

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**INVEST JUST FIVE MINUTES A DAY,
AND YOUR FAITH WILL DEEPEN AND
GROW, A DAY AT A TIME.**

SUNDAY, JAN 23, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / WORD OF GOD SUNDAY THOSE AREN'T FIGHTING WORDS

Most fights don't start with a punch, but with a word. That's because words are among the most powerful forces on the planet. Ideas divide or unite a society. Insults scar, just as kind words can heal. Our sacred story contained in scripture is a word meant to make the world whole. Pope Francis asks us to honor the word of God this Sunday. We begin by symbolically enthroning the Bible in our homes today: putting it in a place of honor. This reminds us of the deeper enthronement of God's word in our hearts. Make room for one Bible verse every day. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69). "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

MONDAY, JAN 24, 2022 MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH GOD, OUR SHIELD AND OUR STRENGTH

We live in tumultuous times for sure. But the world has been topsyturvy before. Saint Francis de Sales lived during the religious, political, and social upheaval of the Protestant Reformation. And he became known for his gentleness and patience in the face of it. Leave it to him, the patron saint of writers, to pen a prayer that is timeless balm for troubled souls: "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations . . ." A balm for these troubled times. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (317). "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."*

TUESDAY, JAN 25, 2022 FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART

Paul has always been a controversial figure. Before becoming a Christian, he was a persecutor of Jesus' followers. Paul's biblical words advising women to be submissive to their husbands have been alternately obeyed, rejected, and

reinterpreted. But the word "conversion" on this feast reminds us what Christian life is about. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes Saint Ambrose on the "two conversions" in Christian life—one of them a one-time event and the other ongoing. "There are water and tears, the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance." What parts of your life still require repentance?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). "Jesus . . . appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."*

Wednesday, Jan 26, 2022 MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS Stay the course

Evangelizing and living the gospel demands much of us. Saints Timothy and Titus serve as examples to us of holding fast to the faith among difficult circumstances. Friends and companions of Saint Paul, they ended up becoming bishops and leaders of the early church. They helped Paul to spread the gospel during those difficult early years. Timothy paid the ultimate price for encouraging others to embrace the emerging Christian faith. Reflect on the ways you choose to follow Jesus Christ and embrace his mission despite the challenges and difficulties it presents.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:1-20 (520; Gospel 319). "[T]hose sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."*

THURSDAY, JAN 27, 2022 MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER WISE COUNSEL FOR THE OVERWHELMED

On this memorial of Saint Angela Merici, 16th-century founder of the Ursuline Sisters, it makes sense to recall one of her many insights into faith-filled living. She advised the overwhelmed thus: "Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand." May you find that saving hand when you reach the end of your rope. **TODAY'S READINGS:** *2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25 (320). "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand?"*

FRIDAY, JAN 28, 2022 MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH ROOT YOURSELF IN HONESTY

G.K. Chesterton once said of philosopher and theologian Thomas Aquinas, "Being himself resolved to argue, to argue honestly, to answer everybody, to deal with everything, he produced books enough to sink a ship or stock a library." We could use a little more Thomas in our media, especially social media, because today we're not always sure if things are actually true or merely "internet true." For Thomas, honesty was key to communication. He considered it beautiful, honorable, and a reflection of moral goodness itself. May we take to heart his commitment to honesty in all of our communication.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34 (321). "Once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."*

SATURDAY, JAN 29, 2022 SEA OF HOPE

Alonzo Ketcham Parker, a 19th-century travel writer, called the Sea of Galilee "a fifth gospel" due to the amount of biblical history that occurred on its shores. It is the site where Jesus performed many of his most renowned miracles, such as walking on water, calming the storm, and feeding the multitude. Villages and settlements dotted the shore in Jesus' day, and most of Jesus' followers probably gained their livelihood and nourished their families from its bounty. The nourishment continues every time we read the vivid accounts of biblical drama that occur on the holiest of seas. Dive in!

