



*St. Mary's Catholic Church
Windthorst, TX*

St. Mary's / St. Boniface Vision Statement

To serve Christ and
promote
His teachings
through Worship,
Education,
Training, Service,
and
COMMUNITAS



*St. Boniface Catholic Church
Scotland, TX*

**Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., Parochial Administrator, and
Donald Brown, Deacon**

Mailing Address for Both Churches

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Phone (940) 423-6687 * Fax (940) 423-6657
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm
www.stmarysstboniface.org

General Information

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

contact the office for dates and to register for classes

Marriage Preparation

contact the office at least six months prior to wedding date

RCIA

contact Florence Anderle @ 423-6310 or 423-6271

Funerals

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Ministry to the Sick

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

Reconciliation

St. Boniface – First Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.
or by appointment

St. Mary's Saturday 4:00 - 4:40 p.m. or by appointment

Hispanic Ministry

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent

Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

Mass Schedule for the Week

Monday 7:00 pm:	January 26 - St. Mary's Living and Deceased Members of the 4 th Degree Knights of Columbus
Tuesday 8:15 am:	January 27 – St. Boniface † Charlie Phillips by St. Boniface Mother's Society
Wednesday 7:00 pm:	January 28- St. Mary's † C.J. 'Bob' Green by Geraldine Lindemann
Thursday 7:25 am:	January 29 – St. Mary's † Lawrence Berend by Gerry Meurers
Friday 7:25 am:	January 30- St. Mary's † Larry Sternadel by Jerry Vieths
Saturday 5:00 pm:	January 31– St. Mary's † Bill & Dorothy Schreiber by Richard Schreibers
7:00 pm:	Parishioners (Spanish Mass)
Sunday 8:15 am:	February 1 - St. Boniface † Dennis Smith by John Wolfs
Sunday 10:00 am:	February 1 - St. Mary's † Gerald Steinberger by Gene & Cathy Wolf

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS
January 26, 2015 – February 1, 2015

HOSPITALITY

Sat. 5:00 pm Doug & Betty Wolf
Sun. 10:00 am Donald & Laurie Veitenheimer

LECTORS

Mon. 7:00 pm Jerry Anderle
Wed. 7:00 pm Krista Vieth
Thur. 7:25 am Florence Anderle
Fri. 7:25 am Volunteer
Sat. 5:00 pm Hilary Wolf & Chad Steinberger
Sun. 10:00 am Chuck King & Donald Veitenheimer

SERVERS

Wed. 7:00 pm Max Anderle, Lindy McCall, Marissa Frazier
Thur. 7:25 am Andrew Scheffe, Trent Price
Fri. 7:25 am Caleb Schroeder, Kyle Wolf
Sat. 5:00 pm Coby & Caleb Schroeder, Tatum Veitenheimer
Sun. 10:00 am Cody Green, Kyle Wolf, Gage Lindley

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sat. 5:00 pm Brett Hoff/Hosts, Jay Pope/Hosts, Cheryl Pope/Choir
Sun. 10:00 am Rachel Anderle/Hosts, Alex Veitenheimer/Hosts, Cody Scheffe/Choir

USHERS

Sat. 5:00 pm Alfred Berend, Eddie Luig, M. J. Geis, Macaully Bowen
Sun. 10:00 am Donnie & Jesse Fleitman, Trey Berend, Dalton Anderle

GIFT BEARERS

Sat. 5:00 pm Ricky & Whitney Schreiber Family
Sun. 10:00 am Donnie Fleitman Family

MONEY COUNTERS

Mon. Jan. 26th Leroy Anderle, Joyce Ostermann, Bill Veith

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

February 1st Whitney Schreiber, Sydney Wolf
February 8th Gwen Teichman, McKenna George

COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE SICK

February 1st Mike Schreiber

SUPPORT- Sunday Envelopes \$4264.00, Loose \$312.00, Children \$45.00, Building Fund \$105.00.

SACRISTANS NEEDED for St. Mary's and St. Boniface Masses. Please call the office if you are interested. Training will be provided.

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS,
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HOSPITALITY

Sun. 8:15 am Bertha Mae Schenk & Sis Smith

LECTOR

Sun. 8:15 am Missy Brown

SERVERS

Sun. 8:15 am Lyndon Teichman, Claire Hemmi, Kacee Teichman

USHERS

Sun. 8:15 am Grady Schenk Sr. & Dennis Hilbers

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sun. 8:15 am Rita Schreiber help Father, Sydney Schenk to the Choir.

