



# January 24, 2021

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., January 23 ~ Vigil/3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 5:30 PM Bill Pitt

Sunday, January 24 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 9:30 AM Gerard Murphy

Monday, January 25  
 9:00 AM Phillip Raia

Wednesday, January 27  
 9:00 AM Elizabeth Popick

Friday, January 29  
 9:30 AM Veronica Parascondola

Sat., January 30 ~ Vigil/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 5:30 PM Leonarda Landro

Sunday, January 31 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 9:30 AM Norma Halahan

*Mass Intentions—Having a Mass said for a deceased family member or friend is a way of saying they are not forgotten by their loved ones. Traditionally, a Mass is offered for a deceased person on the anniversary of their death. Masses can also be offered to honor birthdays and anniversaries, as well as special intentions for both living and deceased. To have a Mass said, please contact the Parish Office at 733-1477, or see Fr.*

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat., January 30 ~ Vigil/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 5:30 PM Jennifer Zupetz

Sunday, January 31 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 9:30 AM AnnMarie Minerly

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., January 30 ~ Vigil/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 5:30 PM Kathy Fayol

Sunday, January 31 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 9:30 AM Lisa Dyer

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (Navy)  
 Dylan Bonitz (Navy) Chase Bowen (Navy)  
 Sarah Bowen (Navy) Juan Gonzalez (Navy)  
 Kaila McGowan (Marines) Anthony Pagano (Navy)  
 Joseph Ruize (Navy) Carissa Tironi (Army)  
 Elliott Weidel (Marines)

*We would like to pray for any of your loved ones who are serving our country in a branch of the military. Please call the office (733-1477) with their name and service branch, or e-mail the office at: [assumptionchurch@frontiernet.net](mailto:assumptionchurch@frontiernet.net)*

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joanne Bach, Hank Bodendorf, Margaret Ellen Burke, S.C., Barbara Ceriale, Charles Clark, Bob Cross, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson, Lucy D'Amato, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Michael Gallo, Maggie Horne, Anthony Pagano, Sr., Kevin Reardon, Helen Ryan, Sadie, Frances Salewski, Pam Sibley, Chris Strobl, Gary Texter, Katylynn Auer Weidel

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Rosella McKane, Regina Parthesius, Virginia Steinbeck, Robert Wise

### LOOKING AHEAD

FOOD PANTRY – 9:00 AM by appointment  
 (Every Saturday Unless Announced)

#### Tuesday, January 26

Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM  
 (Offered On Line)

#### Tuesday, February 2

Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM  
 (Offered On Line)

#### Friday, February 5

First Friday Holy Hour with  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~ 7:00 PM

#### Monday, February 8

Parish Council ~ 7:00 PM  
 (Meeting in the Parish Center Lower Level)

#### Tuesday, February 9

Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

#### Tuesday, February 16

Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM  
 (Offered On Line)

#### Wednesday, February 17 ~ Ash Wednesday

Mass at 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM



### Today's Scripture

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Jonah 1-5, 10  
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
 Mark 1:14-20

*The Kingdom (or reign) of God dawns when we make the law of love the guide of our lives and our heart. This is what true repentance means; this is what the Gospel teaches us to do.*

Christians in the early days of the Church believed that the end of the world was at hand. Thus, Saint Paul instructed the community to live as if our worldly concerns were no longer important.

We do not know when the world will end, but we can still maintain a proper perspective on our problems if we view them in light of eternity (if we do not allow ourselves to get caught up in our everyday concerns).

### It's Almost Time to Prepare

The secular world has essentially hijacked Advent. "Are you ready for Christmas yet?" generally means "Have you bought all your gifts yet?" While this secularism can sometimes cause us to lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas, it at least keeps Christmas always at the front of our minds. It's not easy to forget it's coming when you're surrounded by Christmas sales and Christmas songs six weeks ahead of time! So in a way, these reminders give us the opportunity to think, "Oh yeah! Christmas is coming. And it's really about Jesus, so we should prepare spiritually."

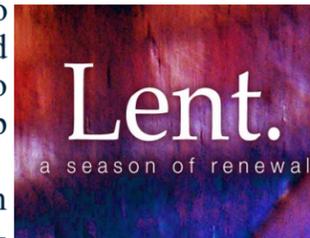


The secular world has not yet figured out

how to market Easter. So, on the one hand, we Christians aren't distracted from the sacredness of the season; on the other hand, our hectic, modern world is distraction enough, with nothing in our daily lives to remind us in the first place.

#### A Time to Prepare

Enter **Lent**. The Church has given us this beautiful season to help us prepare our souls to celebrate the most important event in the history of the world: the passion, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Each year, Lent is an opportunity to renew our Christian faith, and we are encouraged to use prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as the means to grow in our relationship with God.



A young man was fresh out of college and working at a big accounting firm. He came in one Ash Wednesday morning with ashes on his forehead. He went into the coffee room and was greeted by one of the managers. A quick glance and "G'morning" turned into a startled double-take and a gasp: "What happened to your head?????" When he explained it was Ash Wednesday, she was actually relieved. She had thought he'd fallen and bruised himself badly!

Ash Wednesday is a great start to Lent, but we can too easily forget about Easter until Holy Week approaches. Life is busy, and we don't see reminders all around us saying, "Easter is coming! Are you ready?" So we have to make those reminders ourselves.

We are creatures of our senses. We experience the world, and in fact, we experience God, through our senses. Holy water fonts remind us of our baptism; genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament reminds us of the True Presence; the bread and wine become Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—the Catholic Faith uses physical reminders of theological truths heavily, and we can do something like that in our own homes and in our lives to remind us daily of the season of Lent.

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