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 (322). "He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Quiet! Be still!' The wind ceased and there was great calm."*

Next Sunday SUNDAY, JAN 30, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CHILDREN SHOULD BE SEEN, HEARD—AND GUIDED

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke 4:21-30 (72). "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you."*

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Jan. 22-23, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Catholic Church has much to offer the world: core beliefs and teachings; the love of Christ celebrated in the sacraments; the experience of the Holy Spirit in community. Because of this we have the confidence to work and pray for Christian unity. In what ways do you share the treasure of our faith with others?

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JANUARY 23, 2022 ~ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUSTIN, TX.
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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY JANUARY 23, 8:00AM

Safe travels for Father Basil, as he travels throughout his country.

For all Holy Cross sick and shut-in Parishioners.

SUNDAY JANUARY 23, 10:00AM

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Happy Birthday to Gladys Julian in Heaven, requested by Don and Brenda Jones family

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY MASS
8:00am – 10:00AM

FAMILY ROSARY ZOOM
SUNDAY - 8:30PM

JANUARY 16, 2022

OFFERTORY	\$2017.00
E-GIVING	2486.78
SVDP	465.00
SVDP(E-G)	429.00
FLC/DR(E-GIVING	2031.00
FLC/DR	100.00
MSP(E-GIVING)	29.00
MSP	25.00
NEEDS OF PARISH	50.00
NEEDS OF PARISH(E-GIV)	1194.00
Raffle	145.00
AC Repair	25.00
WISH LIST	250.00

TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FOUND IN OUR GRAY HARDBACK, "WORD OF THE LORD", LECTIONARY, YEAR C, PAGE 532.

GREETING FROM FATHER BASIL

Dear Parishioners:

Thank each one of you for your prayers and gifts. I arrived safely in Nigera to be with my mom and family. Please know, you all will be in my daily prays, as I hope I will be in yours. Stay safe may God continue to Bless you.

Father Basil

SYNOD LISTENING SESSION

The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops. In preparation for the international Synod of Bishops in 2023, Pope Francis wants your input on the topic of "For a Synodal Church, Communion, Participation, and Mission." You are invited to join Father Basil for a virtual parish listening session via Zoom on Thursday, February 3, 2022, 6-8:30 pm, which will be facilitated by Joyce James. Please invite family and friends — Bishop Vásquez wants everyone to participate in this listening session. To RSVP, please email Shannon Johnson at shannondmj@gmail.com and a Zoom link will be emailed to attendees. If you can't make the parish listening session, please take the time to share your opinion online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DOASynodalChurch>. If you are not able to attend the Zoom meeting or submit your opinion online, please call Shannon Johnson at 512-922-3423 for other options to provide input.

DEANERIES COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

All ladies of the parish are invited to the January 29, 2022, Austin Deaneries Council of Catholic Women meeting at St. Theresa Church, 4311 Small Drive, Austin. The meeting begins with Mass at 9AM and should conclude by noon. Sara Ramirez, Executive Director of Catholic Charities is the guest speaker. For more information, contact president Eleanor Langsdorf at 512-873-0480.

CONGRATULATIONS HOLY CROSS PARISHIONERS!

Thank you for all your hard work and effort in supporting this year's Catholic Services Appeal!! I was recently notified that our parish has exceeded the pledge goal of \$19,500. We are currently at a total ledged amount of \$24,155 and have reached 124% of our parish goal! Please continue to honor your pledges by making payments on them and may God continue to bless you all abundantly!

Sincerely, Lena Brown-Owens

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ella Adams	Mary Anthony
Evelyn Battle	Mildred Carter
B.J. Dukes	Jude Ekpe
Monica Godsey	Lester Johnson
Marion Welch	Vonnye Rice-Gardner
Pearl Cox	Bernadette Phifer
Ella Pease	Betty Ridley
Mary Sobers	Mary Waters
Frances Brown	Moffett Waters
Gloria Harris	Cornelius Harris
Tina Frank	
Dr. Joe Quander	Naomi White
DeKarlos Blackmon	
Jim & Sylvia Castro	

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