GIFT BEARERS

Sun. 8:15 am Harold Stallcup Family

MONEY COUNTERS

Sun. Feb. 1st Chris Hemmi, Sis Smith, Bernice Hoegger

SUPPORT – Sunday Envelopes \$970.00, Loose \$46.00, Children \$3.00.

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT will burn in memory of the deceased Himmels Family as requested by Ann Veitenheimer.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: Alfred & Cordella Berend will receive the Chalice on **January 31st** at the 5:00 pm. Mass. They, as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

2-8 Mark & Kristi Veitenheimer 10:00 am Mass

2-14 Gary Wolf Family 5:00 pm Mass

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BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER MICHAEL ON SUNDAY NIGHTS. The Bible Study will begin on **Sunday, January 25th** at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall. This will be an eight week Bible Study. We will study the Gospel of Mark. There will be a study guide for all who attend.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 1824 will sponsor the annual 'Free Throw Contest' this **Sunday, January 25th** at 1:00 pm in the Windthorst ISD practice gym. All boys and girls age 9 thru 14 as of January 1st, 2015, are eligible to participate. This is the first year that 9 year olds are eligible to participate. For more information, contact Danny J. Schroeder at 940-733-5525. Thanks!

4th DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet on **Monday, January 26th** after Mass.

WINDTHORST SENIOR CITIZENS meet **Tuesday, January 27th** in the K. C. Hall at 11:30 for lunch and 1:00 p.m. for games. For more information call Barbara @423-6476 or Margaret @423-6336.

THE NURSING HOME PARTY sponsored by the Catholic Daughters will be held on **Tuesday, January 27th**. Those wishing to carpool should meet at the Parish Hall by 9:15 a.m.

WINDTHORST HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet on **Tuesday, January 27th**, at 6:30 p.m. at the K. C. Hall.

POINSETTIAS – The poinsettias that were used for Christmas are ready for anyone to pick up. They are in the south side sacristy. Thanks.

FAITH SHARING GROUP – We will have our first **Men and Women's** faith sharing group on **Friday, January 30, 2015** at the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish and beverage for the potluck dinner. There will be a separate pizza party and faith sharing activities for children. Questions, please call Dusty or Brandon Sternadel at 541-2686 or 224-6483 or Alex Veitenheimer at 405-818-2957. St. Boniface & St. Mary's Parishioners are all invited.

HEALING MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK –

Father Michael will have a Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick on **Wednesday, February 11th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. Father Michael recommends those with any illness, chronic disease and all those over the age of 60 are all welcome to receive the anointing. **This is for St. Boniface and St. Mary's parishioners.** Please mark this date on your calendars.

PREVENTING THE FLU AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

Good health habits can help stop germs, in addition to receiving the flu shot if you are able.

1. **Avoid close contact.** Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

2. **Stay home when you are sick.** If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

3. **Cover your mouth and nose.** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

4. **Clean your hands.** Washing your hands often with soap and water is most effective (Center for Disease Control-Atlanta).

5. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.

6. **Practice other good health habits.** Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food. Let us continue to pray for our communities and the families that are affected by influenza and other communicable diseases.

A CALL OUT FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS to bring Communion to the sick and homebound. Please call the office in you can help with this need. Share your gratitude for the senior Catholics.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are heard on **Saturday afternoons from 4:00 PM until 4:40 PM.** Mass begins at 5:00 p.m. Confessions are always available by appointment. Please call the office at 423-6687 for a time convenient for both you and Fr. Michael. **Confessions at St. Boniface the First Saturday afternoons from 3:15 – 3:45. This month it will be on January 31st.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 25 – Bible Study with Father Michael

Feb. 6 – Diocesan Celebration for the Year of Consecrated Life – St. Patrick Cathedral Fort Worth 6:30 pm

Feb. 14 - St. Mary's Annual Dinner Kubota Raffle/Dance

Feb.21 - Fr. Aiden Donlan's Vocation Banquet 6 pm K.C. Hall on Turtle Creek Road in Wichita Falls.

ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH we will have an hour of adoration, with the Angelus and Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. This will be from 6 – 7 p.m.

WANT RAIN? Come and pray on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's with the Angelus and the Rosary for a bountiful rain. Please join us as we pray for a much needed rain.

