

The Catholic Community of

# Saint Joseph

*"In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly serve Jesus Christ and His people."*



# Christmas 2022

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**St. Joseph Church**  
**Dover, Ohio 44622**  
**The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
**January 1, 2023**  
**1 de Enero del 2023**



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, January 2**

**No Mass**

Readings: 205: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday, January 3**

**5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary**

**6:00 p.m. Connie Stephens**

Readings: 206: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday, January 4**

**8:15 a.m. Theresa Green**

**9:00 a.m. Rosary**

Readings: 207: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday, January 5**

**8:15 a.m. Joe Doult**

**9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration**

Readings: 208: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51

**Friday, January 6 (First Friday)**

**8:15 a.m. Dolly Samson**

**9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration**

**3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Readings: 209: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11

**Saturday, January 7**

**The Vigil for The Epiphany of the Lord**

**4:00 p.m. Audie Murphy**

**Sunday, January 8**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**8:30 a.m. Matt Brady**

**11:00 a.m. George Belay**

**1:30 p.m. The People of the Parish**

**(Spanish Mass)**

Readings: 20: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/  
Mt 2:1-12

**Ministry Schedule**

**Tuesday, January 3** – 6:00 p.m. – Vicki Wilhelm

**Wednesday, January 4** – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham

**Thursday, January 5** – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

**Friday, January 6** – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

**January 7, 2023**

**4:00 p.m. Mass**

Lectors: Lyle Tope – 1st Lector,

Debbie Tristano – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Mary Roberts, Beth Cecil

Ushers: Tim Avon, Steve DeBois, Roy Montan

Servers: Kenton Renicker, Flynn Renicker, Jesus Utuy

**January 8, 2023**

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

Lectors: Keith Knestaut – 1st Lector,

Tony Incarnato – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeannine Kennedy, Matt Ritzert,

Jack Burnham

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Greg Nguyen, John Nguyen, Volunteer Needed

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

Lectors: Mike Ernest – 1st Lector,

Anne Bruno – 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti DeVault, Elizabeth Clemence,

Sue Worth

Ushers: Patti DeVault, Larry Clawson, Linda Clawson,

Terry Olbrysh

Servers: Vince Sciarretti, Patrick Sciarretti, Joseph Miller

**If you know of a friend or family member that is in the hospital for surgery or due to illness or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.**

**Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day:** Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

**Please remember in your prayers all the sick, homebound, and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping with physical or mental conditions.** Please include all those on our prayer lists that have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

**Offertory for December 24 and 25, 2022**

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 2,916.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 3,503.00
Online Giving	\$ 455.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,874.00</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	
Poor Fund	\$ 130.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 111.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 5.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 65.00
Christmas	\$ 4,185.00
Other Collections	\$ 886.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.**

Please keep in your prayers, Walter Stockert, age 94, who died on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Please also keep his family in your prayers.*

### **Just a few reservations left!**

Father Jimmy will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in June 2023. If you would like more information, you may call the Parish Office.

Highlights of the trip are Caesarea, Church of the Transfiguration, Cana, Tiberius, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, and more!

### **Beginning Tuesdays, January 31st to March 28th** 7:00 p.m.

#### ***The Chosen - Season 1***

We will be using the official companion study to Season 1 of *The Chosen*, the groundbreaking television series about the life of Jesus, "*What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?*"

In it, you'll find a deeper look into the Scriptures that influenced each season, script excerpts, quotes, show illustrations, and guiding questions for groups or individuals.

*What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?* Parallels each episode, connecting readers to the Bible in a brand-new way.

Being chosen by Jesus has beautiful and far-reaching implications - although it says even more about the chooser than the choosees. We are loved because He's love. We are saved because He's merciful. We belong to the family of God because Jesus invites us, making the Bible and all its promises as true for us today as it was for God's chosen nation. **Please register by January 10th so we have enough books for everyone. The cost will be \$10.00.**



### **Celebration of the Epiphany -** **Tres Magos**

On Sunday, January 8, 2023, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, otherwise known as the discovery of the child by the "Three Magi." Our Hispanic Parishioners celebrate this day as "Tres Magos." Their procession of kings, animals, shepherds to the crib to recall earlier practices of the Anglo/European Church has since been abandoned. These practices live on as an integral part of the Liturgy of the Three Kings in the Hispanic culture. Mass will be celebrated at 1:30 p.m. with the procession beginning at 1:00 p.m. A dinner will follow in the Parish Hall. Everyone in the parish is invited to attend both Mass and dinner. We hope we will see you there!



