este ministerio.

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

Office Hours / Question of the Week

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MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

- Noon - English*

Wednesday:

- Noon - English - Senior Mass (62 and older) *

Jueves

- 7 p.m. - Misa en español*

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia:

- 5 p.m. - English
- 7:30 p.m. - Español

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Sunday/Domingo:

- 8 a.m. - English
- 11a.m. - English*
- 2 p.m. - Español*
- 5 p.m. - English

**Mass is livestreamed through our Facebook page and posted on our website and YouTube following each Mass.*

** La misa se transmite en vivo a través de nuestro pagina de Facebook y se publica en nuestro sitio web y en YouTube después de cada misa.*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Faith Formation: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday - Thursday

HORARIO DE OFICINA

Oficina Parroquial: 9 a.m. a 4 p.m. Lunes a viernes.

Formación de fe: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lunes a Jueves

La Oficina de atención al público en español:

3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Lunes a jueves

Question of the Week

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What actions are the spirit of the Lord guiding me to carry out?

Each week, members of the staff gather to study and reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, and from that study and reflection they prepare the Question of the Week. Refer back to today's Gospel to reflect on your personal response. **Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Qué acciones te guía el Espíritu de Dios a realizar?

Cada semana, miembros del personal se reúnen para estudiar y reflexionar en el próximo evangelio del domingo y en base de ese estudio y reflexión ellos preparan la Pregunta de la Semana. Usa el evangelio y las lecturas para encontrar tu respuesta personal a la pregunta. **Lucas 1:1-4; 4:14-21**



BEYOND OUR 40 ACRES

St. Thomas Aquinas extends its outreach far beyond these 40 acres. In this new section, you will find some of the many ways we are actively giving back to our communities. If you participate in any active charities, let us know by e-mailing us at STAreply@sta.org.

Nuestra Parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino se extiende mucho más allá de los 40 acres que la forman. En esta nueva sección del boletín, encontrará información de algunas de las muchas formas en que estamos apoyando activamente a las comunidades que tenemos a nuestro alrededor. Si usted participa en alguna organización de beneficencia que esté ayudando/apoyando a alguna comunidad, háganoslo saber para que podamos compartir esas buenas noticias con el resto de la comunidad. Envíe ésta información a través de un correo electrónico a STAreply@sta.org

SISTER PARISH IN HAITI

The group organizes prayer support, cultural exchange, communication, and material assistance for our sister parish of St. Martin in Delatte, Haiti.

The second collection for our sister parish is this weekend. Please see below for more details about this ministry.



COMITÉ DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA HERMANA EN HAÍTÍ

El grupo organiza apoyo de oración, intercambio cultural, comunicación y asistencia material para nuestra parroquia hermana de St. Martin en Delatte, Haití.

La segunda colecta para nuestra parroquia hermana se realizará el 23 de enero.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

- Jan. 23 | Sister Parish Haiti Semi-Annual
- Jan. 30 | GA Bulletin Semi-Annual
- Feb. 6 | STA 50th Anniversary Event June 2022
- Feb. 13 | St. Vincent de Paul STA
- Feb. 20 | Prison Ministry

Donations for second collections may now be placed in the white drop box in the Narthex.

Yellow envelopes in the pews are available for your second collection donations and can be placed in the collection basket or in the dedicated box in the Narthex.

SVdP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

- \$25 gift cards from Kroger, Publix or Walmart (for perishables)
- Paper towels
- Crackers
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shelf Stable Milk

Please note that expired food will not be accepted. Thank you for donating!

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

AN UPDATE FROM OUR SISTER PARISH MINISTRY

The annual collection for our sister parish in Delatte, Haiti is this weekend, Jan. 22 - 23. As a reminder, St. Thomas Aquinas has been partnering with St. Martin de Tours since 1997. The church and the parish are larger in size and population than ours. The church is located in one of Haiti’s most impoverished areas and is about 45 miles from Port-au-Prince airport. The average annual income of the parishioners is less than \$100 per year.

The mission statement of our Haiti sister parish committee is to support the parishioners of St. Martin de Tours with prayer, financial support to educate their children, and other services that become available through the generosity of St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners — i.e., dental services, shipping of school supplies and other material goods.

Our mission continues. We are counting on your generous support to keep the children of St. Martin in school, and the dreams of the community alive! With the current pandemic and continued political upheaval, it is even more imperative than ever to keep the light of hope shining.

Our annual need is \$60,000 which translates to an average teacher salary of \$600 a year, with a little extra for other school and church expenses.

Just think how far a donation of a few hundred dollars can go in our sister parish!