VIGIL OF ST. BLAISE MASS will be held on **Monday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m.** The blessing of throats after the Mass. No morning Mass on this day.

The Eucharist Ministers are going to bless the children's throats at 7:25 a.m. on Tuesday, February 3rd in St. Mary's Church.

INVITING IDEAS TO FATHER MICHAEL FOR 125TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN 2017.

Please send your idea/ideas with your name on it. A committee will be formed this coming spring.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL/DINNER DANCE (formally called the Pick Up Dinner/Dance). Due to the great increase in costs of pick-ups, the finance council along with Fr. Michael decided to raffle off another type of vehicle this year. How would you like to win a Kubota 4 Seater, Diesel Powered UTV? Tickets will go on sale shortly. Cost of a ticket is \$100.00. This allows you a meal for two, entry to the dance and a chance to win the UTV and other door prizes. Please mark your calendar for this important parish fundraiser on **Saturday, February 14, 2015.** Please call any of the council members for your ticket: Mark at 423-6588 or 423-6277; Cliff at 423-6201 or 541-2555; Charles at 423-6748 or 423-6607; Donna at 423-6342 or 423-6226; or Margaret at 423-6630 or 423-6687. Thanks for your support and co-operation.

CALLING & GATHERING OF CHOIR MEMBERS, MUSICIANS, NEW PEOPLE & NEW VOICES – Father Michael will have a meeting on **Sunday, February 15th** after 10 am Mass. Please mark your calendar.

THANK YOU NOTES:

"What a blessing you have been to us throughout the years. May God bless all of you and may you have a great new year!" Sincerely, Christie Gallagher, Activity Director, and residents of the University Park Manor Nursing Home.

"Thanks to everyone for all the cards, lights, phone calls and for saying a prayer for me during my surgery and recovery. You're a blessing to all our community. Thanks also to Father Moloney, Deacon Brown, Father Jack and Deacon Bill for their visits and prayers. I'm getting better!" Thanks again and God bless, Bill Veith

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SANCTUARY LIGHT—will burn this week for those suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's and for their families as requested by Jerry & Margaret Smith.

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2-8 Lloyd & Rita Schreiber

2-15 Robert & Edna Krahl

ST. BONIFACE 7-DAY LIGHTS; For Father Michael from Carolyn Stallcup; For the health & welfare of Anthony Schenk by Lloyd & Rita; Special Intention by Donor; For Special Intentions by Donor; Intention by Donor; For Peace, Our Members by St. Boniface Christian Mothers' Society; Living & Deceased Members & Relatives of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #36.

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ST. BONIFACE ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS, please remember our bake sale at the Scotland Knights of Columbus Sausage Meal next **Sunday, February 1st.** Thank you, Margaret Smith.

ST. BONIFACE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEMBERS are kindly asked to donate homemade baked items or goodies of your choice for the bake sale on **February 1st** at the K. of C. Sausage Meal. Of course we would be happy to accept your monetary donation if you wish. This event is our only fundraiser for the year. Please be generous. Thank you.

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ROSARY FOR RAIN is held each Thursday at 6:00 pm in St. Boniface Church. Please come and join us as we pray for a bountiful rain. Patriotic Rosary on 3rd Thursday.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE- will be in the home of **Joey Schroeder Family** the week of **February 1st.** They are asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

2-8 Joyce Ostermann

2-15 Floyd & Mildred Hilbers

SICK CALL VISITS – Father Michael makes sick calls to local parishioners of both parishes on the first Friday of each month. Please call the office if you are in need of this ministry.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 24/25 will be for the Church in Latin America. Please make note of this collection. Your donations are appreciated. Thanks

ATTENTION SENIORS 2014-2015 If you are a JCDA member or the son/daughter, niece/nephew, brother/sister, or grandson/granddaughter of a CDA member you are eligible to apply for the CDA State Memorial Scholarship. **The deadline postmark for this scholarship is January 31, 2015.** For more information or an application please notify Dianne Zotz at 423-6460 or the WISD counselor, Darla Tackett, at 423-6608.

APPOINTMENTS WITH FATHER MICHAEL – If you have a concern and wish to visit with Fr. Michael, please call the office for an appointment.

ADORATION – Bishop Olson has requested that all parishes have an hour of adoration to **pray for vocations. The 3rd Thursday of the month** has been designated the best time for this from 6 – 7 pm. The adoration hour Angelus and Rosary will be for the intention of an increase in priestly and religious vocations. We encourage everyone to come pray for vocations at St Mary's.

