

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee,
and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets.
Then he called them.

Mt 1:19-20

January 24, 2021



February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, pulls many mementos from the Catholic cabinet: candles, blessings, processions and Christmas. The Mass of the feast begins with a blessing of candles to be used in church throughout the year and of candles to be used in our homes as well.

The origins of the feast lie in an ancient Jewish custom. On the 40th day after childbirth, parents brought the infant to the Temple to present it to the Lord and to purify the mother. St. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary sacrificed two birds for the occasion. Count up 40 days after Christmas and you will come to February 2nd.

Until the 1960's, we called this day "The Purification of Mary." The title was changed for several reasons. We no longer hold that women who cooperate with the Creator to give birth need purification. They are rather to be blessed. Also the true significance of the feast concerns Jesus coming to the Temple. He is the Promised One, whose light will shine rays of hope to all the world.

Also on the old calendar, this feast closed the Christmas season. Since it is the feast of the Lord, it takes precedence even when it falls on a Sunday.

Blessed candles in our churches signify the presence of Christ in our community. With Christ as our light, we warm a lost and wintry world. Blessed candles taken home are sacramentals. They can be used on various occasions, such as joyful celebrations; times of prayer, in times of fear or discouragement when we especially need light to guide us.

Bring a candle to church with you next weekend on January 30th or 31st. They will all be blessed at the Masses for you to take home and to use throughout the coming year!



A General Blessing of the Throats will be during all Masses the weekend of January 30/31.

Mass Times

Tuesday and Friday
8:30 am in Church

Saturday
4:30 pm in Church

Sunday
9:00 am and 11:00
am in Church

Confessions will be
heard every Saturday
at 3:30 pm

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This N That by Deacon Skip

I often exchange e-mails with my sister Mary. She lives with her husband Joel in Alpharetta, Georgia and works in the provost office of Georgia Tech. Ironically this past week in one of our exchanges both of us remarked at how uneasy we have become.

In my time, I've experienced the assassination of John Kennedy; the 67 riots; the to-do over the Vietnam War. I was literally required to evacuate our office building on 9/11. I've lost my job. I survived raising two teenage boys. I've had a stroke and have been treated for prostate cancer. Along the way I buried my mother and my wife. Somehow I made it through all of that none the worse for wear.

Oh, they had their impact, for sure, but there was always a feeling that things would be better. Somehow that feeling is not there now. I don't know if its a result of our helplessness in the pandemic or a reaction to the violence against our government. As a people, we have a history of rallying together. This may be one of those times when we need to stand at each other's side and prop each other up.

A couple of parishioners have asked if I'm still walking. The answer is yes. The last two weeks I've walked over 45 miles both times. This is probably a reflection of the warmer than normal temps and the lower than normal snowfall. Any return to normal will probably result in my parking myself on the couch and watching bad TV.

Same old same old on my granddaughter's Christmas present. I'm still hoping that one day I will open my door and there it will be. By the way, she turned 13 this past week, and Levi turned 11. My Dad turned 98. Show off.

Don't forget our food pantry.

2020 Tax Statements

Tax statements are available for your 2020 contributions to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please fill out the coupon below completely then either drop it in the collection basket or mail the request to us. Thank you.

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ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE# _____

ENVELOPE # _____

Scripture Readings for the Week of January 24, 2021

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Monday, January 25, 2021

**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

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

**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 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4;
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 28, 2021

**Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;
Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 29, 2021

Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24,
39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 30, 2021

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72,
73-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9;
1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



St. Thomas the Apostle World Famous Fish Fry!

Mark your calendars for our World-Famous Fish Fry on Friday February 19th at 4:30pm.

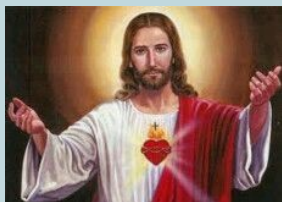
If you plan on attending Stations of the Cross, we will be ready to serve you immediately following the service. We are using the same system of distancing that we did for dinners in the past which includes 6ft. apart in line and distant seating in the Activities Building.

We are planning on having a BAKE SALE again this year so please donate any baked goods to the Activities Building on Fridays after 8am. The baked goods will be individually wrapped and packaged for your safety and convenience.

Pre-orders can be submitted with the order form that will be printed in future bulletins by dropping off in parish mail box or collection basket. Additionally, pre-orders can be called in to the parish office

See you soon at our WORLD-FAMOUS FISH FRY!!

Jill Kolpacke
Tom Pociask



There will be a one-hour Eucharistic Adoration along with recitation of the Rosary following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on the First Friday of each month.

Ministries Center
(734) 425-9771



Current food pantry needs include: cans of soup, ravioli or Spaghetti-O's; macaroni and cheese (box); laundry detergent; paper towels.

The Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 10 am-12 pm in the Ministries Building. If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

Acts of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

A prayer for Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things and I desire to receive
you in my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive you
sacramentally,*

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Worship Schedule		January 30 & 31, 2021	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:30 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	KATHY GENAW	DAVID ANDERSON	RON BERGER
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	LINDA LUDTKE CAROL STEC FRANK TOFIL	DEBBIE FULAN TEDDY LUTHER JOAN PALMER	TEREZE AULA DAVID MESZAROS SALLIE QUINN
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	IRENE PATTOCK	LAURIE ELCHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+EUGENE FRANCKOWIAK +ANTHONY GIOVAGNOLI KAPANKE-OMILIAN FAMILY	+MARGUERITE BOYCE +MONICA THOMPSON	+MARGUERITE BOYCE

Weekend Collection
January 16 & 17, 2021

Envelope contributions: \$5,498.00
Loose contributions: 295.00

Total Sunday Offertory \$5,793.00

Budgeted per week \$10,404.00
Below the budgeted amount **-4,611.00**
Total # of envelopes 162
Average envelope contribution \$33.93

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Holy Day \$ 220.00
Utility \$ 201.00
Initial Offering \$ 196.00
Gift to God \$ 20.00
Religious Retirement \$ 10.00

TOTAL \$ 647.00

Thank you for your support and may God bless you!
Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.

Bulletin Editor

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 12:00 p.m. During holidays articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.

Weekday Masses

January 25-29, 2021

Tuesday, January 26

8:30 am.....CHURCH

+MARGUERITE BOYCE
+WILLIAM & SOPHIE LA MAR
+ANTHONY GIOVAGNOLI
+EVELYN LANDRUM

Friday, January 29

8:30 am.....CHURCH

+MARGUERITE BOYCE
+ANTHONY GIOVAGNOLI

We are in need of someone to coordinate Sacristan Schedules. Please call the office if you are interested. (734) 427-1533. Thank you!

ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish. Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website www.thomastheapostle.org.

You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.

Please Pray For...

Ainsworth, Karen	Carol and Ronnie	Koslosky, Alphonse	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Sanregret, Anna
Ainsworth, Ron	Chicila, Pam	Kuslowski, Walter	Mocadlo, Jimmy	Serafini, Loreta
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	Cunningham, John	Larry, Bruce	Murray, Colleen	Shankin, JoAnne
Altizer, Brynn	Daughtery, Jeff	Levoir, Lorraine	Nantz, Janice	Skorupa, Peter
Armstrong, Sean	DeGrande, Colleen	Luther, Brian	Needham, Jim	Sokol, Dennis J.
Arsenault, Cathy	DeGrande, Sam	Lynn, William	Newman, Theresa	Stacherski, Ann
Arsenault, Fran	DiVitto, Rita	Maddix, Erin	Niemczewski, Gordon	Staudacher, Jason
Asini, Eloho	Esson, Pat	Malek, Thomas	Palucki, Rachel	Summet, Fred
Asini, Margaret	Farr, Viola	Malish, Rosemary	Pardo, Charel	Szura, Samantha
Bargardi, Carl	Galdes, Julie	Malone, Della	Parker, Sharon	Tetreau, Audrey
Bargardi, Frances	Gau, Sandy	Marchand, Susan	Pastula, Shirley	Thomas, Michael
Bartlett, Carol	Hamm, Jo	Marsh, Bob	Persondek, Cristina	Tomasi, Jack
Boyak, Carolyn	Hayes, Jacqueline	Mathison, Bonnie	Pietszak, Carol	Turner, Sandy
Bufalini, Rose	Henry, Bernadine	Mathison, Jackie	Pryce, Mary Ann	Vaughn, Kelly
Burdish, Cathy	Herlihy, Patrick	Mayfield, Sally	Radford, Magdalen	Wood, Virginia
Burke, Larry	Hrlic, Charlene	McGrath, Jim	(Maggie)	Woodward, Todd
Burrell, Fred	Hrlic, Charles	Maddix, Erin	Rawlings, Therese	Wysocki, Ken
Burris, Nikita	Humphrey, Dawn	Merritt, Dan	Robertson, Michael	Zonca, Barbara
Burris Family	Irwin, Mary	Miklousich, Lena	Rodgers, Hiedi	Ziolkowski, Norm
	Jones, Marie	Mirabitor, Timmy	Romanowski, Ronald	
	Kietur, Deanna	Mocadlo, Audrey	Saenz, Carlos	