The second collection for our Haiti Sister Parish will be this weekend. Your donation can also be brought directly to the parish office, with the mention “Haiti” on your check, or made online at www.sta.org.

As a reminder, donations are tax exempt with 100% of donations given to pay the teachers.



GIVING GARDEN - WINTER SOWN WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 15 we welcomed nine teens who helped prep milk jugs and plant Winter Sown seeds. The process is a way to grow seedlings at low cost with no greenhouse or indoor seed starting setup.

Six of the teens are members of Cambridge HS HoPe chapter, an after-school program for Hispanic youth designed to strengthen their leadership skills, obtain educational guidance and resources, and give back through community service initiatives.

The other teens learned about the Workshop on the Young Awesome Disciples FB page.

We are very grateful for their help and look forward to holding another Workshop in about a month when we will sow warm season seeds for tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and pollinator flowers for the Giving Garden and Orchard.



ALPHA INVITES YOU TO TAKE THE WILD GOOSE COURSE

Continue learning and growing in your faith journey, come and join us discovering who the Holy Spirit is, and how we can invite him to be part of our lives. This course is open to everyone and will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. via Zoom

Don't miss out!

Register at <https://www.sta.org/wild-goose-registration>

Do you have questions? Contact Mimi Madrid at 832-334-8284 or send an email to alpha@sta.org.



ALPHA TE INVITA A TOMAR EL CURSO DEL GANSO SALVAJE

Continúa aprendiendo y creciendo en tu fe, únete a nosotros para descubrir quién es el Espíritu Santo y como podemos invitarlo a formar parte de nuestra vida. El curso está abierto a todo el público.

Iniciamos el día 2 de Febrero a las 7pm vía Zoom

¡No te lo pierdas, Regístrate ya!

<https://www.sta.org/wild-goose-registration>

¿Tienes preguntas? comunícate con Martha Zamorano al 770-475-4501 o envía un email a alpha@sta.org

JOB SEARCH MINISTRY

To all job seekers, recent college graduates or anyone looking for a career change, you are invited to join us at our next meeting.

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7PM in Room 202.

This is a great opportunity to meet and network with others and to learn our "4 Strategies of Job Seeking Success". Feel free to bring anyone with you who may be interested.

Additionally, we are seeking volunteers with a human resources or business background or anyone willing to help.

If you are interested, please contact Gladys Tejada at gtejada24@gmail.com or Julie Mulaney at jmc06820@yahoo.com



AN UPDATE FROM OUR FINANCE COUNCIL

As the calendar year has closed, we want to thank you for the many extraordinary financial gifts that we have received since November 2021. Your generosity in the face of these uncertain times is a blessing to the Parish and to those it serves. We will finish the fiscal year almost \$65,000 over the budget based on the last six weeks of the year making that difference. When we prepared the 2021-2022 budget, we did it with the thought that we would be in the final chapters of the virus and attendance would start to increase as went from the fall to winter to spring. The budgeted offertory reflects that same thought process so it has a higher threshold as we move from January to June 2022. The next six month's offertory budget is \$49,000 higher in total than the July 2021 to December 2021 budget. Your gifts have given us a great start to the New Year so we will continue to be diligent in spending and continue to work on initiatives that will enhance our daily outreach and engagement as we push on to our 50th anniversary in June 2022.

Again, thank you for your prayers, your support, and your understanding.



*Thank you for
Joining us at Mass!
Let's keep in
touch!*

*!Gracias por
celebrar la misa
con nosotros!
¡Mantengámonos
en contacto!*

Name: _____

Contact Information

E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

I am interested in:

- registering at the parish
- receiving the electronic newsletter
- knowing more about ministries at STA

Nombre: _____

Información del contacto

Correo electrónico: _____

Número de teléfono: _____

Estoy interesado en:

- registrarme en la parroquia
- recibir el boletín electrónico con las noticias de la parroquia
- recibir más información sobre los ministerios en Santo Tomás de Aquino

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and place it in the
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someone will contact you
within a week.**

**Por favor arranque esta
sección con sus datos y
colóquela en la canasta
de la ofrenda, alguien se
pondrá en contacto con
usted durante la semana.**



The things that matter most in our lives are not fantastic or grand. They are moments when we touch one another, when we are there in the most attentive or caring way. This simple and profound intimacy is the love we all long for.

Jack Kornfield, American Author

SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Remember the popular television show “Cheers”? Its opening song went like this:

*Sometimes you want to go
Where everybody knows your name,
and they're always glad you came.
You wanna be where you can see,
our troubles are all the same
You wanna be where everybody knows
Your name.*

That song is a great description of a Small Faith Community. People who were once strangers come together, get to know one another and, before long, become friends. They know they are accepted as they are and are supported in their struggles as well as their joys.