### **Tuscany's Tenuta Torciano Winery** **is returning to Dover!**

February 19, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. Wine and dinner with food prepared by Colin Capozella. Please contact the Parish Office for your tickets!

### **"Mark Your Calendars!"**

#### **January and February**

##### **January 8th**

Tres Magos - 1:30 p.m.

##### **January 12th**

Family Life Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

##### **January 17th**

175th Anniversary Raffle ticket drawing

5:00 p.m.

##### **January 18th**

St. Joseph Seniors - Noon at Manor Restaurant

##### **January 19th**

Knights of Columbus Open House - 6:30 p.m.

Knights Hall

##### **January 21st**

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shooting - TBD

##### **January 22nd**

Confirmation Session #3 - 11:00 a.m.

##### **February 3rd**

First Friday

Mass 8:15 a.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.

##### **February 5th**

Confirmation Session #4 - 11:00 a.m.

##### **February 16th**

Knights of Columbus Open House - 6:00 p.m.

##### **February 17th**

175th Anniversary Raffle ticket drawing - 5:00 p.m.

##### **February 19th**

No P.S.R.

##### **February 19th**

Wine and Dinner Event - 6:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

##### **February 20th**

Parish Office Closed

##### **February 21st**

Palm Burning Prayer Service following Mass  
175th Celebration Mardi Gras Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

##### **February 22nd**

Ash Wednesday

Masses - 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

##### **February 24th**

Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. in English

8:00 p.m. in Spanish

##### **February 26th**

First Communion Parent Meeting

TCCES - 9:45 a.m.

##### **February 28th**

Chosen Series - 7:00 p.m.

Family Life Center



**St. Joseph Parish**  
**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Raffle**

The holder of this ticket number will be entered in 12 monthly drawings beginning January 2023 for \$175. Drawings will be held on the 17th of each month at 5:00 pm.

Cost: \$20.00 Per Ticket  
 One Winner Per Number

No. 011

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**In January, we begin our yearlong celebration of the 175th Anniversary of St. Joseph Church!!!**

There are special events planned monthly. There will be a drawing every month for \$175.00 on the 17th at 5:00 p.m. The raffle tickets are entered into each monthly drawing, but are eligible to win only once. Tickets are available in the Parish Office, or by contacting Jeannine, Meg, Janice, or Brenda!

**St. Joseph Soup Kitchen**

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimo or the Parish Office.

January 4, 2023 – Team G (Joan Wenzel)

January 11, 2023 – Team I (Isabellas)

January 18, 2023 – Team J (Ashley Graham)

January 25, 2023 – Team L (Chrissy Hensel)

**Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!**

**Mini Food Pantry**

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Center, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Cereal	Mac and Cheese
Tuna	Spaghetti Sauce
Spaghetti noodles	Canned Fruit

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church, or you can make monetary donations by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Mini Pantry."

**SWAP – Sharing with Appalachian People**

**What is SWAP?**

SWAP is a service of MCC/Great Lakes. It is a home repair ministry that serves low-income families in several counties of Southeastern Kentucky and West Virginia. A SWAP experience includes spending time in the mountains of Appalachia, ministering to and building relationships with local folks in need while reflecting on and sharing your experiences as you serve "in the name of Christ."

If you are interested in joining us, or learning more about the trip and the experiences of those who attended last year, please contact John Karl or Matt Ritzert.

**More information will be coming soon about our upcoming 2023 trip!**

**Stand up and be counted!**

Are you a registered parishioner? Do we have your current phone number? Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and commitment to the life of our parish. If you want to register, there are forms in the Vestibule. Simply fill one out and drop it in the collection basket or stop in the Parish Office during the week or on Sunday mornings after the Masses and request a form.



More and more parishioners have begun to eliminate their landlines, and use only cell phones. If you fall into this category, please contact the Parish Office with your correct information. You may fill out this slip and drop it in the collection basket or email any changes to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

**Thank you!**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



**Tuscarawas County  
Catholic Schools**



**TCCES Annual Casino Night**

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Save the date for this fun evening and important fundraiser for our Catholic Elementary School.

**Greeters Needed!**

Are you interested in being a Greeter at Mass? This is a ministry your whole family can do together. Greeters welcome people to Mass and answer basic questions from our parishioners and our guests. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office.

**St. Joseph Cemetery**

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Russ in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you.

