



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 14 ~ Vigil/2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM
Sunday, January 15 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM
Monday, January 16
9:00 AM The People of the Parish
Wednesday, January 18
9:00 AM
Friday, January 20
9:00 AM
Saturday, January 21 ~ Vigil/3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM
Sunday, January 22 ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM James Lohan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, January 21 ~ Vigil/3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM Al Ceriale
Sunday, January 22 ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Alice Cross

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 21 ~ Vigil/3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 PM Jen Zupetz (a), Kim Grzybwk (c)
Sunday, January 22 ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Ann Clouse (a), Lisa Dyer (c)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

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

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Regina Parthesius, Robert Wise

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marion Andersen, Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach, Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Peter Cavalier, Barbara Ceriale, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson, Marie DiMare, Tina DiMare, Mary Donnelly, Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Lenore Giansanti, Margaret Hale, Ninette Kondratowicz, Regina Lempka, Jon Miller, Gail Montalto, Janet Murphy, Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus, Chris Strobl

LOOKING AHEAD

Helping Hands Food Pantry
Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday by Appointment
(9 AM start)

Tuesday, January 17
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 18
Mamakating Knights of Columbus
Meeting *at OLA*

6:00 PM Dinner ~ 7:00 PM Business Meeting

Saturday, January 21
Food Pantry *by appointment* ~ 9:00 AM
Call Church Office by Friday, 1/20-23 ~ 845-733-1477

Tuesday, January 24
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Tuesday, January 31
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Friday, February 3
First Friday Holy Hour with Exposition ~ 7 PM

Saturday, February 4
Food Pantry *by appointment* ~ 9:00 AM
Call Church Office by Friday, 2/3/23 ~ 845-733-1477

Tuesday, February 7
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Mass Attendance/Collection

at Mass on January 8 & 9: **168**
Weekend's Collection: **\$1,694.00**

Today's Scripture Readings
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

About the Liturgy:
Baptismal Witness



With the Solemnity of Epiphany being so late this year, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which would usually occur on the following Sunday, this year is held on the last Monday of the Christmas Season, January 9. So, today, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. Yet it is still helpful for us to consider what our Baptism calls us to be.

Being baptized unites us with Christ Jesus and his Church. It brings us into a deep connection with him and with all the members of the Church. It also gives us the call to be witnesses of Jesus Christ. Baptism sends us out to claim our identity as Christians who imitate Christ as light to the nations. Christian witness first requires the humility of Christ. We bow to whatever God calls us to. God has chosen us. Witness does not always involve grand gestures but can be simple acts. Mother Teresa of Calcutta reminds us that, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love."

These days of Ordinary Time ought to be filled with extraordinary witness. The "ordinary" only refers to the ordering of weeks between the season of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter. It does not refer to a diminished quality of our Liturgy! Instead, we recognize the importance of our everyday actions in witnessing to our Christian faith with joy and humility.

Acts 10:34-38

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached — how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."

The Mystery of the Eucharist
in the Life of the Church

By the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



II. OUR RESPONSE
SENT FORTH

56. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that the "love that we celebrate in the sacrament is not something we can keep to ourselves. By its very nature it demands to be shared with all." We are not the only ones in need of the love that Christ has shown us. We are called to help the rest of the world experience it. "What the world needs is God's love; it needs to encounter Christ and to believe in him. The Eucharist is thus the source and summit not only of the Church's life, but also of her mission." Jesus is sent by the Father for the salvation of the world. At the very end of the celebration of the Eucharist, we who have received the Body and Blood of Christ and have been incorporated more profoundly into his Mystical Body are likewise sent out to proclaim the Good News for the salvation of the world: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

57. Pope Francis has insisted that evangelization — spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ — is a task that belongs to every member of the Church, not just a few specialists: All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. He exhorts us all to become missionary disciples: "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are 'disciples' and 'missionaries,' but rather that we are always 'missionary disciples.'" What is essential is not that one have advanced training, but rather that one discover through Christ the love that God has for us and that one desire to lead others to that same joyful discovery: "Anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love." All that is needed is for one who has known that love — the love that is displayed most preeminently in the Eucharist — to tell other people about it.

All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives. In your heart you know that it is not the same to live without him; what you have come to realize, what has helped you to live and given you hope, is what you also need to communicate to others.

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