



January 23, 2022
The Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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Parish Secretary:

Stacey Lampe

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Tues to Fri
1:30pm to 4:30pm

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday : 4:00 p.m.
Sunday : 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday : 9:15 a.m.
Thursday : 9:15 a.m.
Friday : 9:15 a.m.

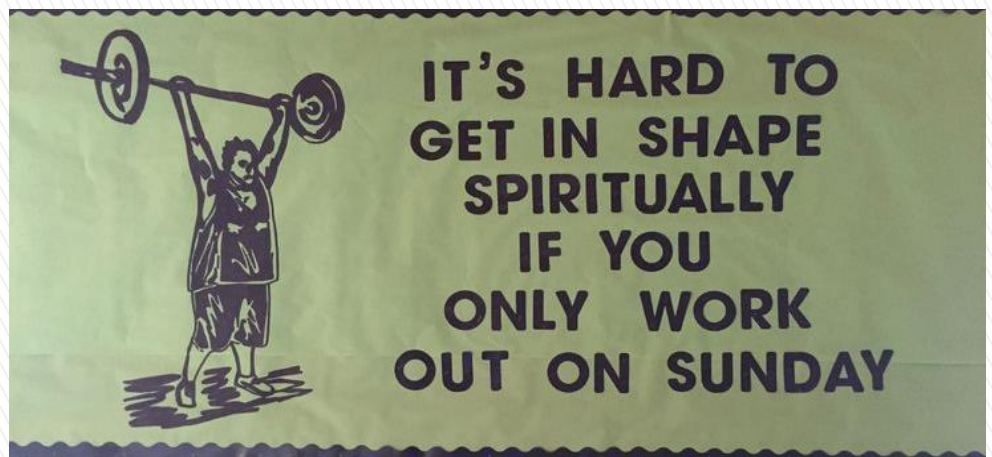
Weekday Mass at St. Gerard Majella, 211 Pentagon Blvd.

Monday: 9:15 a.m. , Tuesday: 9:15 a.m.

Parish Covenant & Mission

Covenant: As a hope-filled, Christ-centered people, the community of St. Jerome Parish will strive to make Christ visible as we reach out to love, serve and support all God's people.

Mission: In love and service St. Jerome Parish will seek to meet its covenant commitment through life giving liturgy, religious education, outreach and community building.



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- 4) E-transfer to stjerome@diocesessm.org (please include name and address in comment box).

Call the Parish Office for more information.

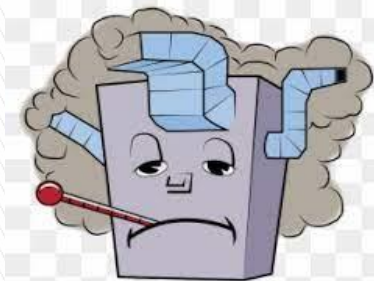
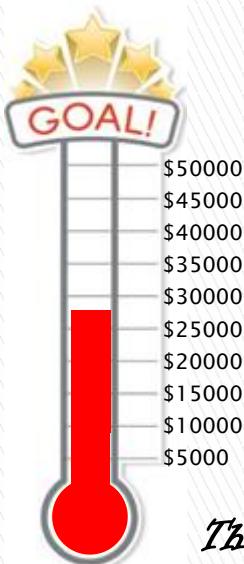
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We thank you all for your continued cooperation, understanding and financial support to our parish during these difficult times. Your love for the parish is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, our heating system in the church has failed and we need of a new one. We cannot do it without your help. It will cost approximately \$45000 – \$50000. Would you be able to make a gift to your spiritual home? Please make cheques payable to St. Jerome Church; include on envelope and cheque: "Furnace Fund".

We are aware of the current financial crisis so, if any gifting is imposing a level of hardship of any kind whatsoever, please do not donate.

Furnace Fund To date



Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions

Jan 24 to Jan 30, 2022

† denotes a Mass for a deceased person

♥ denotes a Mass for a living person

Wednesday, Jan 26, 9:15 a.m. in Church:

† Rebecca Weingartner by LouAnn & Dennis McCormick

Thursday, Jan 27, 9:15 a.m. in Church:

† Patricia Keyers by Sister Roberta

Friday, Jan 28, 9:15 p.m. in Church :

† Neil White by all the Begin Nieces & Nephews

Saturday, Jan 29, 4:00 p.m. in Church:

† Sharron Yadivisiak by Dawn Malone

† Rebecca Ann Wilson (nee Weingartner) by Barb & David Lawrence

† Jack Moore by his wife Connie & Family

Sunday, Jan 30, 10:00 a.m. in Church:

† Rebecca Weingartner by Bacco, Joan & Ron

† Jenette Cardinali by Patrick & Betty Courneene
St Jerome Parish by Linda Mizzi

*The LORD is my strength and
my shield,
in whom my heart trusts.
Psalm 28:7*

Sunday Collection: January 3 – Jan 9, 2022

Sunday donations	\$392.00
Building Fund	\$3,570.00
On-line giving	\$0.00
Other	\$1,091.77
Total income	\$5,053.77
Furnace fund to-date	\$28,775.00

Your responses can be submitted online using the form on the diocesan website:

<https://dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/synod> and then

emailed to synod@ssmd.ca or submitted to us by email, bring the page to the office, or you can put your page into the collection box.



