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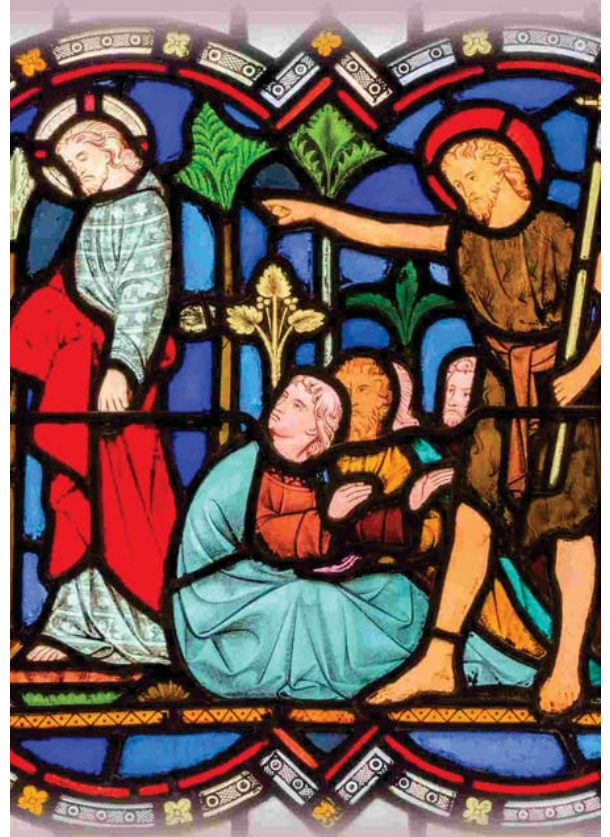


En aquel tiempo, vio Juan el Bautista a Jesús, que venía hacia él, y exclamó:
“Éste es el Cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo”.

Jn 1, 29

2ND

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

John 1:29

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ST. MONICA

Saturday January 17:

5:00 PM: People of the parish

Sunday January 18:

10:30 AM: Margaret Rooney 1 yr,
Frederick Rooney 5 yr
12:30 PM:

Wednesday 21:

7:00 PM: Charles Artesani, Jr.

Friday January 23:

9:00 AM: Kathleen Malone

Saturday January 24:

5:00 PM: Gail Mullin

Sunday January 25:

10:30 AM: People of the parish
12:30 PM:

ST. PETER

Sunday January 18:

9:00 AM: Helen Zaremba
10:30 AM: Ona & Jouzas Girnius

Thursday January 22:

9:00 AM: People of the parish

Sunday January 25:

9:00 AM: Anna Gannon Curran (Birthday Memorial)
10:30 AM: Danute Rimkus (1st Anniv)

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday: 4:00 PM St. Monica

Wednesday: 6:00 PM St. Monica

Sunday: 8:00 AM St. Peter



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our gospel we hear John the Baptist giving testimony about witnessing Jesus' baptism. John was clear that God's will for him was to point to Christ and proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God. Our faith and Sacred Scripture confirm the truth that Jesus is the Son of God. God's will for each one of us is to speak the name of Jesus and tell of His work in our lives. That is our calling and that is what being a disciple involves. Ask for the courage to see when and how you can testify – talk about - Jesus.

Online Giving

If you would like to make contributions online, please go to our webpage: [HTTPS://sbscatholic.org](https://sbscatholic.org) and click on the Give button. You will then have an opportunity to donate to St. Peter Church, St. Monica Church, St Monica Food Pantry, and St. Monica Good Samaritan Ministry.



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January Peace Breakfast

Our next Peace Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 24th at St. Monica church from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Please join us for a free meal and an opportunity to meet and spend time with some of our neighbors. If you would like to volunteer and help set up, serve and clean up after, please come to the church at 8:30AM. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

Desayuno de la Paz de Enero

Nuestro próximo Desayuno de la Paz se llevará a cabo el sábado 24 de enero en la iglesia St. Monica de 9:00 a 11:00 a.m. Por favor, acompáñanos para disfrutar de una comida gratuita y una oportunidad de conocer y pasar tiempo con algunos de nuestros vecinos. Si deseas ser voluntario y ayudar a preparar, servir y limpiar después, por favor llega a la iglesia a las 8:30 a.m. Todos son bienvenidos. ¡Trae a un amigo!

Fr. Kennedy Away- No weekday Masses: 9-13 February

Fr. Kennedy will be away on retreat from 9-13 February. There will be no Masses on Wednesday, February 11th, Thursday, February 12th or Friday, February 13th. The regular Mass schedule will resume on Saturday, February 14th.

Padre Kennedy ausente - No habrá misas entre semana: 9-13 febrero

El Padre Kennedy estará ausente por un retiro del 9 al 13 de febrero. No habrá misas el miércoles 11 de febrero, jueves 12 de febrero ni viernes 13 de febrero. El horario regular de misas se reanudará el sábado 14 de febrero.

Weekly Offertory

January 4, 2026

St. Monica: \$ 646

St. Peter (Lithuanian): \$ 1313

January Second Collections

January 18: Snow Removal

January 25: Church in Latin America

Please pray for our parishioners who cannot join us at Mass.

