

Daily Readings

Week of January 15, 2023

Sunday, 1/15: Is 49: 3, 5-6/Ps 40: 2, 4, 7-10/

1 Cor 1: 1-3/Jn 1: 29-34

Monday, 1/16: Heb 5: 1-10/Ps 110: 1-4/Mk 2: 18-22

Tuesday, 1/17: Heb 6: 10-20/Ps 111: 1-2, 4-5, 9-10/Mk 2: 23-28

Wednesday, 1/18: Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17/Ps 110: 1-4/Mk 3: 1-6

Thursday, 1/19: Heb 7: 25; 8: 6/Ps 40: 7-10, 17/Mk 3: 7-12

Friday, 1/20: Heb 8: 6-13/Ps 85: 8, 10-14/Mk 3: 13-19

Saturday, 1/21: Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-9/Mk 3: 20-21



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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Liturgical
Ministers**

Schedule for January 22, 2023

Lector: Eli

Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family

Servers: Kevin/Nathan

Money Counters: Jon/Mary

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: 3 Volunteers

Today's Mass Intention:

Mark Lasack

Priest Visit to the Homebound

If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

- Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Isaiah Leeper, Larry Merrick, Rosie Stephan, Shirley Coon
- Archbishop Jackels, Fr. Andrew

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Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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Tues.: 8:00am-5:00pm, Fri.: 7:00am-3:30pm

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PASTOR SPEAKS

PARISH MISSION PART 2: THE CENTER STILL HOLDS

Statistics on the religious landscape of the Catholic Church and Christianity generally can be depressing, to say the least. A 2019 Pew Research found that only 31% of Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The other 69% said that Jesus is only symbolically present.

Amid the uncertainty and doubt about the Eucharist, I know that the Center of our faith still holds true and firm; it inspires the theme for our parish mission *Signs from God*, coming soon on the 26th and 27th of February.

The presenter of the Mission, Tim Francis, will share with us how his personal thirst and hunger for God and authentic religion led him back to the very faith community he had run away from— The Catholic Church.

After wandering around, seeking God and the authentic religion outside the Catholic Church, our speaker, Tim Francis, is led back to the Catholic Church as the center that still holds. As they say, better the angel you know than the devil you don't know.

According to Tim, his mother was instrumental in his conversion; she never gave up on him. Rather she threw at him all the remarkable resources within the Catholic Church, knowing that they had the capacity to prick his conscience someday, which happened.

In my years of Ministry, I have learned about many such mothers whose unrelenting encouragement to their children to come back to the church paid off, sometimes sooner than they imagined, other times, after their departure from this world.

The psychologist Earnest Baker(1924 -1974) has observed that there is a sense of “dualism” within every person. This dualistic phenomenon causes us to want to be part of something and at the same time live our individual unique life. To us, it is being part of our faith community.

Once Tim Francis has become enlightened with the truth about the Catholic Church, he now finds fulfillment in challenging us with his message *Signs from God*.

Like St. Augustine, who also returned to the church he had abandoned from his youth, we can take great solace in the presence of God in the church as Tim unveils in his personal experience.

- Weekly contribution envelopes are on their way. Our vendor has been having production issues. In the interim, please put your contribution in a regular envelope and put your name and envelope number on it. If you don't remember your number, that's ok, just be sure to put your name. We will announce when they have arrived.
- Several of our Eucharistic Ministers will be gone for the next few months. If you are at Mass, please volunteer your time as we always need 3 people. THANK YOU for your help in this matter.



Please have all bulletin submissions to Colleen Coon by Wednesday PM

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