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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

- SUN 1/24** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
- MON 1/25** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
- TUE 1/26** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
- WED 1/27** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
- THR 1/28** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
- FRI 1/29** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
- SAT 1/30** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
- SUN 1/31** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Tuesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Wednesday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** BVM
- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

“Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn’t a human being alive who hasn’t acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. “Why did I act that way?” is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God’s grace we now see the light.



THE CONVERSION OF
ST. PAUL
THE APOSTLE

Teach me
your
ways.

— PSALM 25 —

COMMUNION
(drive-thru under the porch at the Family Center)
Saturday, January 23 from 5:20 to 5:30 pm
Sunday, January 24 from 9:50 to 10:00 am

**RALLY FOR LIFE
SUPPLY DRIVE**
in support of Birthright
The youth are collecting new baby items.
Supplies needed: diapers, wipes, socks,
onesies, baby bath, lotions, blankets, etc.
Final day to bring items: January 31

Weekly Stewardship
January 16 & 17 \$ 2337.00
Thank you for your generosity.
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RELIGIOUS ARTICLES
Open on Sundays
for a few minutes





REMEMBER
in your prayers

Les Peterson, Charles Dean, Charles Cotton; Mike Toliver; Troy Lange, Maureen Peltier, Connie McDowell, Wayne Norton, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Fr. Frank Rossi, the unemployed, those in financial crisis, those seeking employment, those in need of food and shelter

Homebound/Nursing Home: Mary Goodwine, Agnes Smith, Audrey Douzant, Lucille Muzny, Mirley Trahan, Leola Kimball, Evelyn Sienkiewicz, Jeannette Borque

Repose of the soul: Flora Nell Durham, Martha Duckworth, Bishop Vincent Rizzotto, Amy Lunsford; Susan Peterson, Elias Hernandez

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTOR
Let’s join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00pm.

- January 25- January 31**
- Wednesday:** Rosary - 4:00pm
Mass - 4:30pm
RCIA - 6:30pm
 - Thursday:** Communion Service - 4:00pm
followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - Friday:** Stations of the Cross - 5:00pm
followed by Communion Service
 - Saturday:** Vigil Mass - 4:30pm
Spanish Mass - 6:30pm
 - Sunday:** Mass - 9:00am

Question: Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

Answer: In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion “wafer” that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: “The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament” (see Redemptionis Sacramentum by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48). The Church’s tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the “matter” of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a “wafer” — which is properly called a “host” — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. “raised”) bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white “wafer” is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK
REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:
Although initially reluctant to be one of God’s prophets, Jonah was ultimately successful in getting the Ninevites to repent of their sins. When do you find yourself resisting God’s will?

Second Reading:
In trying to awaken a sense of spiritual urgency, Paul taught the Corinthians that Christ’s return was imminent and that, “time is running out.” How can a sense of urgency aid one’s spiritual life?

Gospel:
In Mark’s account of the call of the first disciples, Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John immediately answer Jesus’ call to follow him. How would you describe your response to Jesus’ call in your life?

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