

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of St. Joseph, are committed to follow Jesus Christ. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to be good stewards in our lives. We pray for peace, forgiveness, and for one another as Christ loves us!

The Roman Catholic Community of Saint Joseph

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

Daily: Monday and Friday: 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation

7:30 pm Vigil (Evening before)
and 8:00 am on the Holyday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00–3:30 pm
or anytime by appointment

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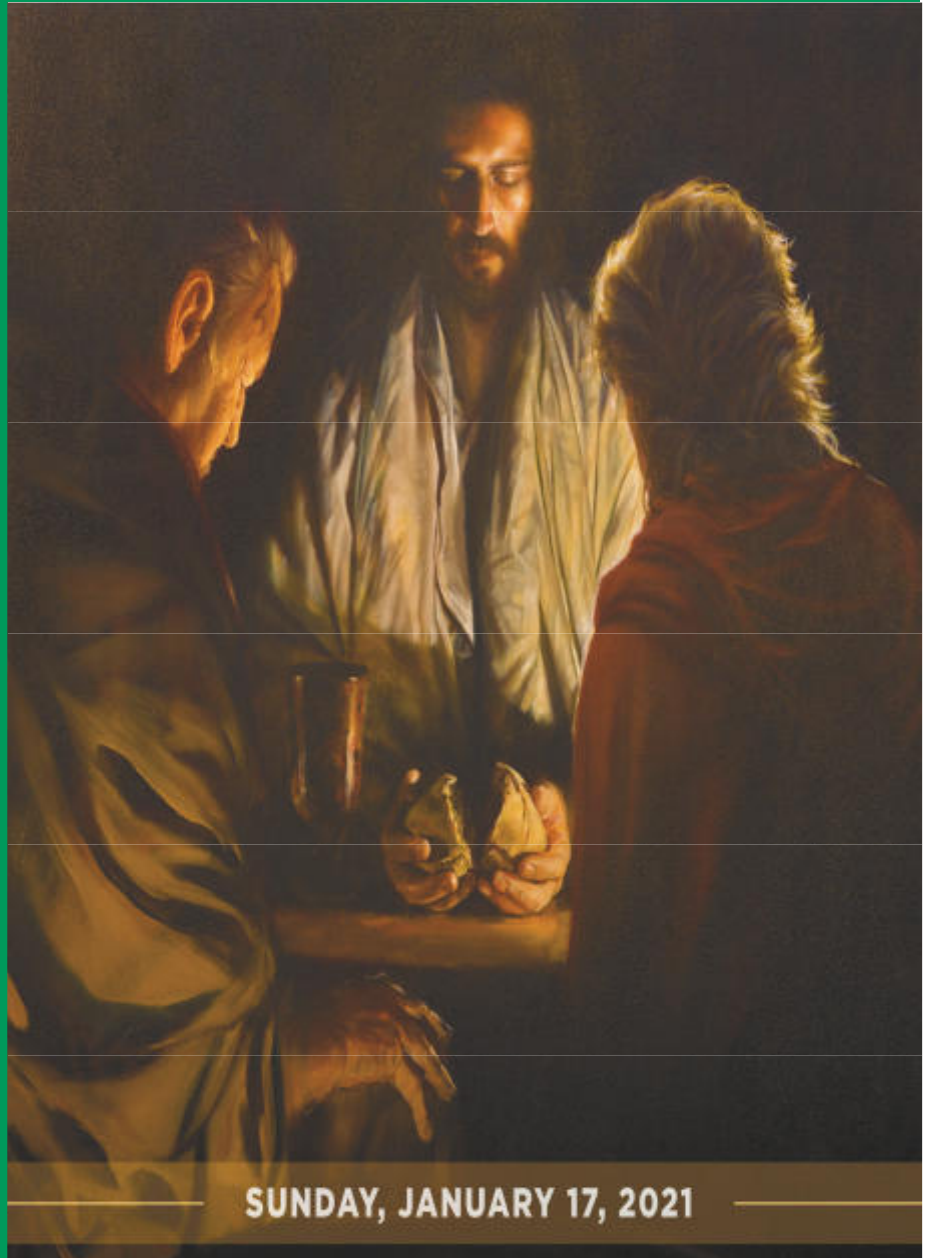
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

SUN 1/17	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
MON 1/18	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
TUE 1/19	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
WED 1/20	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
THR 1/21	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
FRI 1/22	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
SAT 1/23	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

Sunday:	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday:	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Thursday:	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Friday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Saturday:	St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM
Sunday:	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.



*The time is
always right
to do what
is right.*

— DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

Monday, January 18, 2021

No Scheduled 8:00 am Mass

Parish Office Closed

Priest of the Day – Rev. John Primich

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Priest of the Day– Rev. John Pringle

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Priest of the Day– Rev. Msgr. Eugene Prus

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Priest of the Day– Rev. Msgr. Edward Puleo

Friday, January 22, 2021

8:00 am Jacqueline Evon

Priest of the Day – Rev. Roy Quesua

Saturday, January 23, 2021

Vigil Mass of The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm + Living & deceased members of
the Jackson family

Priest of the Day – Rev. Albert Roca

Sunday, January 24, 2021

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am + Barbara Bukovecky

People of the Parish

Priest of the Day – Rev. Jorge Rojas, IMC

Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood for our
Diocese, and also for Religious Priests, Brothers and Sisters.