Ann Ford, Veronika Gavelis, John Healy, Kathleen Kenny, Bernadette Moss McGowan, Alice Ruseckas, Florence Zaleskas, Helen Suprin, Pat Ronca

Saint Agnes

Agnes may have been only 12 or 13 when she died a martyr's death in Rome. According to tradition, she refused to consider marrying and consecrated her maidenhood to God. When a persecution broke out, she left home and offered herself for martyrdom, probably dying by being stabbed in the throat, a common form of Roman execution. She was buried in a cemetery in the Via Nomentana, where a church honoring her was built about 350. Her name and feast date were listed in a calendar of martyrs in 354. She is the patron of girls.

DIED CIRCA 304
FEAST DAY — JANUARY 21





Christmas Flowers

We would like to thank all the people who donated flowers for the churches in memory of loved ones. Flowers were donated in memory of:

Anna Man t. Nguyen, Vung thi Le, Alvyolas Kazakaitis, Ieva Felilesas Atkocaitis, Lux Family, McLaughlin Family, Monstavicius Family, Averka Family, Higgins Family, Powers Family, Gannon Family, Curran Family, Kupstys Family, Cereska Family, Morkunas Family, Stuopsis Family, Skabeikis Family, Radomskis Family, Lorencas Family, Zibinkas Family, Petras Raskauskas, Alberta Raskauskas, Bonda Family, Janavicious Family, Zitkevicius Family, Aukstikalnis Family, Georgianna Clem, Spakevicius Family, Dabrila Family, Lingertat Family, For All Forgotten Souls, Venckus Family, Dumcius Family, Balciunas Family, Dunn Family, Plansky Family, Tuinila Family, Fleming Family, Knasas Family, Arnold & Patricia Plevock, Mickevich Family, Tarushka Family, Zemaitis Family, Anthony & Mary Zaremba, William & Helen Zaremba, William Kiely, Anna & Stanley Griganavicius, Margaret D Leahy, Frances Colantuoni, Albert G Jaritis, John J Olevitz, Veronica Starinskas, Jonas Starinskas, Anna Nhun, Peter Klinh, Phanxices Xavie Bui, John Baptist A Dong, Dorothy Quinn, Michael Michalski, Martha Michalski, Edward Michalski, Dorothy & Richard McLeod, Anna Lydon, Helen & Henry Gordon Sr., Claire & Henry Gordon Jr., Meghan Leilani Megoro, Edward & Dorothy Bonenfant, Barbara Glasheen, Gerry Horton, Valerie Horn, Stan & Jeanette Greeley, Peg Ryan, Frank & Patsy Kelly, William Jackson, Jim & Terry Sullivan, Robert & Carol Sullivan, Red Shifflett, Evelyn Shifflett, John J. & Therese Sullivan, Ed "Butch" Shifflett.

Help needed at the Food Pantry

Each week over 200 people receive food at the St. Monica Food Pantry. Food is distributed on Thursdays from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Each Wednesday we receive deliveries from the Greater Boston Food Bank. We need volunteers on both days. On Wednesday the food is unloaded from the truck, brought to the downstairs hall and put out for distribution on Thursday. We also sort donations from individuals and local groups. We need help on both days but especially on Wednesday bringing the food inside. The delivery on Wednesday usually arrives between 10:00 and noon. Please consider assisting us in providing for our neighbors.

Se necesita ayuda en la despensa de alimentos

Cada semana más de 200 personas reciben alimentos en la Despensa de Alimentos St. Monica. La distribución de alimentos se realiza los jueves de 9:00 AM a 1:00 PM. Cada miércoles recibimos entregas del Banco de Alimentos del Gran Boston. Necesitamos voluntarios ambos días. El miércoles se descarga la comida del camión, se lleva al salón de abajo y se prepara para la distribución el jueves. También organizamos las donaciones de individuos y grupos locales. Necesitamos ayuda ambos días, pero especialmente el miércoles para llevar la comida al interior. La entrega del miércoles suele llegar entre las 10:00 AM y el mediodía. Por favor, considere ayudarnos a proveer para nuestros vecinos.

Saint Sebastian

DIED C. 288
FEAST DAY: JANUARY 20

According to the many legends surrounding Sebastian, he was born in Gaul and raised in Milan. Though a Christian, he joined the imperial army at Rome about 283. He made converts of officials and jailers, effected cures and urged Christian prisoners to stay strong in their faith. He was named captain of the praetorian guards, but the emperor, upon finding out that he was a Christian, ordered his execution. Shot with arrows and left for dead, Sebastian survived and was nursed back to life. Later, he denounced the emperor for his cruelty to Christians, and the emperor had him beaten to death. A favorite subject of Renaissance artists, Sebastian is the patron saint of archers, soldiers and athletes.