Synod 2021 2023 Let us Participate!!

1. **LISTENING** Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice. How are the laity listened to, especially women and young people? How is the contribution of consecrated men and women integrated? What are some limitations in our ability to listen, especially to those who have different views than our own?
2. **FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY** Synodality entails receptivity to change, formation, and on-going learning. How does our church community form people to be more capable of “walking together,” listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue? What formation is offered to foster discernment and the exercise of authority in a synodal way?
3. **COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY** In the Church and in society we are side by side on the same road. In our local Church, who are those who “walk together”? Who are those who seem further apart? How are we called to grow as companions? What groups or individuals are left on the margins?
4. **SPEAKING OUT** All are invited to speak with courage that is, in freedom, truth, and charity. Who speaks on behalf of the Christian community, and how are they chosen?
5. **CELEBRATION** “Walking together” is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist. How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy?
6. **SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION** Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church, in which all members are called to participate. How is every baptised person called to participate in the mission of the Church? What hinders the baptised from being active in mission? What areas of mission are we neglecting?
7. **DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY** Dialogue requires perseverance and patience, but it also enables mutual understanding. To what extent do diverse peoples in our community come together for dialogue? What are the places and means of dialogue within our local Church?
8. **ECUMENISM** The dialogue between Christians has a special place in the synodal journey. What relationships does our Church community have with members of other Christian traditions and denominations?
9. **AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION** A synodal church is a co-responsible Church. How is authority or governance exercised within our local Church? How are teamwork and co-responsibility put into practice? How are lay ministries and the responsibility of lay people promoted?
10. **DISCERNING AND DECIDING** In a synodal style we make decisions through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community. What tools and procedures do we use to promote transparency and accountability? How can we grow in communal spiritual discernment?

Fulfilled in Your Hearing

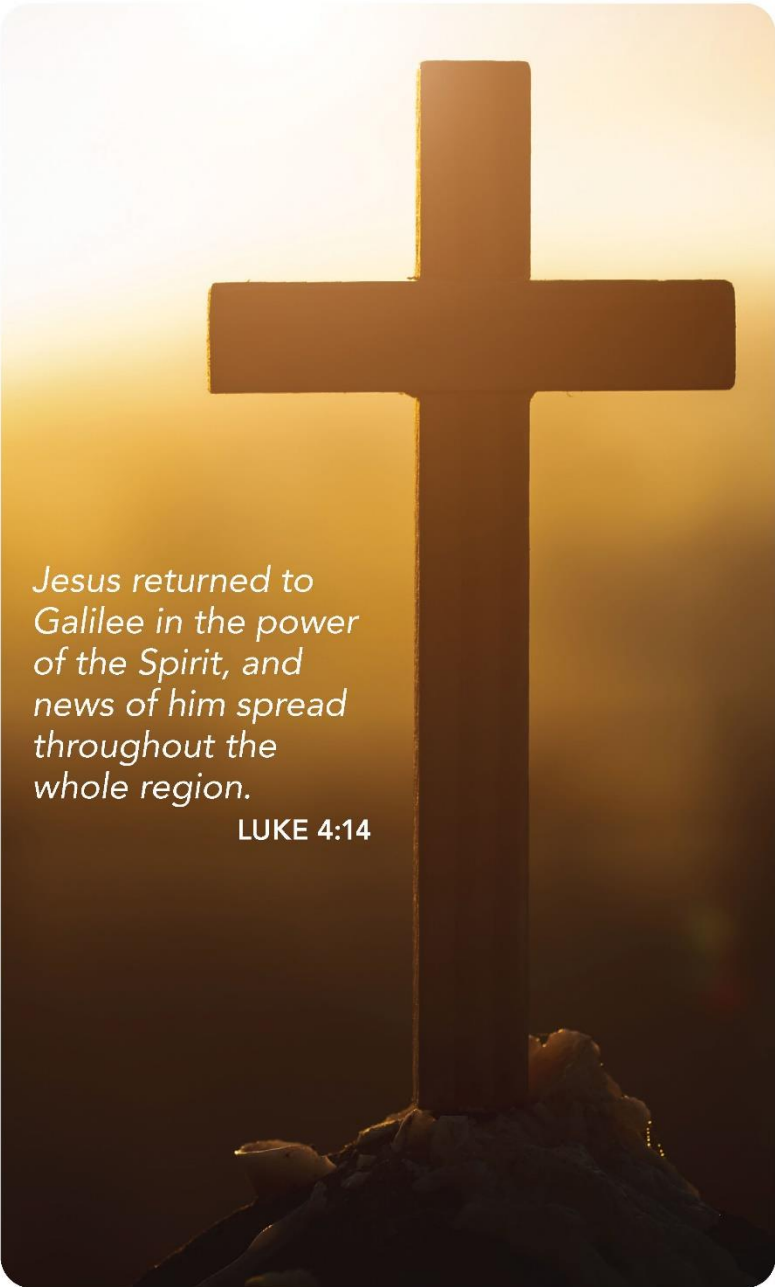
When we hear that phrase, we might be inclined to think of prophecy.

