

## January 15, 2023: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MAY OUR JOY BE COMPLETE NOW AND FOREVER!

We have just completed a beautiful Christmas Season. Our hearts were filled with the LOVE OF JESUS. The Nativity Scene, the poinsettias, the Christmas trees, and the decorations are gone. But the JOY of CHRISTMAS continues in our hearts. MAY OUR JOY BE COMPLETE NOW AND FOREVER!

Last Thursday, Pope Francis presided over the Funeral Mass of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. It was an extraordinary event: the funeral of a retired Pope being presided by a reigning Pope! The Church's tradition is that a Pope is buried before the College of Cardinals elects a successor. Pope Benedict XVI resigned 10 years ago, the first Pope to do so in 600 years (see last week's column REMEMBERING POPE BENEDICT XVI).

When Pope John Paul II died in 2005, his long-time associate Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger presided over his funeral at St Peter's Square. I watched this amazing funeral Mass which gathered the largest-ever crowd. I will never forget the wind flipping the pages of the Book of the Gospel on top of John Paul II's coffin: The Holy Spirit was truly present! The Holy Spirit was shining on the face of Cardinal Ratzinger!

A few days later, Cardinal Ratzinger was elected Pope and chose the name of Benedict. The Holy Spirit was truly at work. In the last 50 years, the Church has been blessed with holy Popes: three of them have already been recognized as Saints: Pope St John XXIII, Pope St. Paul VI, and Pope St. John Paul II. I will not be surprised if Pope Benedict XVI is added soon to this list of Popes declared SAINTS. He may also join the select list of DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH.

Father Jan gave us an insightful presentation on Pope Benedict XVI as part of our First Saturday Devotion (January 7). God blessed Benedict with many gifts. Benedict loved our Holy Mother Church, and he devoted his entire life to sharing his gifts. As a well-known Professor of Theology, and a great writer, he participated as an "expert" in the preparation of the Second Vatican Council in the '60s. He had one of the greatest minds of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. At the same time, he was humble and prayerful. His Love of Christ permeated his writings and his priestly life. His great knowledge of the Scriptures and his own Faith in Christ allowed him to develop a new approach to Theology based on

Scripture. He also emphasized the role of the church as the Body of Christ: we Catholics are the members of the Body of Christ. When we participate as a community at Mass, we become ONE united in Christ.

Benedict wrote many great books. One of the favorite books of current seminarians and priests is the 3-volume "JESUS OF NAZARETH", which he published after becoming Pope. I have borrowed some of its insights in recent homilies. If you want to deepen your own relationship with Christ, I encourage you to order this book today! Then read it slowly through the next six months or so, you will find some gems!

I also invite you to read the entire homily by Pope Francis at Benedict's funeral on January 5 (see Vatican Website). His focus is entirely on the Scriptures of the day, while also reflecting on the role of pastors of the church. It is noteworthy that he mentioned the name of Benedict only once, at the end of his homily:

"BENEDICT...MAY YOUR JOY BE COMPLETE NOW AND FOREVER! "

Let us pray to the HOLY SPIRIT: "may our joy be complete now and forever"

May we have a blessed and joyful Feast of the Holy Child from 3 pm this Sunday afternoon January 15! VIVA PIT SENYOR: Hail Lord, listen to our prayers!

One in Christ,  
Fr. Alain



\*We are asked to pray for:

**Josephina Knapp**  
**David Mesler**  
**Genevieve Van Gordon**  
**Brandon Mack**

**Nadashda Mack**  
**David James Kitley**  
**Justin Farmer**  
**Laura Flaim**  
**Theodore Danicco Hall**  
**Angelo Sparacino**

**Maria de La Rosa**

*Names will be removed after 3 months.*



### Mass Intentions this Week

**Saturday, January 14,**  
**9:00 AM:** Juana Hernandez (+)  
**5 :00 PM:** John Kosierowski (+)  
**Sunday, January 15,**  
**8:30 AM:** Isaiah Strawberry  
**10:00AM:** Ouedraogo family  
**11:30 AM:** Don Lane (+)  
**7:00 PM:** Emilio Vega Arellano (+)  
**Monday, January 16,**  
**7:00 AM:** Denise Rivera (+)  
**9:00AM:** Matthew & Adam Gerom Michelitch