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San Sebastián

FALLECIÓ C. 288
DÍA DE FIESTA: 20 DE ENERO

Según las muchas leyendas que rodean a Sebastián, él nació en Gallia y creció en Milán. A pesar de ser cristiano, se unió al ejército imperial en Roma en el año 283. Logró convertir a funcionarios y carceleros, efectuó sanaciones e instó a los prisioneros cristianos a mantenerse firmes en su fe. Fue nombrado capitán de los guardias pretorianos pero cuando el emperador se enteró que Sebastián era cristiano, ordenó su ejecución. Le dispararon flechas y fue dado por muerto pero Sebastián sobrevivió y fue curado y devuelto a la vida. Más adelante, él denunció al emperador por su crueldad hacia los cristianos y el emperador lo hizo matar a golpes. Sebastián, tema favorito de los artistas del Renacimiento, es el santo patrón de los arqueros, los soldados y los atletas.



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Lithuanian Community

Sunday January 11th Fr. Jerry Osterman presided at the 10:30 Mass at St. Peter Parish. The Mass intention was for the Lithuanian Scouts. A good number of scouts attended the Mass and prayed together. The Lectors, Algis Adomkaitis and Audra Avizonis, as well as the Eucharistic Ministers, Alyssa Veidis and Nancy Dilba are all members of the Lithuanian Scouts. The Cantor was Maryte Bizinkauskas with Daiva Navickas on the organ. The Ushers were Tony Abidaoud and Jack McGowan. Dan Bonda assisted Fr. Jerry at the altar. At the start of Mass Fr. Jerry congratulated the scouts for their work mentoring youth and teaching values, as well as for their service to the larger community.

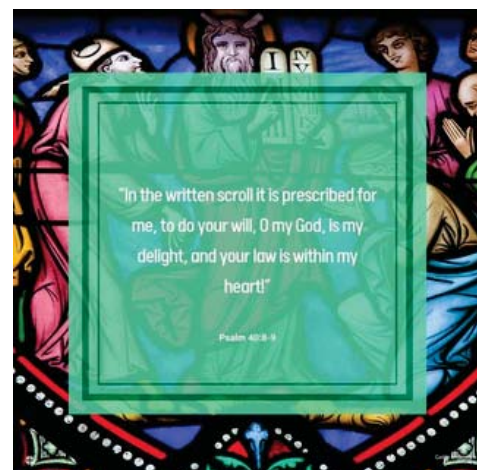
In his homily, Fr. Jerry reflected on the gospel reading of Jesus asking John the Baptist to baptize Him. Fr. Jerry noted that Jesus had no need to be baptized; rather His presence brought a blessing to all at the river Jordan. Fr. Jerry reflected that Jesus was baptized as a benefit for others. Fr. Jerry said that Jesus asks us to think outside the box. We are asked to think of others and not be boxed into caring only for ourselves.

The reception after Mass was prepared by the Lithuanian Scouts. The reception ended with the scouts forming a circle and singing together. They also welcomed Aureja Johnson as a candidate for her blue tie. Aureja has completed all the required work needed to move up to the next rank of scouting.

The Advisory Board of the Lithuanian Apostolate met before Mass to review the success of the parish bazaar, which is the annual fundraiser for the work of the Apostolate. The Advisory Board welcomed three new members: Egle Slezas, Lina Siskienciene and Naida Johnson.



SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023	
2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Jan 15	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34
MONDAY Jan 16	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
TUESDAY Jan 17	<i>Saint Anthony, Abbot</i> Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28
WEDNESDAY Jan 18	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
THURSDAY Jan 19	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
FRIDAY Jan 20	<i>Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr</i> Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8+10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
SATURDAY Jan 21	<i>Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21
3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Jan 22	Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/ 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17





Fact of Faith

What Is Ordinary Time?

The end of the Christmas season was marked by the Baptism of the Lord, and we have now moved into the season of Ordinary Time. Despite its name, there is nothing inherently “ordinary” about this season of the year. The term *ordinary* is just used because the weeks are numbered in an ordinal way—the *Third Week* in Ordinary Time, the *Fourth Week* in Ordinary Time, and so on.



Ordinary Time is broken into two blocks, before and after the Lent and Easter seasons. Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, is a 40-day season of repentance and renewal before the celebration of the Easter season, which lasts even longer than Lent (about 50 days). The Easter Season goes from the Easter Vigil to the celebration of Pentecost. The timing of the Lent and Easter seasons is based on the cycles of the moon.

During Ordinary Time, we honor the mystery of Christ, especially on Sundays, though we do not focus on just one aspect of the mystery during the season. It is a time to

“We honor the mystery of Christ.”

reflect on Jesus’s life, teachings, and parables.

Liturgical calendars were not always structured this way. In the earliest days of the Church, every Sunday was treated as an Easter Sunday—there was no distinction in the season for Christmas, Lent, and Easter. While we no longer treat every Sunday as Easter Sunday, “Sunday is the pre-

eminent day for the liturgical assembly” (CCC, No. 1167). In addition to participating in the Eucharistic liturgy, in Ordinary Time, Sundays remain days that should be set aside for prayer, reflection, rest, and time with family.

For more information, go to www.usccb.org, and search for the term “liturgical calendar.”



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