**Save the Dates!**

The 2023 Catholic Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 18th at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus. A week later on Saturday, February 25th, the Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the same location. More information will be following.



## Office of Social Concerns –

### Diocese of Columbus

#### January is Poverty Awareness Month

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)  
For more information about what Catholics can do to address poverty in the United States, visit the USCCB's Poverty USA website at [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org).

#### World Day of Peace – January 1, 2023

January 1, 2023 will mark the annual World Day of Peace. Pope Francis compels everyone to be engaged in the work of advocating for and with those whose voices are marginalized, to ensure the protection and fulfillment of the youngest and smallest. To learn more, please visit <https://www.crs.org/resource-center/cry-peace-prayer-world-day-peace>.

#### January 15-22 – Stand Against Violence Week

In 1994, the U.S. Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral letter entitled "Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action." As a response to the pastoral letter, parishes and dioceses across the United States focus on peacemaking and policy efforts against violence from January 15, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and January 22nd, to the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing the violence of abortion. To learn more about the diocesan efforts against domestic violence, gun violence, and other threats to the dignity of the human person, please contact the Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

#### 9 Days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics across the country coming together in prayer during the bishops' Pro-life Novena, 9 Days for Life, from Thursday, January 19-Friday, January 27. Participate through email, text message, and Facebook, or visit <https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena>.

*The Office of Social Concerns serves as a central diocesan resource for social justice, education, and advocacy. It is also the local liaison to national programs of the U.S. Catholic Bishops and responsible for local implementation of those programs within the diocese.*



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#### Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith

Your last will and testament can leave a legacy of your faith by helping to pass it on to others. When drafting your will, after taking care of your family, please consider naming St. Joseph Parish or the Diocese of Columbus as a recipient of your estate. For more information contact the Catholic Foundation at 1-866-298-8893.

## Learn Something New!

Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Take time to learn more about you and your spouse and rekindle your relationship! The next weekend is March 10-12, 2023 in Central Ohio. For more information or to apply, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at [www.mecolumbus.org](http://www.mecolumbus.org).



### Other Information To Note:

**Mass Intentions:** Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

**Bulletin deadline:** The bulletin deadline is Monday at 12:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to [stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com](mailto:stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com).

**Please Note:** If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.



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## The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

January 2023

### For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The month of January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus.*

***"If the soul is sick, one must begin by treating the soul. Do you have faith? Do you believe that God can do something for you? Go confess yourself to the priest...then go to communion..." ~SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE***

### **Sunday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 2:16-21** The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**Meditation:** In fulfillment of this precept, Mary's newborn child is given the name *Jesus* on the eighth day according to the Jewish custom. Joseph and Mary gave the name Jesus because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means *the Lord saves*. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). In the birth and naming of this child we see the wondrous design and plan of God in giving us a Savior who would bring us grace, mercy, and freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. The name *Jesus* signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved (Acts 2:12). In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow; His name is rightly exalted far above every other name.

**Prayer:** O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Mary was "full of grace" not only for being chosen to be God's mother but in her total openness to be filled with that love of God. We too are constantly "graced" and we too can be full of grace not because we were baptized into the Catholic community, but by our own total, active identification with the way of Jesus by our opening up to the call of God as it unfolds in the unique circumstances of our own lives. We do this through total and unconditional service of those around us. It is a formidable challenge at times, but it also brings countless joys. To be a true Christian – a true disciple and follower of Christ is demanding but not insurmountable; it is not for the hypocrite or faint of heart. To be a true Christian is to first go beyond mere lip service calling Jesus "Lord, Lord" but not living according to Christ's way – it is for those who truly believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, Savior and Redeemer; those who see Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd, lovingly led by Christ; those who want to be "doers of the Word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). As we begin this new year prove to Christ, to yourself and to the world that you are, in fact, a loving, faithful, authentic disciple of Christ in your thoughts, words and deeds..

### **Monday, January 2 ~ Season of Christmas**

#### **Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

**Holy Gospel: John 1:19-28** This is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not



the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**Meditation:** John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament Prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! John saw from a distance what the Messiah came to accomplish – our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father.