However, today's readings suggest something a bit different. True, in today's Gospel, Jesus states that he is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah. However, the way that passage was fulfilled by Jesus was not the way his hearers expected. The passage seems to promise a change in society where there will be no more poor or prisoners. The people expected a political change which would overthrow Roman control. Jesus' application was quite different. The fulfillment of that prophecy included a new and often radical way of understanding society. In other words, Jesus revealed the true meaning of the prophecy.

Such reapplication is even clearer in the first reading. Nehemiah, the Jewish leader of those who had returned from Babylonian exile, gathered all the community together, read the Law, and then reapplied it for them.

Reapplication is often necessary because what might have been a helpful way of understanding something in our faith under some circumstances might be impractical, even inappropriate, in others. For example, to pray for an end to war is important, but to do nothing to work for peace changes how we understand prayer. Circumstances often change as we go through life. Reapplication of our faith acknowledges this and searches for ways that faith can continue to address those changing circumstances. Faithful reapplication always keeps our religious tradition alive and meaningful.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.

LUKE 4:14

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *In many ways the Second Vatican Council reapplied our faith. How has your understanding of how to apply our faith changed in your lifetime?*
- ✦ *Is there anything that you think still should change? Why do you think this?*

Dear Padre,

In your previous column you wrote that the Mass commemorates Jesus' Last Supper and is a thanksgiving for God's gifts to us. Are there other reasons to get out of bed early and attend Sunday Mass?

The Mass is all about giving thanks for God's forgiveness of sins and his plan for eternal life. In fact, *Eucharist* is derived from the Greek word meaning "gratitude" or "thanksgiving." But there are many other reasons to participate in the Mass.

The Mass is our opportunity to be present with our Lord in the forms of bread and wine. God doesn't usually make frightening appearances to us



accompanied by crashing thunder and lightning. Rather, he makes himself accessible to us in the humble form of food. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

As St. Augustine put it, when we receive Christ in

these forms, we become what we receive. We are the body of Christ, not as individuals but as his Church. His Church is his physical presence on earth today, the way people come into contact with Christ.

When we participate in the Mass, we become witnesses to all of this: our liberation from sin and death; our Lord's Real Presence to us in the forms of bread and wine; and we, as Church, becoming what we receive—the body of Christ. Can there be better reasons for waking up on a Sunday morning and attending Mass?

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason, we Christians go to encounter the Lord...in the Eucharistic celebration.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, DECEMBER 13, 2017

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 24

*St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

2 Sm 5:1–7, 10

Mk 3:22–30

Tuesday

JANUARY 25

*The Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle*

Acts 22:3–16

or Acts 9:1–22

Mk 16:15–18

Wednesday

JANUARY 26

*Sts. Timothy and Titus,
Bishops*

2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5

Mk 4:1–20

Thursday

JANUARY 27

Weekday

2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29

Mk 4:21–25

Friday

JANUARY 28

*St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church*

2 Sm 11:1–4a,

5–10a, 13–17

Mk 4:26–34

Saturday

JANUARY 29

Weekday

2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17

Mk 4:35–41

Sunday

JANUARY 30

*Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Jer 1:4–5, 17–19

1 Cor 12:31–13:13

or 13:4–13

Lk 4:21–30

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THEOLOGY PERKING

February 10, 2022

7:00 – 8:30 pm (via zoom)

Presenter: Tony Chezzi

Pillow Talk:

Growing In Intimacy With God

Pillow Talk creates an image of lovers opening up to one another, being vulnerable and growing into a deeper, loving relationship as they lower their barriers and reveal more to their beloved.

RSVP:

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by February 8, 2022



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