**Tuesday, January 17,**  
**9:00AM:** Casimiro Hernandez (+)  
**Wednesday, January 18,**  
**9:00 AM:** Filemon Hernandez (+)  
**7:00PM:** Cussandr St pier  
**Thursday, January 19,**  
**9:00AM:** Daniel Andrews  
**Friday, January 20,**  
**7:00 AM:** Denise Rivera (+)  
**9:00 AM:** Filemon Hernandez (+)



**Next Healing Mass, Sunday February 19, 2023 at 7 PM**

"The longing for happiness, deeply rooted in the human heart, has always been accompanied by a desire to be freed from illness and to be able to understand the meaning of sickness when it is experienced. This is a human phenomenon, which in some way concerns every person and finds particular resonance in the Church, where sickness is understood as a means of union with Christ and of spiritual purification. Moreover, for those who find themselves in the presence of a sick person, it is an occasion for the exercise of charity. But this is not all, because sickness, like other forms of human suffering, is a privileged moment for prayer, whether asking for grace, or for the ability to accept sickness in a spirit of faith and conformity to God's will, or also for asking for healing" EWTN, author CDF

**Tuesday Scripture Study** - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

**Friday Scripture Study** - The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

**First Friday** - The first Friday of each month the evening Mass in Latin is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, devotion to the Alliance of the two Hearts.

**First Saturday** - Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

**Divine Mercy** - Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

**OLHOC Prayer Chain**

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email [office@olhoc.org](mailto:office@olhoc.org).

### Mass Readings for January 22, 2023

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

##### **\*First Reading**

**Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

##### **\*Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17**

##### **\*Gospel**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

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**Sto Nino:  
Feast of the  
Holy Child**



**Feast Day: January 15, 2023 - Sunday**

**Preparation/Exposition/Private Prayers: 3:00 pm.**

**Holy Rosary: 3:30 pm.**

**HOLY MASS: 4:00 pm. / Main Celebrant: Fr. Alain Colliou**

**Procession Outdoors: 5:30 pm.**

**Traditional Dances (Sinulog)/Program: 6:00 pm.**

**(Fellowship Dinner will follow right after at the Fr. Martin Hall)**

**“Viva Pit Senyor!”  
("Hail Lord, listen to our prayers!")**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

This year Bishop Roy E. Campbell will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This celebration is to highlight the witness to the Catholic vocation of marriage and the beauty of God's plan for married life. Couples must register with the parish office to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year by January 19, 2023.

Please call/email the office if you are interested.

**Baby Bottles**

A big thank you to all who donated for the Catherine Foundation. Our parish donated over \$1,000 to this organization that helps newborn babies and their moms.

If you still have a bottle, please bring it to the office, we will return it to them, with or without money. Thanks!

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Book discussion

Thursday January 26th at 7 pm. We hope you enjoy reading "a Father who keeps His Promise" by Scott Hahn. We will have a discussion about your take- aways on January 26 at 7 pm. Come, tell everyone what message you received and listen to what others might have received from "a Father who Keeps his Promise"

### Outreach

We start the New Year with a special thanks to Fr. Jan, the OLHOC Altar Servers and Girl Scouts who showed up to help deliver the Christmas food baskets on Dec. 18th. You helped make it all a huge success.

Our next Outreach meeting is on Feb. 1, 2023. All are welcome with new ideas for the new year! We meet at 7 p.m. in the Fr. Martin Hall at 7 p. m.

The next Shepherd's Table is Feb. 16, 2023. We hope to see you there!

### Guadalupe Radio Network -WMET 1160 AM

Guadalupe Radio Network's WMET 1160 AM is the first Catholic radio station in the Nation's Capital Region since 2010. They are here to serve the Church and endeavor to lead souls back to Jesus Christ through His holy Catholic Church, through the use of the powerful medium of radio



We are closed Monday, January 15 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.  
See you January 17th!

### Poinsettias

If you would like to pick up a poinsettia that was on the Altar during the Christmas season, please pick them up from the office entrance.

Given on a first come basis!