ST. MARY'S ST. BONIFACE YOUTH NEWS:

Freshman Religion class **Wednesday, January 28,** in the Parish Hall Classroom from 5:45 – 6:45. (Gina Wolf & Susan Veitenheimer, Leaders)

Sophomores (Confirmation) meet **Wednesday, January 28,** in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. (Brian & Andrea Anderle, Jerry Anderle & Mary Wolf, Leaders)

Juniors and Seniors will meet **Wednesday, January 28,** in the Convent at 5:45 p.m. (Shelley Schlumpf, Leader)

2015 YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE – WAKE UP THE WORLD The Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, STD, Bishop of Fort Worth, invites you to Solemn Vespers for The Year of Consecrated Life with an evening to honor priests, deacons, and men and women religious in the Diocese of Fort Worth on **Friday, February 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth. A reception will follow in the St. Patrick Cathedral Pastoral Center. For information, contact the Vocations Office at 817-560-3300.

2015 AÑO DE LA VIDA CONSAGRADA – DESPIERTEN AL MUNDO! El Excelentísimo Monsenor Michael F. Olson, STD, Obispo de Fort Worth, los invita a Visperas Solemnes para el, **Año de la Vida Consagrada** con una tarde en honor a los sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y religiosas de la Diócesis de Fort Worth **viernes 6 de febrero 2015,** a las seis y media de la tarde, St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth, Seguida por una recepción en el St. Patrick Cathedral Pastoral Center.

BIBLE STUDY DATES

Sunday – January 25th 6:00 pm St. Mary's Parish Hall
Sunday – February 1st 6:00 pm St. Mary's Parish Hall
Sunday – February 15th 6:00 pm St. Mary's Parish Hall
Sunday – February 22nd 6:00 pm St. Mary's Parish Hall
Sunday – March 1st 6:00 pm St. Mary's Parish Hall
Sunday – March 15th 6:00 pm St. Mary's Parish Hall
Sunday – March 22nd 6:00 pm St. Mary's Parish Hall
Sunday – March 29th 6:00 pm St. Mary's Parish Hall

CATHOLIC MEDICAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Thursday, February 5th General Meeting at Sacred Heart in Wichita Falls. Program: Ethical Issues in Stem Cell Research and Treatments, Daunne Peters, MD

Thursday, March 5th General Meeting at Sacred Heart in Wichita Falls. Program: Reproductive Technologies and Catholic Teaching, Paul Hurst, MD

Thursday evening, April 9th Mini Conference – Location TBA. Program: Physician Assisted Suicide, Special Guest: Matt Valliere – Patients Rights Action Fund. Bishop Olsen has been invited, but his availability has not been confirmed.

A Buffet Dinner is planned, and over two hours of Continuing Education Credit will be available!

SUBIACO ACADEMY! – a Catholic, Benedictine boarding/day college prep school for boys grades 7-12, in western Arkansas, is offering the opportunity for prospective students and parents to visit and experience Subiaco. Shadow Days are scheduled for Fridays, February 6, March 13 and April 10, 2015. Activities include campus tours, shadowing students, and parent meetings with staff. Students may spend the night before in a dorm for more of the Subiaco Experience and overnight accommodations are available for parents, all free of charge. Families can register for a Shadow Day by contacting: 1-800-364-7824 or admissions@subi.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – The Responsorial Psalm today says, "Teach me your ways, O Lord!" Do we allow the Lord to teach us His ways so that we can love and honor our spouse more each day? Let the Lord strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 10-12, 2015. Dates fill fast. To apply, visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org/apply>. For more information call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a emmdfw@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR RAIN