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sanctuary Candle

Blessed Virgin Mary

+ Gail Allard

St. Joseph

Paschal Candle-2020

In Memory of Minarovich, Mac Math,
Peppe Families.



OUR PARISH PRAYER LIST PLEASE

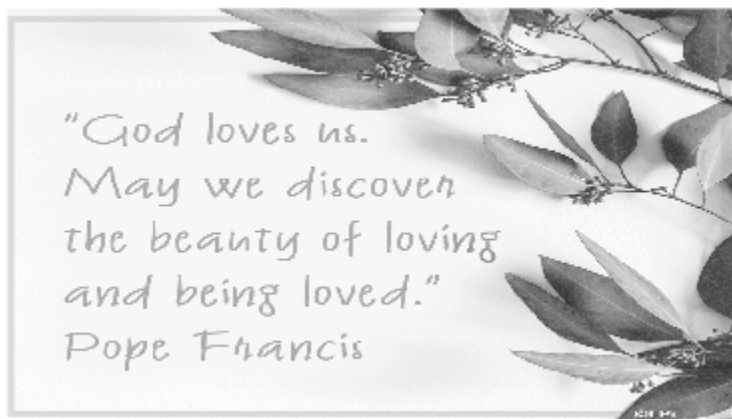
PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Joan Chopay	Betty Phelan
Elizabeth Anne Dwyer	Natasha Polinko
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Donna Kelly	Richard Wisniewski
Roseanne Kielar	Carolyn Yashinski
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2020 Tax Statements sent by email

All Year End statements will again be delivered to you in your email account. If you require a year end statement for tax purposes-**PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL to parishoffice@sjraritan.org** requesting a copy of your year end statement and **it will arrive to you by January 31st**. If you do not have a computer and printer, then you must send a self addressed envelope:

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Offertory Collection Summary**

Weekend of January 9 & 10, 2021

Offertory.....	\$1,318.00
Parish Utilities.....	\$761.00
Insurance & Assessment.....	\$185.00
Christmas (Residual).....	\$200.00
Mary, Mother of God (Residual).....	\$101.00
Together in Charity (Residual).....	\$71.00

Online Giving

Offertory.....	\$600.00
Parish Utilities.....	\$55.00
Mary, Mother of God.....	\$10.00
Together in Charity.....	\$55.00

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

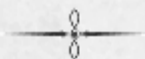
**Here I Am,
Lord
Psalm 40**

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



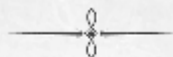
FIRST READING

When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:9-10)



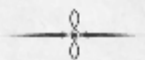
PSALM

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)



SECOND READING

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)



GOSPEL

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive head long into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and duller of to-do lists, on the longest and duller of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

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- Jn 1:38-39a

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Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

Eli was the priest of the temple in Shiloh. He raised Samuel and helped Samuel to hear God's voice in his life. Who have you taught to hear God's voice?

Paul taught the Corinthians that believers should "glorify God in your body" by avoiding immorality. What do you think is needed to live a good, moral life?

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, Jesus poses the question, "What are you looking for?" In your own spiritual journey, how do you know you have found Jesus?

BE STILL,
AND KNOW THAT
I AM GOD.

P S A L M 46:10

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS
PURCHASED
SOMETHING
VERY VALUABLE,
AND HE WANTS
YOU TO BE IN
CHARGE OF -
TAKING CARE
OF IT FOR HIM!

OH, WHAT
IS IT?

YOU

12/11/2017

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Mexican families share a special treat called a Kings' Cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is one tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. If you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today's Gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you.

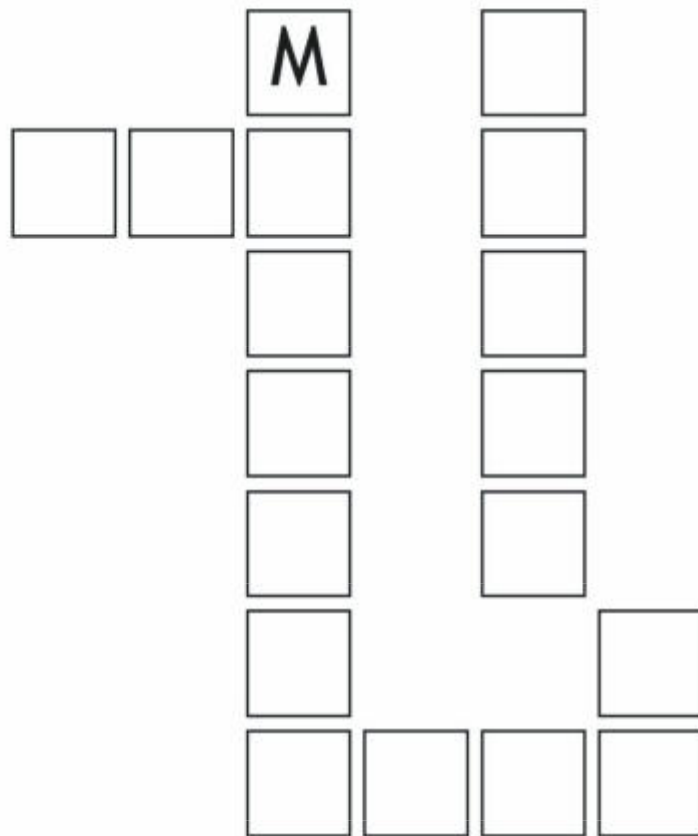
MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your family if you could include Kings' Cake in your holiday celebrations next year.

KIDS CORNER

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

We have found the Messiah.





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