What is a Small Faith Community?

A Small Faith Community (sometimes called a Small Christian Community, a Small Church Community, or in Spanish, Comunidad de base) is a group of 8-12 adults who gather together to share their life experiences and to grow in their faith. A Small Faith Community is a smaller, more intimate experience of church. Small Faith Communities provide a safe place where you can be open and honest.

Who is invited to join a SFC?

You are invited to be part of this exciting and enriching model of parish life! It's our hope that everyone would be a part of a small faith group.

What are the benefits?

Here are just a few:

- feeling like you belong to the parish
- having the opportunity to be listened to in a trusting and non-judgmental atmosphere
- making the connection between what we believe—what we celebrate at Mass—and your own life
- having your abilities and talents encouraged and appreciated
- feeling supported during trying times and sharing joys during the happy times
- deepening your faith and your relationship with Jesus Christ
- finding ways to serve the parish and the wider community as an individual and as a group

What is the importance of joining a SFC today?

Catholic parishes are meant to foster an experience of love and an experience of faith. In a large parish like St. Thomas Aquinas, that can be a challenge. Among so many, it is easy to feel isolated and alone, especially during a pandemic. Gathering in Small Faith Communities allows the church to become smaller and more intimate. These communities offer what everyone desires: the experience of being known and being loved. SFCs also offer an experience of faith. We all have faith, but most of us need help from others to learn to trust the faith within us and learn to recognize and describe our experience of faith. The more our experiences of faith and love are shared—and this can only happen in a small group—the more we notice God and God's call to be church for one another. SFCs enable us to be who we are—the loved and cherished faith-filled people of God.

What is faith sharing?

It is the simple sharing of our experience that gives us the opportunity to reflect on and recognize God's activity and presence in our daily lives.

What about the programs used by the groups?

Groups begin with Come as You Are, a 12-session program that is an invitation to slow down and become more reflective about life. It helps people connect with one another beyond the usual “news, weather, and sports” conversations so that they will want to stay together and go beyond this introductory program.

“... Anytime I have a challenge, I have this group of people that I can just e-mail [and ask them to pray for me] and they can e-mail me and say, “Pray for me.” ...Also, it is great to share the joys in our lives.It's true joy looking around and seeing the faces of people who are happy for you.”

“I love the way that our small faith group comes together to serve others.”

“I love my small faith group because it has allowed me to have a safe place where there is no condemnation or judgment of anything I share...only love and encouragement.”

SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES AT STA CONT.

How do the groups meet?

- In homes
- Online
- Outside around a fire pit
- In parks
- Wherever!

How do Small Faith Communities remain connected to the parish?

Each group has a leader who keeps the community connected to the parish just as the pastor is the connector to the diocesan church and the bishop is the connector to the Pope and the universal church.

How do I join?

There are several options:

- Sign up at the Small Faith Community lunch after the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Jan. 23.
- Sign up online using the QR code to the right or visit www.sta.org



A Small Faith Community's Fourth Annual Small Faith Family Feast. The caption that came with the picture read: "So here's what we do every now and then. Gather at table..." Brenda Sevcik



Annual Small Faith Community Leaders' Retreat at Ignatius House

SOME TESTIMONIES:

"During the winter five couples and two individuals met to create a small faith group. The only thing we had in common was that we were parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Over the past ten weeks we have prayed together and shared experiences as Catholics. All of us have enjoyed each other's company and respect what the other members of our group have to say. It has been great to see each other at church events and meet everyone's families. We all agree that we would like to continue our small faith group on in the fall. If you have been thinking about doing this we feel it is a great way to connect with other members of St. Thomas Aquinas Church."

- A Small Faith Community Member

"Since I don't have a family in Georgia, they are my family. I know I can count on my small faith group for all kinds of support."

- A Small Faith Community Member

"I think I can sum it up. It's a place to be known and to be loved, and I think it is important as part of our Christian journey."

- A Small Faith Community Member

"I love the way that our small faith group comes together to serve others."

- A Small Faith Community Member





GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

23 de enero de 2022

3er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Con la fiesta de la Epifanía y el Bautismo del Señor se cierra el Tiempo de Navidad, que siempre es precedido por el Adviento. Ahora, comenzamos el Tiempo Ordinario. Serán siete domingos de este corto periodo, que termina el día anterior al Miércoles

de Ceniza. La segunda etapa de este Tiempo es más larga, da comienzo después del domingo de Pentecostés y termina hasta el sábado antes del primer domingo de Adviento. ¿Para qué sirve a los cristianos este Tiempo Ordinario? ¿Qué nos pide la Liturgia de este tiempo? Pues, es muy sencillo, nos pide meditar en el misterio de Cristo. En su invitación de participar en su Reino con alegría y compromiso verdadero. La Iglesia tiene diversidad de carismas, donde podemos entregarnos al servicio de los demás.