God our Creator, maker of all things and protector of your people, in your love look upon us in our time of need and give us your help. Open the heavens for us and send us the rain we need for our lives and crops. As our hearts long for you, so we seek rain to refresh the earth; as we long for life, so let the earth produce its harvest in abundance. May we rejoice in the good things of the earth and raise our eyes to you the source of all blessings. Hear our cry for mercy and answer our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Della Rose Allen, Zack Andrus, Andy Berend, Nellie Berend, Don Bilbrey, John Brenneis, Deacon Don Brown, Helen Brown, Chris Carcaño, Jesús Colchado, José Colchado, Jeff Conrady, Sue Conrady,, Karen Edge, Don Essler, Marlene Ermis, Pete Ermis, Jeanne Fischer, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, Larry Geyer, Louise Green, Sister Marie Green, Jerry Gibson, Margie Hagues, Stephen Hilbers, Margie Himmels, Billie Hoff, Cathy Hoff, Ernie Hoff, Frosty Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Bill Hoffman, Chris Hogue, Beth Holovak, Carol Hudak, Libby Ingram, Gary Julian, Dale Keen, Arthur Litteken, Shirley Litteken, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Helen Martinka, Jess Meurer, Kathleen Moer, Kaden Moisant, Clyde Morbitzer, Mary Morbitzer, Skylar Mueller, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Lena Ostermann, Tracie Pace, Rita Pearson, Troy Pennartz, John Rife, Terry Shefflett, Cassey Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Agnes Schreiber, Gerald Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, Pauline Schreiber, Joanna Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Richard Schroeder, Caroline Stallcup, Kate Talley, Johnny Teichman, Marie Teichman, Margaret Green Tift, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, Frances Veitenheimer, Bill Veith, Paul Wachsman, Richard Wachsman, Cindi Wagner, Sarah Witten, Dale Wolf, Dorthy Dell Wolf, Dorothy V. Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Larry Wolf, Martha Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Ronnie Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Chuck Zotz, Missy Zotz. If you wish your name removed or there are any changes, please call the office.

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST – Taylor Anderson (Air Force), Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Jarrod Canada (Army), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Sgt. Damian Hoffman, Ethan Hoffman (Air Force), Sgt. Whitney Jeter (Marine), Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Staff Sgt. Chad Koetter (Air Force), Jared Mankins (Marine), Jess Martinez (Army), Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Hank Schenk (Air National Guard), Isaac Schenk (Army), Rock Schenk (Army), Colonel Tony Schenk (Air Force), 1st Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Sgt. Matt Turner (Air Force), Ben Veitenheimer (Navy), Jason Winter (Army), Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS: For healing of Geraldine Lindemann by Donor; Deacon Don & Helen by Mom; Safe pregnancy & delivery for Amber Schroeder by Aunt Cindy & Uncle Donnie; Very Special Intention for Family by Donor; Safety of Ben Wolf by Grandma Wolf; My Family, Bill Veith, Brett Hoff, Donnie Frerich, Tim Humpert, Don Essler, Edmon & Shirley Vieth, Kenny, Martha & Larry, Deacon Don & Helen, Father Moloney, Jess Meurer, Pauline Wolf, Janet Moer, Willie & Pauline, Rain, For all my Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving for all favors by JoAnn Hoff; An abundant Rain, Gerry, Annette & Jess Meurer, Brett Hoff, Ralph & Clara, Lorine Wolf, Kenny, Martha & Larry Wolf by Alfred & Cordella; Speedy recovery & successful surgeries for Pete Ermis & Marlene Ermis Marshal, Speedy recovery for Megan Ermis, Health for our Mom & Dad, For our country, Special Intentions by Karen & Allen Foster; Our Children, Our Grandsons, Frances Veitenheimer, Bill Veith, Aunt JoAnn Hoff, Martha Wolf, Larry Wolf, Aunt Bertha Wolf, For all the sick & hurting, In memory of Gary Johnston, For Vocations, For World Peace, For Good Health by John & Maxine Veitenheimer; For all the sick of our community & family, Peace, Rain to end our drought, The safety of our Military, Safe delivery & healthy baby for Kasye & Trent, Babies Bowen & Jensen on the occasion of their Baptism, Special Intentions by Jean & Scott; **YEARLY LIGHTS:** For the safety of all our military, especially for Staff Sgt. Damian Hoffman (army), Ethan Hoffman (Air Force), and Maj. David Ogura (army) by Grandmommy; Robert and my family by Lorine Wolf; The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For the Living & Deceased Members of the Charles & Mary Lindeman family by Benny Lindeman; Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran and Brett Hoff by Benny Lindeman; For my family by Elmer Schroeder, For Students of W.I.S.D. & C.D.A. #296 Members by C. D. A. #296; Joe Schreiber & Joseph Schreiber, Jr. by Agnes Schreiber; Mom by Johnnie & Alice; For our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; For our Family by Henry & Mildred; Our Family by Alfred & Cordella; My Family by Ann Veitenheimer; For our family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; For our Military Personnel by V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary; In loving memory of Rusty & Shannon and all dear departed of Lindemann & Green families; For my children & grandchildren to always stay faithful to the Church and its teachings, don't fall away and to keep God in their lives; For peace, Our beloved country and all the brave military; For the sick & elderly of our parishes and for all my dear friends who are so kind and helpful to me; For all the faithful Priests & Religious and for more vocations by Geraldine Lindemann; Thomas & Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; Arnold & Lillian Lindeman by the Family; Janice, Ed & Catherine and Lois Luig and Geraldine's health by Eddie Luig; For my Family by Lena Ostermann; Ben's Safety by Mom & Dad; Floyd Humpert by Betty; For our family by Marvin & Elsie Hoff; - For my