**Prayer:** O God, who were pleased to give light to your Church by the example and teaching of the Bishops, Saints Basil and Gregory, grant, we pray, that in humility we may learn your truth and practice it faithfully in charity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** John was the greatest of the prophets, yet he lived as a humble and faithful servant of God. He pointed others to Jesus, Messiah and Savior of the world. The Catholic Church from the earliest of times has given John many titles which signify his mission: *Witness of the Lord, Trumpet of Heaven, Herald of Christ, Voice of the Word, Precursor of Truth, Friend of the Bridegroom, Crown of the Prophets, Forerunner of the Redeemer, Preparer of Salvation, Light of the Martyrs, and Servant of the Word.* By your life, by your faith, do you point others to Christ by your witness and example as John the Baptist did?

## **Tuesday, January 3 ~ Season of Christmas**

### **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

**Holy Gospel: John 1:29-34** John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

**Meditation:** John calls Jesus the *Lamb of God* and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites in Egypt from death. The blood of Jesus, the true Passover Lamb who offered his life up for us on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7), delivers us from everlasting death and destruction. It is significant that John was the son of a priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). In Jesus he saw the true and only sacrifice which delivers us from sin.

**Prayer:** O God, who founded the salvation of the human race on the Incarnation of your Word, give your peoples the mercy they implore, so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked but the Name of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Saint Alphonsus Liguori once wrote: "God hath given Him a Name which is above all names. And He commands that this name should be adored by the Angels, by men, and by devils: That in the Name of Jesus every knee should bow of those that are in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth. If, then, all creatures are to adore this great name, still more ought we sinners to adore it, since it was in our behalf that this name of Jesus; which signifies Savior, was given to Him; and for this end also He came down from Heaven, namely, to save sinners: 'For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven, and was made Man.' We ought to adore Him, and at the same time to thank God Who has given Him this name for our good; it is this name that consoles us, defends us, and makes us burn with love."

## Wednesday, January 4 ~ Season of Christmas

### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

**Holy Gospel: John 1:35-42** John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the *Messiah*," which is translated *Christ*. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called *Cephas*," which is translated *Peter*.

**Meditation:** Jesus invites each of us to "come and see" for ourselves that his word is true, life-giving and everlasting. "Come and see" is God's invitation for fellowship and communion with the One who made us in love for love. Saint Augustine tells us something very important about God and how he relates to us: "If you hadn't been called by God, what could you have done to turn back? Didn't the very One who called you when you were opposed to Him make it possible for you to turn back?" It is God who initiates and who draws us to himself. Without his grace, mercy, and help we could not find him.

**Prayer:** O God, who crowned with the gift of true faith Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's burning zeal to find you, grant by her intercession and example that we may always seek you with diligent love and find you in daily service with sincere faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** When two of John's disciples began to seek out Jesus, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" In other words, what were they looking for in Jesus, and what were they aiming to get out of life? Jesus asks each of us this very same question: "What's the goal of your life? What are you aiming for and trying to get out of life?" So, what is your response? Think about it, pray about it, then take up Jesus' invitation.

## Thursday, January 5 ~ Season of Christmas

### Saint John Neumann, Bishop

**Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51** Jesus decided to go to Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth." But Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him." Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

**Meditation:** The fig tree was a symbol of God's blessing and peace. It provided shade from the midday sun and a cool place to retreat and pray. It is very likely that Nathaniel had meditated "under the fig tree" on the Messianic prophecies and prayed for their fulfillment in his time. Perhaps he dozed off for a midday nap and dreamed of God's kingdom like Jacob did when he saw a vision of the ladder which united earth with heaven (ref. Genesis 28:12-17). Nathaniel accepted Jesus as Messiah and Lord because Jesus spoke to the need of his innermost being – the desire to know God personally and to be united with him in his glory. Jesus' response to Nathaniel's new faith is the promise that he himself will be the "ladder which unites earth with heaven". God had opened a door for Jacob that brought him and his people into a new relationship with the living God. In Jacob's dream God revealed his angelic host and showed him the throne of heaven and promised Jacob that he and descendants would dwell with the living God.

