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***January 23, 2022***

***3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

### ***LIVING OUR FAITH***

“If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.” These words from our second reading remind us of our intricate and intimate interconnectedness with others and all of God’s creation. There is power and strength in community. If we are willing to accept help from others during our difficult times, we must also stand ready to help others when they experience challenges and hardship. We cannot opt into community when it is convenient. Rather, part of living and working in communion with others is recognizing that we all succeed together or fail together.

Part of the communal reality is recognizing our gifts. When we can name our strengths without self-absorption or false humility, we are able to better recognize how we can use these gifts for the service of others. St. Paul writes, “God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended.” When each person uses their individual gifts for the common good, the community grows and flourishes. The same is true for the working of our human body.

Today’s gospel offers an example of this, as we hear the very beginning of St. Luke’s writings. Luke tells us that he, like others before him, has compiled a narrative of the life of Jesus. Luke relies on the witness of others in the construction of this story; he himself was not an eyewitness. Rather, St. Luke uses the gifts God has given him to listen to the stories of those who walked and talked and ate with Jesus so that he may compile them for Theophilus and future generations. How do we use our own gifts and talents to share the life of Jesus with others?

**Questions for the week:** *If someone were writing the story of your life, what sources would you want them to look at? Journals? Interviews with family members? Social media? Why? Why not? If you were sitting in the synagogue when your neighbor Jesus stood up and read this passage from Isaiah, how do you think you would react?*

### **UPDATED COVID PROTOCOL**

From now until further notice, by Archdiocesan and State mandate, everyone must wear a mask while at services inside the Church.

***This applies regardless of vaccination status.***

*Thank you for your cooperation as we live through this together.*



### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:**

#### **IN-PERSON CLASSES CANCELED FOR REMAINDER OF JANUARY**

Due to the continued high number of Covid cases, and at the request of the Archdiocese of NY, we are canceling in-person REP classes for the remainder of January.

We ask that our students and their families participate in our live-streamed Mass, Sunday morning January 23rd and January 30th, at 10:00am on our Parish Facebook page.

We will be taking attendance, so please be sure to comment that your family is present. Please spend some time talking to your children about the Mass, the readings, and the homily.

We will let you know the plan for February as soon as decisions are made. We thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we continue to navigate through these uncertain times.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.



***Hymns for this Weekend (10:00 am Mass)***

# 338: We Bring God's Holy Love

# 270: One Bread, One Body

# 282: Be Not Afraid

# 277: They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



***Readings for this Weekend (January 23rd<sup>h</sup>)***

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

***Readings for next Weekend (January 30<sup>th</sup>)***

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Luke 4:21-30



***Weekly Offering for January 16th: \$2,203***

***We Share Online Giving: \$122.25***

***Total: \$2,325.25***



**We join our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his prayer intentions for January 2022:**

***For true human fraternity***

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED**

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list for the sick, please contact the Parish office. We kindly ask that you do not request a name to be included without the express consent of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. While the request may be very well-intentioned, we want to respect people's right to privacy.

*We ask for prayer for Charles Thomas and his ministry, Betty and Robert Friedland, Kathryn Jones and her family, Brian and Maria Cosgrove, Richard Rakin, Andrew Mikulski*

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DEARLY DEPARTED**

We lovingly remember in prayer all our deceased family members, friends, and parishioners and in particular:

*Bobby Smith, Anthony Lanza, Juliana Frangipane, Robert Dubas, Nestor Mir, Jarred Doughty, Donald Hendrickson, Adalberto Santiago, Carl Belfiore, Darlene Henry, Elenore Whitney Pirrota, Steve Nicoli, Nubia Quintero-Edwards, Stanley Jacobs, William Cardone, Vincenza Siciliano, Louisa Butler, Judith King, Bernard Jones, Robert DeStefano, Jr., Raymond Collins, Lorraine Rakin, Wilson DeMyer, Peter Cosentino, Nadine Gallagher, Tim Rogers, Joan Davis, Debbie Huggler*

*We also remember in solidarity our common losses, as we pray for all those lost to the Pandemic, as well as those affected by the recent violence in schools and communities across our nation, and in the natural disasters across our nation. May those lost rest in God's eternal presence and may the family and friends who mourn them find God's peace, comfort, and consolation.*



### ***A PRAYER FOR LIFE***

Heavenly Father,

You who breathe life into creation by the power of the Holy Spirit and make each and every person in Your image and likeness, send forth the Holy Spirit anew upon those who are contemplating an abortion.

Dispel their fears, comfort them in sorrow and grant them courage to choose to bring forth this new life into the world, which is a precious gift from You.

Provide for them love and support from those around them to help ease the burden they carry at this time. Help them to see the light of Your face and Your joy.