family and for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; For our Family & Clay's safety by James & Pat; Dorothy Dell Wolf by Gene & Cathy; For my Family by Margaret Beaman; In memory of Elizabeth Schlumpf by Tommy & Family; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30.

YEARLY LIGHTS are now due. Please let the office know if you wish to renew any lights from 2014.

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

How many sacraments are there? And what are their names?

The Church has seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.

Why do we need sacraments in the first place?

We need sacraments in order to outgrow our petty human life and to become like Jesus through Jesus: children of God in freedom and glory. In Baptism the fallen children of men become cherished children of God; through Confirmation the weak become strong, committed Christians; through Penance the guilty are reconciled; through the Eucharist the hungry become bread for others; through Matrimony and Holy Orders individualists become servants of love; through the Anointing of the Sick the despairing become people of confidence. The sacrament in all the sacraments is Christ himself. In him we men, lost in selfishness, grow and mature into the true life that has no end.

Why is faith in Jesus Christ not enough? Why does God give us the sacraments, too?

We can and should come to God with all our senses, not just with the intellect. That is why God gives himself to us in earthly signs especially in bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ.

People saw Jesus, heard him, could touch him and thereby experience salvation and healing in body and soul. The sensible signs of the sacraments show this same signature of God, who desires to address the whole man, not just his head.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS

Catholic schools, our legacy of love

It's easy to undervalue what you've always had. Take Catholic schools: We hardly remember the 19th-century U.S. bishops who fought to open schools, one diocese at a time. "First, the school; then the church," advised a bishop to his priests breaking ground in a new parish. The school manifesto arrived in the U.S. Bishops' 1884 Pastoral Letter: "Popular education has always been a chief object of the Church's care; in fact, it is not too much to say that the history of civilization and education is the history of the Church's work." Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-32; Mark 1:14-20 (68).* "Jesus said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"



MONDAY, JANUARY 26

FEAST OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

Good leaders share the wealth

When learning is the property of the elite, the center doesn't hold. Wise leaders take care to distribute the educational advantage. Nineteenth-century leaders of the American church realized it wasn't enough to build seminaries to educate clergy. "In days like ours . . . everyone needs to be as completely armed as possible with sound knowledge, not only the clergy, but the people also," an 1884 Pastoral Letter counseled. "In the great coming battle between . . . faith and agnosticism, an important part of the fray must be borne by the laity." Our children are the church's future.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Timothy 1:1-8 OR Titus 1:1-5; Mark 3:22-30 (317; Gospel 520).* "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

FEAST OF ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

Thrive and shine!

Angela Merici was a woman of faith and action. In 1535, she established a company of women devoted to serving Christ. Although it was customary at the time for consecrated women to be in the cloister, separated from the world, these women remained in the world. This new way of life lived by the Company of Saint Ursula thrived. Angela didn't set out to be a pioneer but to follow God's calling, wherever it led. In the spirit of Saint Angela, how will you respond to God's call?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35 (318).* "Behold, I come to do your will, O God."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

FEAST OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Theology is a humbling experience

Though Thomas Aquinas is considered the greatest of theologians, he himself had a more modest appraisal of his work. Shortly before his death he stopped working on his *Summa Theologiae*. When

asked why he did not complete it, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." Aquinas' modesty offers a good example to the rest of us. Our greatest accomplishments pale in comparison to the majesty of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20 (319).* "How will you understand any of the parables?"

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

Today's lesson is character

Some skills can be developed later in life. You can take a course or read a book and open doors to new ideas. But building character starts on the ground floor in childhood. Early American bishops noted that the three great educational arenas are the home, the church, and the school—all of which shape souls and societies. If "the principles of religion animate and direct" the young, they will be prepared to launch out "on the dangerous sea of life,"

an 1884 U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter declared. Give financial and volunteer support to Catholic education.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25 (320).* "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket . . . and not to be placed on a lamp stand?"

