Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30am 12 Noon and 5:30pm Saturday Vigil at 5:30pm

Monday thru Friday Masses 7:00 and 8:15am 12:10 and 5:30pm Saturday Masses 8:15am and 12:10pm

Sacrament of Penance Monday thru Friday: 11:30am to 12 Noon 5:00 to 5:25pm Saturday: 11:30am to 12 Noon 4:30 to 5:25pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Friday 8:45am to Noon 12:45 to 5:00pm Benediction: 5:00pm

Baptisms and Marriages By appointment

Visitation of the Sick Upon request

Miraculous Medal Novena Monday: Following the 12:10 and 5:30pm Masses

Rosary
Monday and Wednesday:
Following the 5:30pm Mass

Parish House Office Hours Monday thru Friday: 9:00am to 12 Noon 1:00pm to 5:00pm

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Kathleen Martin
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"Jesus dwells in our midst in the Blessed Sacrament." St. Maximillan Kolbe

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26[™] THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10[™]

PLEASE LEAVE DONATIONS IN CHURCH
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"WHATSOEVER YOU DO FOR THE LEAST OF MY BRETHREN,
YOU DO FOR ME." MATTHEW 25:40

THE GATE OF LOVE AND GRACE

Pride is the first sin that begins to chase a person away from God, and if you don't reject it, lust grows; and if you don't reject lust, greed grows;



and if you don't reject greed, laziness grows;
and if you don't reject laziness, lying grows;
and if you don't reject lying, perjury grows;
and if you don't reject perjury, anger grows;
and if you don't reject anger, slander grows;
and if you don't reject slander, stubbornness grows;
and if you don't reject stubbornness, hatred grows;
and if you don't reject hatred, vengeance grows;
and if you don't reject vengeance, hopelessness grows;
and if you don't reject hopelessness, insolence grows;
and if you don't reject insolence, shameless
arrogance grows;

and if you don't reject arrogance, wrong wisdom grows; and if you don't reject wrong wisdom, unbelief grows and says, "It's not at all like they say it is."

Lord, infuse me with Your grace. Then I'll live with and in Your Love. —*Mechthild of Magdeburg (1208-1282)*



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our Tabernacle burns this week In Loving Memory of

MINNA ZEITLIN





HELP is a special Second Collection which will be taken at all Mass on the weekend of Jan. 26th—Jan. 27th.

Through this important collection, our Parish Family is invited to join in making a special offering to assist the parish in paying its dramatically increasing

<u>Heating</u>, <u>Electric</u>, <u>Light</u>, and <u>Power bills</u>.

Your generosity in our **HELP** Collection is greatly appreciated.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY



Masses—8:15am & 12:10pm NO 7:00am & NO 5:30pm MASS

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.
IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL US ANYTIME.
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Ordinary Time: Winter

A Sense of the Season

What do the words Ordinary Time mean? Dorothy Day said, "The words 'Ordinary Time' in our prayer books put me in a state of confusion and irritation. To me. no time is ordinary." She was right. The **Ordinary in Ordinary Time refers to** ordinal—counted—time, not to a lack of something to celebrate. The Roman document, General Norms for the **Liturgical Year and Calendar, says:** "Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character [Advent, Christmastime, Lent, Triduum and Easter time], 33 or 34 weeks remain in the Church's yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects." (#43)

How do you celebrate "the mystery of Christ in all its aspects"? We gather together in faith every Sunday. Sunday is our original feast day. Catholics have gathered every Sunday—the day of Christ's Resurrection, the first day of the week—ever since there were Catholics.



Every year there are two parts of Ordinary Time, one in the winter between Christmas and Lent, and the other in summer and fall, from Pentecost through the Feast of Christ the King. When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. We systematically read through the Gospels. The First Readings from the Old **Testament of the Bible were chosen for** their relationship to the Gospel passages. The Second Readings come from the various letters of the New Testament of the Bible. As we listen to and reflect on God's Word each week, the mystery of Christ "in all its aspects" unfolds.

What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? It is the Eucharist; a word that means "thanksgiving." At Mass we praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, and we remember Christ's Life, Death and Resurrection. We also share the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus in Holy Communion. Then we are sent forth to be the life and presence of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, and neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world.

"What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Catholics on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric and the joy of Catholic life." (Saint Andrew Bible Missal [Brooklyn: William J. Hirten Co., 1982.])

dear Padre

My fiancée was baptized in the Lutheran Church. If she becomes Catholic, will she be baptized again?

A person can be validly baptized only once, whether within or outside of the Catholic Church. Catholics believe three things are necessary for a valid Baptism: first, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; second, flowing water; and third, the intention of the "minister" to baptize using the form (words of the Trinitarian formula) and matter (flowing water) needed for a valid baptism.

Orthodox and most Protestant Baptisms are recognized as valid by the Catholic Church. However, Baptisms performed by Christian communities that don't believe in the Trinity—Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons, for example—are not recognized by the Catholic Church as valid. These communities may use the same matter (flowing water), but they don't have the same form (Trinitarian formula) or intention in their Baptism.

If your fiancée decides to become Catholic, she will need to attend Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes, make her first Communion and Reconciliation, and be Confirmed. Since she has already been validly baptized, she will make a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church and will not need to be baptized again.

-Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019

5:30pm +Irene Flanagan (Vigil for Sunday Mass)

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019

7:30am + Mary & John Jennerjahn

9:00am +Mary D'Angelo

10:30am Intentions of Marie Colwell, Healing

12:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the Aufiero Family

5:30pm + Maria Cynthia Bernardo

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY--HOLIDAY SCHEDULE MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019 St. AGNES

7:00am NO MASS

8:15am For Our Parishioners 12:10pm +Marie Louise Andrei

5:30pm NO MASS

DAY OF GIVING GOD THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019

7:00am +Paul Gruchacz 8:15am +Carol C. Finnerty 12:10pm +Omedo Chesro 5:30pm +Gail R. Schipski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019 St. VINCENT

7:00am +Ethel Talabovich

8:15am +Eileen Whiston Battersby 12:10pm +Eileen Whiston Battersby 5:30pm +Marie Germaine Theriault

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019 St. Francis de Sales

7:00am +Antonina Sedita

8:15am +Elena & Frances Baldeon 12:10pm +Frank Di Bernnardo 5:30pm +John W. Kelliher

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019

7:00am +Rose & Andrew Gull 8:15am +Marie Louise Andrei 12:10pm +James Amalo 5:30pm +Geronima Mederos

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019 SS TIMOTHY & TITUS

8:15am +A. Robert

12:10pm + Margo & Douglas Coldwell

5:30pm +Bishop Robert Brucato (Vigil for Sunday Mass)

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Prayer Requests

FOR OUR SICK: SABRINA BERTUCCI, MURIEL BRAIND, MARY GOLDSTEIN

FOR OUR DECEASED: WALTER CASTAGNA

Please call the Parish House to have a Parishioner's name placed on this list. Check to see if someone who is ill consents to having their name published. We only publish the names of <u>recently</u> deceased.