Por ejemplo, hoy el Evangelio nos invita a participar junto con María y Jesús en las bodas de Caná. Y es ahí en esa boda, donde Jesús hace su primer milagro a petición de su Madre María. El diálogo de ambos viene a ser a causa de la falta de vino. Por lo tanto, los novios estaban en apuros por esta razón. Este relato es muy profundo, el hecho de que Jesús participa en la boda, tiene como significado la boda de Dios con la humanidad, que más adelante será la Sangre de Jesús derramada para la salvación de la humanidad. *“Alegrémonos, regocijémonos démosle honor y gloria, porque han llegado las bodas del Cordero” (Apocalipsis 19,7). También, el profeta en la primera lectura lo pone claro: “No te llamaran más ‘Abandonada’, ni a tu tierra ‘Desolada’, sino que te llamaran ‘Mi Preferida’ y a tu tierra ‘Desposada’. Porque Yavé se complacerá en ti y tu tierra tendrá un esposo” (Isaías 62,4).*

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Monday, January 24

Noon (+) Mary Frances Watkins by Theresa & Robert Lynch

Tuesday, January 25

Noon (+) Rita Young by Theresa & Robert Lynch
(+) Bernie Eisenstein by Amelia Davies
(+) Eileen Ingrassia by Tony Maulucci

Wednesday, January 26

Noon (+) Sherri Nadeau by Nadeau Family

Thursday, January 27

Noon (+) Cecil Collins by Hart Family
(L) Elizabeth Hoover Papetti by Tom & Ellen Hoover
(+) Jack Horvath by John & Madelaine Dearie
7p.m. (L) Jenni Antonio y Familia by Unity & Diversity Ministry
(+) Maria Rodriguez by Ivette Mahfoud
(+) Maria Natividad Ayala by Veronica Ayala

Friday, January 28

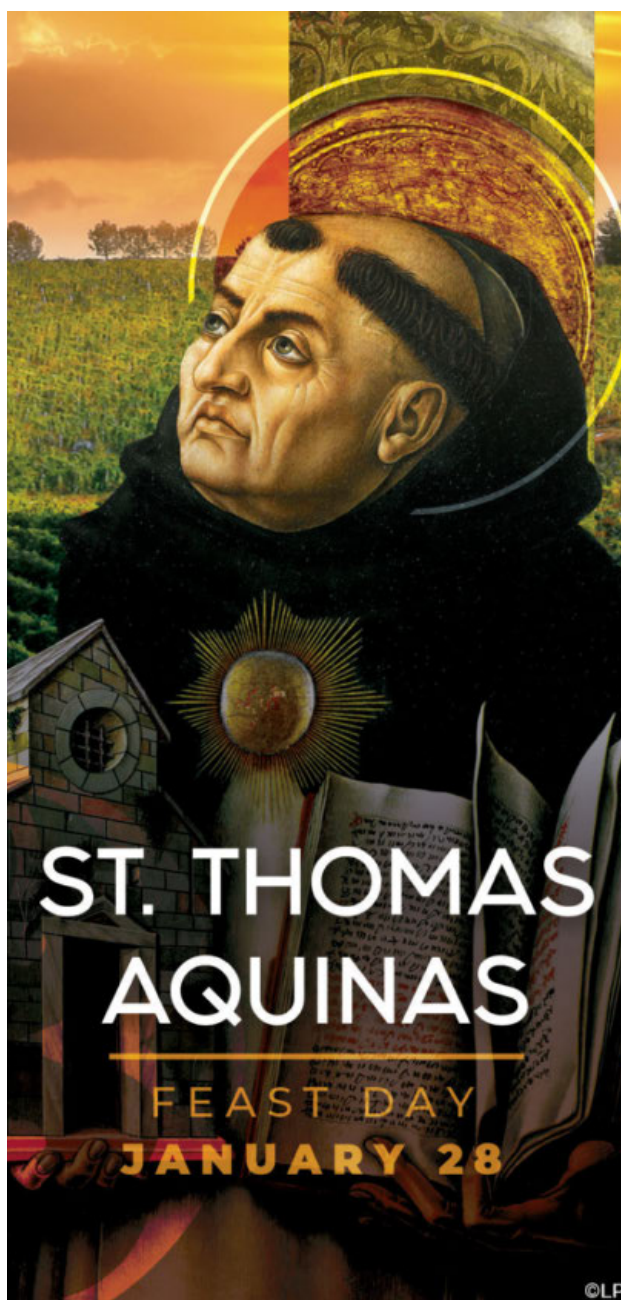
Noon (+) Mary Collins Roberts by Ronald Warner

Saturday, January 29

For those that built STA and those who carry on its mission today.