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Free up some space for God

It's easy to get caught up in the rush of life. There are so many places to be and things to do. Sometimes you just need to pause and reevaluate what's most important. In some cases, this means giving up the worries and anxieties that add to the frenetic pace of life, making space so you can cherish all that you've been given. Faith flourishes when you make room for it. How are you being invited to make space for God in your life today? There's no end to the goodness God offers, you simply need to be free to receive it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321).* "To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God?"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

FEAST OF JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

More honey, less vinegar

Saint John Bosco believed in the potential of young people, especially ones at risk, and he was ahead of his time when it came to educating them. He believed love, not punishment, was the way to help. Ordained in Italy in 1841, he worked with juvenile delinquents and other disadvantaged kids and developed a revolutionary teaching method. "Everything and everyone is won by the sweetness of our words and works," he said. It's easy to forget this advice when young people test your patience, but wise to remember if you want to effectively get through to them.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41 (322).* "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."



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The Challenges of the Unborn

One of four pregnancies will be terminated by abortion this year. How can this occur?

The baby in the womb has three major challenges to life. The first is apathy. Forty five percent of our population, according to polls has no strong opinion on abortion. Sadly, it appears that the pro-life movement has been unsuccessful in communicating its message in a meaningful way that would be measured by some meaningful conviction by almost half of our society. To make matters worse, it is more offensive (or politically incorrect) to have pictures of aborted babies in the media than the very fact that the pictures demonstrate babies are being slaughtered. In fact, our media will and do show all kinds of atrocities, with one notable exception—aborted babies.

The second challenge is neutrality, that is, those who claim to have no position. This is reminiscent of those cowardly people who once said, "I believe slavery is wrong, but I support a person's right to choose to own slaves". There can be no neutrality with the killing of babies. When we consider appointments for public office, our main litmus test should be: "are they pro-life, or pro-death?" with no wiggle room.

The third challenge is secularism or the mistaken philosophy that makes perceived personal happiness and convenience the primary consideration for all decisions. No atrocity or injustice is bad if it serves my personal good or makes my life easier. No act is wrong or right, it is just expedient. There is no absolute right or wrong.

Pro-Life Articles

Los Desafíos de los bebés por nacer

Uno de cada cuatro embarazos van a ser terminados este año por abortos. Cómo es posible que esto ocurra?

Un bebé en el vientre enfrenta tres desafíos mayores para vivir. El primero es la apatía. Según las encuestas, un 45% de la población no tiene una opinión firme con respecto al aborto. Tristemente, parece que el movimiento pro-vida no ha tenido éxito comunicando su mensaje en una forma significativa. Es así que casi la mitad de la sociedad no está convencida. Peor aún, es más ofensivo (o políticamente incorrecto) tener fotografías de bebés abortados en los medios de comunicación que el mero hecho que las fotografías demuestran que hay bebés que son masacrados. En realidad, los medios de comunicación muestran toda clase de atrocidades con la notable excepción de bebés abortados.

El segundo desafío es la neutralidad, o sea, los que declaran no tener una posición. Esto nos recuerda la gente cobarde que una vez dijo: "creo que la esclavitud es errónea pero apoyo el derecho de una persona a tener esclavos". No puede existir neutralidad con respecto a matar bebés. Cuando se consideran candidatos para

puestos públicos, nuestra principal prueba de fuego debe ser: son "pro-vida" o "pro muerte"? sin dejar margen de maniobras.

El tercer desafío es el secularismo o sea la filosofía errónea que hace que lo que se percibe como la felicidad y conveniencia personal sea la consideración principal para todas las decisiones. Ninguna atrocidad o injusticia es mala si sirve para mi bienestar personal o hace mi vida más fácil. Ninguna acción es buena o mala, simplemente es conveniente. No hay bien o mal absoluto. Esta filosofía es inaceptable.



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USCCB » Bible » Daily Readings

FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 71

READING 1 DT 18: 15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen.

This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.'

And the LORD said to me, "This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it.

But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 95: 1-2, 6-7, 7-9

R/ (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R/ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R/ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the dessert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R/ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

READING 2 1 COR 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord.

But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit.

A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

ALLELUIA MT 4:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL MK 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him.

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.