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2020-June 30, 2021

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty families	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	Angel Danny P. Pepera
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	In loving memory of Joseph Potter
Deceased and live members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family	Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
Loving memory of Coach Dave Cain	In Memory of Richard & Eleanor Reed
Loving Memory of Herman Cain	In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
Special Intention DAK	In loving memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
In loving memory of Gorny & Kushnir family	Deceased members of Szuba-Balawajder family
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	In loving memory of Jerome Tesarz
In loving memory of Bob & Ann Hoelscher	Deceased members of the Ulivi & Preville family
Kapanke-Omilian Families	Memory of Bob, Millie, Judy, Collette Warner
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	Loving Memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
In memory of Madeline, Frank & Michael Mangold	In loving memory of William E. Wilson
In loving memory of Aline Mele	Loving Memory of Mitchel Yount
In Loving Memory of John R. Mondro	In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan	
Deceased members of The Musolino & Wilson Families	

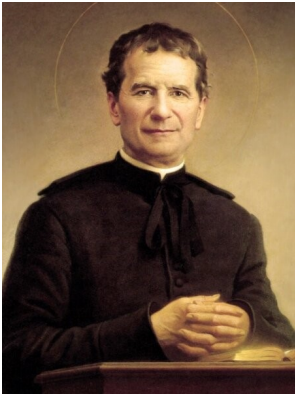
Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber	Ainsworth, Raymond	McGaw, Douglas	Meadows, Erin
Angelovic, Adrian	Angelovic, George	Miller, Maj. David C.	Mondoux, Ian
Ardinger, Stephanie	Baumgardner, AJ	Moody, Samantha	Murray, Daniel
Becker, Justin	Bregand, David	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Ohannesian, Brandon
Brozek, Timothy	Campbell, Mary	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Persondek, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Chokr, Jamel	Porcaro, Jeff	Preba, Danny
Cinka, Jonathan	Coatsworth, Michael	Rosa, Brian J.	Rosa, Douglas J.
Comment, Scott	Dempsey, Joseph	Rousseau, Philip	Sheko, Destiny
DiCicco, Bill	Dwyer, Tyler	Smith, David	Smitt, David
Ellsworth, Justin	Fisher, Bob	Spiczka, Cathy	Spiczka, Greg
Gentilia, Anthony	Goudeseune, Russell	Sparrow, Justin	Spohr, Raymond
Griglio, Matthew	Kashou, Christopher	Squires, Derek	Szerszen, Michael
Laichalk, Robert	Logan, Jonathon	Steenburg, Patrick	Waldo, Michael
Logan, Sean Patrick	Logan, Jeff	Tesarz, Ian Michael	Wiertella, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke	McHale, Sgt. Shawn	Webb, Brian	
McCarville, William E.	McGahan, Wade	Witt, Christopher	



Missy Taylor
Director of Religious Formation & Coordinator of Youth Ministry

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO MINISTER TO THEM!!



WHO IS SAINT JOHN BOSCO??? John Bosco, later known as Don Bosco when he entered the priesthood, was born in Italy in 1815. His mother, the venerable Marherita Occhiena, raised he and his two brothers after losing her husband. The family lived in poverty but nevertheless found great joy in working and serving the Lord.

John grew up to love the Lord and the circus. He learned numerous slight of hand tricks which he later used as a priest to hold the attention of young children long enough to preach the Gospel to them. At the age of 12, John began studying for the priesthood through the charity of a local priest.

Early in his priesthood, John was assigned to minister in the prisons where he met many troubled young men. Moved with compassion, he would become a great evangelist of the young and open numerous orphanages, oratory schools, and social programs to minister to young men.

St. John Bosco was canonized less than fifty years after his death— Pope Pius XI bestowed upon him the title of "Father and Teacher of Youth" at his canonization. The religious order that he founded, the Salesians of Don Bosco, is now the third largest religious order in the world and continues to bring the Gospel to lost and forgotten children the world over!

St. John Bosco is a model for all of us who seek to unleash the Gospel by proclaiming the Good News to the young church! January 31st is St. John Bosco's feast day, and we ask for his intercession as we join together in prayer!

St. John Bosco has served as an inspiration to generations of Christians who seek to bring young people to an encounter of the living Jesus. In the spirit of St. John Bosco, we are inviting you to gather together with hundreds of others to pray for our young people here in the Archdiocese of Detroit. We will also offer prayer for our youth ministers, our catechists, our Catholic school teachers, our coaches, parents, and all those who join us in serving young people. May the Holy Spirit, once again, pour Himself out upon the Archdiocese as we unleash the Gospel for the next generation! What more important work could there be? Thank you for praying with us! - Fr. Stephen Pullis

This initiative is asking for just ONE HOUR of your time! There are one hour time slots spanning over a period of 8 days (January 29-February 5). We ask you to sign up and devote that one hour to praying for young people. You can feel free to sign up for more than one if you'd like. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COMMIT TO A SPECIFIC HOUR, please feel free to offer prayers for our young people OFTEN during these 8 days. May God bless you abundantly for your dedication to the young in His church!

Sign up for a prayer slot at: <http://tiny.cc/boscoprayer>
Download our prayer resource at: <http://boscoprayer.org>

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