Sunday, January 30

For those that built STA and those who carry on its mission today.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Fabio Alvarez
Rose Marie Barnes
Lynn Brady
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Paul Carrio
Mercel Carrio, Jr
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Sally Clark
Peter Gallagher
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Tashone Hypolite
Frana Keeling
John Kraw
Carol Mallon
Bob MacPhee
Andrea Miller
Ronald Mitchell
Marqarita Munoz
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Ann Rodreguiz
Jackie School
Ed Sembera
Sandy Soltau
Mary Stephens
Deacon John Strachan
Tonya
Wendy Weissman

This list of those suffering illness is a ministry of Forever Young Friends and is updated at noon on Thursday every week. To be listed for six weeks, removed or extended, contact Marianne Fronek at mariannefronek@gmail.com.



Our Liturgical Spirituality

By Kristopher W. Seaman

More than sixty people gathered in the day chapel of a parish up the road from where I ministered. I was their seventh speaker, as they had been gathering for over two months. Standing before them after giving a presentation on the Sacrament of Penance, I asked if there were any questions. A gentleman inquired, “Who is this ‘Jesus’ you keep mentioning?” After the initial shock of the question, I asked myself: how do I respond *briefly* to his question? A second hand went up, she likewise asked, “Yeah, who is this ‘Jesus’?” I then asked the entire group of inquirers, those seeking more knowledge about Christianity in general and Catholicism in particular as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults,

“How many people are wondering who Jesus is?” Over a third of the hands went up. So, instead of breaking them into small groups to reflect on the Sacrament of Penance, I began to tell them that we come to know not only *about* Jesus, but who Jesus *is* especially during liturgy, as well as in daily life as we encounter other human persons and in the events that speak of God’s love and graciousness.

The principal focus of liturgy is the life of Christ, the one sent by God to bring salvation (which comes from *salvus*, meaning healing) to all of God’s people. We come to know who Christ is through the liturgy. Pope Francis expresses this well: “Jesus’ whole life, his way of dealing with the poor, his actions, his integrity, his simple daily acts of generosity, and finally his complete self-giving, is precious and reveals the mystery of his divine life” (*The Joy of the Gospel*, 265). When the Scriptures are proclaimed during the liturgy, it is, as the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* states, Christ who speaks (article 7). Christ is present in his proclaimed Word, inviting us to know him and his mission for us. We also come to know



The course of the liturgical year helps us grow in our knowledge of Christ.

Christ in the very symbols of liturgy: bread transformed into Christ’s Body, wine turned into Christ’s Blood, water blessed, and so forth. The prayers, songs, gestures, all communicate who Christ is in our midst, and his desires for us. Christ’s life is larger than any one liturgical service could convey. Rather, the power of the liturgical year is that we enter into “moments” or specific events within Christ’s life or that these events of Christ enter into us, through our hearing, through our communing, through our singing, and through our praying. For example, at Christmas we come to know of the Son of God who became human and dwells in our midst, who enters into us

through his words and his Eucharist. At Easter we come to know that God will bring life out of death, pain, and betrayal. Over the course of the liturgical year, we grow in not only knowledge of Christ, but we grow more Christlike. And to know what Christ is like is principally through liturgy. He models for us God’s very desires for us.

Once we begin to grow in our knowledge of Christ over the course of the liturgical year, when we celebrate the liturgical seasons and feast days, we begin to develop a liturgical spirituality. Pope Francis alludes to this type of spirituality: “Christ’s resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force” (*The Joy of the Gospel*, 276). Because of Christ’s Resurrection, and his presence to us in the liturgy through the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ’s entire life, his mission, begins to take hold of us. This fruit of transformation begins to allow us to see and act how God desires us to on a daily basis.

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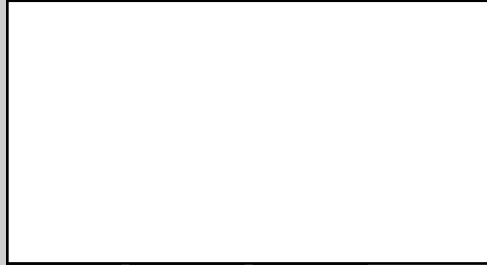
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