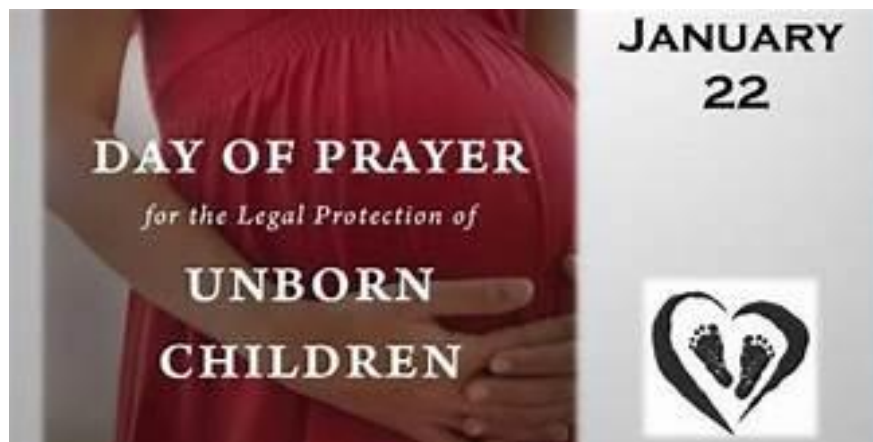
Delight in them and their child and grant them a spirit of wisdom and understanding to direct their path.

Mother Mary, you experienced misunderstanding for your unexpected pregnancy.

Pray for your children who are contemplating an abortion.

Intercede for them before the throne of God that they might have the grace to give life to their children and teach them how to give of themselves in self-sacrificial love as you did.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





## ***BLESSED FEASTS!***

***Feast Day: January 25<sup>th</sup>***

***Feast: The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle***

***Patron Saint of: missionaries, evangelists, writers, journalists, authors, public workers, rope and saddle makers, and tent makers***

### **Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

**JANUARY 25**

#### **WHO WAS PAUL?**

**St. Paul** was formerly known as Saul, a violent persecutor of the Lord's disciples. On his way to arrest them in Damascus, the risen Christ appeared to him in a brilliant light and said: "**Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?**" Saul was blinded by the light that was Christ. He asked, "**Who are you, Lord?**" and he was replied, "**I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.**" Following his baptism Paul became a powerful witness to Christ and established many Christian communities. He was martyred in Rome in the 60s AD.

"I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has **strengthened me**, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence ... **The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.** But for that very reason I received **mercy**, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen." -**St. Paul**  
(1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17)



**"CONVERSION** is not a question of a moment or a time of the year, it is an undertaking that lasts one's entire lifetime" and "**with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of His grace.**" (POPE FRANCIS: CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1431)



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***Feast: St. Timothy and Titus***

***Feast Day: January 26<sup>th</sup>***

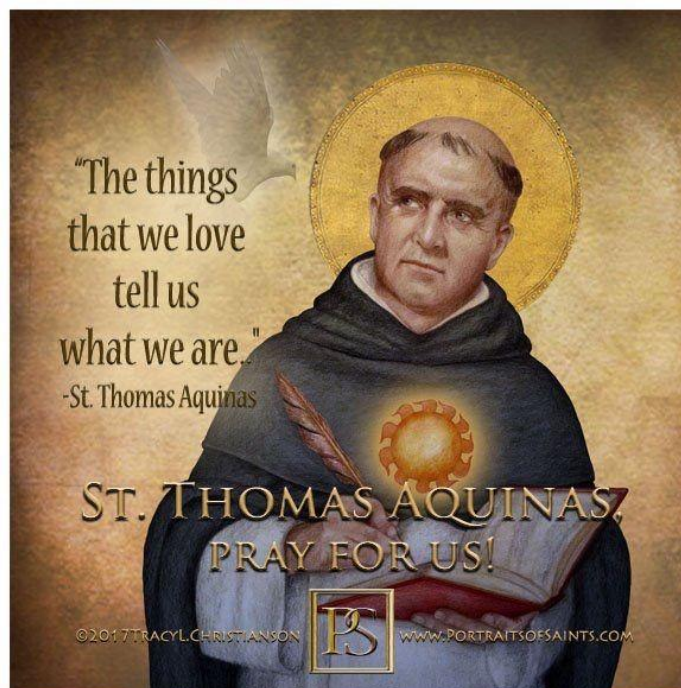
***Patron Saint of: St. Timothy – stomach and intestinal disorders;  
St. Titus – The US Army Chaplain Corp***



***Feast: St. Thomas Aquinas***

***Feast Day: January 28<sup>th</sup>***

***Patron Saint of: students and universities***







## ***OUR REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE***

***Saturday evenings at 7 PM:***

*Mass in Spanish*

***Sunday mornings at 10 AM:***

*Mass in English \*\**

***Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM:***

*Mass in English*

***Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:30 AM***

*Mass in English*

***\*\*We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Mass on Facebook Live  
(Communion will be available after Mass for those who wish to come to the Church to  
receive the Eucharist.)***