**Prayer:** O God, who called the Bishop Saint John Neumann, renowned for his charity and pastoral service, to shepherd your people in America, grant by his intercession that, as we foster the Christian education of youth and are strengthened by the witness of brotherly love, we may constantly increase the family of your Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



**Contemplation:** Nathaniel was very skeptical. He didn't like Nazareth (as noted by his cynical quip) and didn't want to have anything to do with people who came from such a place. How could the Messiah come from a town at the crossroads with gentiles and people of other religions? Perhaps we are like Nathaniel at times. We reject others out of rivalry or prejudice, or we keep them at a distance because we find fault with something about them – the schools they went to, the street they live on or neighborhood they grew up in, the kind of car they drive, or on a more global scale their manner of speech, the way they dress, their customs, or whatever we dislike about them and "their kind." Rather than argue with his friend, Philip took the wiser strategy of inviting Nathaniel to "come and see" for himself who this Jesus claimed to be. Clever arguments rarely win people to the gospel, but a genuine encounter with the person of Jesus Christ can transform one's life forever. Remember the words of Saint Augustine: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

## **Friday, January 6 ~ Season of Christmas**

### **Saint André Bessette, Religious**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 3:23-38** When Jesus began his ministry he was about thirty years of age. He was the son, as was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

**Meditation:** Luke states that Jesus was thirty years old when he began his public ministry. Why did Jesus spend thirty years in obscurity in the village of Nazareth when his purpose for coming to earth was to save us the world from destruction? This is significant for at least a couple of reasons. First, it shows that Jesus was responsible and faithful in the mundane duties of family life. Before he embraced public duties, he showed his fidelity and concern for domestic duties. Tradition has it that Joseph died when Jesus was young. Jesus assumed the responsibility for caring for his mother. Jesus taught his disciples the precept that "he who is faithful in little, will be faithful in much" by his personal example. If we want to be fit to carry on the Lord's mission today, we must learn faithfulness in great matters by first being faithful in little matters at home, at work, at school, in everyday life circumstances.

**Prayer:** Lord our God, friend of the lowly, who gave your servant, Saint André Bessette, a great devotion to Saint Joseph and a special commitment to the poor and afflicted, help us through his intercession to follow his example of prayer and love and so come to share with him in your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Genealogies are very important as they provide us with our roots and help us to understand our heritage – where and whom we come from. Matthew's genealogy (Matthew 1:1-17) traces Jesus' lineage back to Abraham, the father of the chosen people. Luke's genealogy in today's gospel traces Jesus' lineage all the way back to Adam, father of the human race. In doing so Luke stresses the real humanity of Jesus. Jesus came not just to save the chosen people but all humankind as well. Jesus is the fulfillment of all God's promises. He is the hope not only for the people of the Old Covenant but for all nations as well. He is the Savior of the world. In him we receive adoption as sons and daughters of the living God.

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Sunday, February 19, 2023

Family Life Center



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Domingo	enero 15	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	enero 22	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones

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26 de Febrero	Reina de Los Ángeles



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**Notas Espirituales**

En los días inmediatamente anteriores a la Navidad, nuestras lecturas y oraciones dirigen su atención a los acontecimientos que llegaron al nacimiento de Jesús. En el Evangelio de hoy, Mateo nos dice: "El nacimiento de Jesucristo fue así." Esponsales era una relación jurídica procedida del matrimonio legal que solo terminaba con la muerte o el divorcio. Cuando José descubre que María, su esposa, está embarazada, decide divorciarse de ella. Pero Dios interviene, el envío a un ángel a él en su sueño para explicar que "es a través del Espíritu Santo/que este niño ha sido concebido." Mateo explica que "esto sucedió para que se cumpliera lo que el Señor había dicho por medio del profeta" Isaías, refiriéndose a la primera lectura de hoy. Para Mateo y su iglesia, Jesús es verdaderamente el Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros. Isaías, cuya carrera fue en el siglo VIII antes de Cristo, habla de la Palabra de Dios al rey Ajaz, quien fue vacilante en su fe. Para Isaías era importante que el rey se diera cuenta de que Dios no los ha abandonado. Él profetiza que el nacimiento de un niño es una señal para el rey que Dios no los ha abandonado. El texto hebreo de Isaías se refiere a una "joven" que dará a luz, el texto griego la identifica como una "virgen," Mateo y su comunidad ven en ese texto la profecía del nacimiento de Jesús. En Isaías tenemos un ejemplo de un texto profético que encuentra su propio sentido en su contexto original, así como en la vida de Jesús.

Pablo, escribe a los Romanos, describe a Jesús como el Hijo de Dios," del linaje de David," sino también" estableció como Hijo de Dios con poder." Para Pablo, Jesús es la realización del Evangelio, "que Dios le prometió con anterioridad a través de sus profetas." Aquel cuyo nacimiento celebramos que nos une con Dios, participando en nuestra naturaleza humana.

*Para la reflexión: ¿Cuál es su respuesta a la decisión de José para divorciarse de María? ¿De qué manera la encarnación hacer una diferencia en tu vida?*

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