



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Now I have seen and testified that he is  
the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00pm Maureen O'Connor, Maria Caposio Sevino,  
Mrs. Culkin, Giuseppe Castellisi, Bienvenida  
Estrella Bigtation

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am Deceased Family of  
Mario & Thelma Nacinovich  
9:00am Leonardo DiVittorio (12th Anniversary)  
9:30am Juana Sanchez Cayetano  
11:00am Viola Lucente  
12:30pm Augusto Lopez Piva, Mercedes Beck,  
Estela Maria Santana  
3:00pm For the people of our parish

### MONDAY, JANUARY 16 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

9:00am Giuseppe & Bernarda DiLorenzo

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 (Saint Anthony)

8:00am Leonardo DiVittorio, Herbert Pope,  
Ralph Immello, Sr. & Jr., Frank, Marie,  
& Carlo Cataldo

12:00pm Mikelina & Mikiel Angelo Cachia

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00am Giuseppa & Vincenzo Barretta & Family

12:00pm Mosler Family

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00am Stephen Brian Bacolor

12:00pm John Thu Pham (2nd Anniversary)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 (Saint Fabian)

8:00am In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

12:00pm Natale Forzano

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 (Saint Agnes)

8:00am Gaspare Barretta  
5:00pm Susan Camenzuli, Nancy A. Collins,  
Mercedes & Antonio Hernandez,  
Aurelia Mareno,  
Narciso Palomar (1st Anniversary)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am Deceased Members of the Min & Suh Family  
& Rev. Cornelius P. Chang O.S.B.  
9:00am Gaspare Barretta  
9:30am Miguel Carlos Fuentes  
11:00am Blessed Roberto DaSalle  
12:30pm Mercedes Beck (Memorial de Cumpleaños)  
Esteban Silva (2 Meses), Norberto & Maria  
Antonia Gutierrez y por Las Almas del Purgatorio  
3:00pm For the people of our parish

## MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK



The Altar Candles are being offered for  
**Gaspare Barretta,**  
requested by Nicoletta & Ralph Del Greco



The Sanctuary Lamp is being offered for  
**Gaspare Barretta,**  
requested by Frank, Marianna & Alba Del Greco



The Altar Bread & Wine is being offered for  
**Stephen Brian Bacolor,**  
requested by Maria Victoria Bacolor Puzalan



Here is our live-streaming schedule of Masses: Saturday— 5:00pm (English) & Sunday: 9:00am (Italian), 11:00am (English), 12:30pm (Spanish), & 3:00pm (Vietnamese). We hope this change encourages you to attend Mass in person and be able to receive the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	<b>Upper Church:</b> 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bi-lingual) 11:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese) <b>Lower Church:</b> 9:00 AM (Italian) 10:30 AM (Czech-Slovak)
Weekdays	8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
Saturday	8:00 AM
First Fridays	7:30 PM (Spanish)
Holy Days	8:00 AM, 12 PM (English) and 7:30 PM (Bi-lingual)
Holidays	Only one Mass at 9:00 AM

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30pm—4:30pm (lower church)

### CHURCH HOURS:

Weekday: 7:00am—7:00pm

Weekend: 7:00am—6:00pm

### OFFICE HOURS

#### Weekday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon & 1:00pm—8:30pm

#### Saturday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

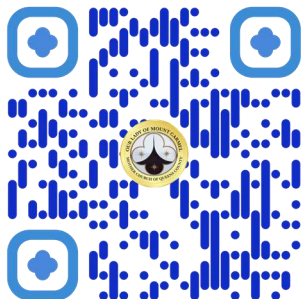
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## IS THIS YOUR YEAR TO...

Between demanding schedules, traveling, or just trying to get out the door on time for Mass, it can be challenging to prepare your church contributions on a regular basis as God calls us to do. Plus, for many families, the church collection is one of the last places where you still have to use a checkbook or cash.

Our parish is excited to offer Faith Direct as a secure online giving option for families to easily give one-time as well as recurring gifts via electronic check or debit/credit card. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you can create your own online donor account to manage your gifts. It's as easy as online shopping or banking!

Faith Direct is already used by many of our parishioners. It is convenient, reliable and secure. It makes for safer record-keeping, faster processing, and more efficient communication for the parish office. As you begin a new year, why not prayerfully consider Faith Direct as a new way to ensure that your contributions will make a difference. Begin today by visiting [Faith.direct/NY370](https://Faith.direct/NY370), or call **Faith Direct at 866-507-8757**, or **send a text with the word "Enroll" to 929-254-3850**.

Imagine the possibilities for sharing your gifts without the hassle of remembering checks and envelopes! Faith Direct will save you a lot of time. Let's make it a part of your New Year goal.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

**January 15, 2023**— There will be a second collection after Communion for our parish maintenance. Your donations enable us to maintain our parish buildings and spaces in good condition for your use. Thank you.

**January 22, 2023**— There will be a second collection after communion for Churches in Need. Your donations are very much appreciated.

## WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Last weekend's collection: **\$6,850**

Same weekend last year: **\$5,897**

(Does not include *Faith Direct*)

### FAITH DIRECT

December 2021: **\$5,538**    December 2022: **\$4,047**

## WIN—WIN CAR DONATION

When you donate your car, our parish may be able to share in the profits. For every car, truck or van, **running or not**, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will give back to our Church \$100/\$2000 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle that they would like to dispose of. Call the Association of Vincentian Charities at 718.491.2525 and mention the name of our parish.



Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

The Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany last weekend, and the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord that followed, have marked the last day of the Christmas season. We now once again begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, at least for the next seven weeks. Ordinary Time will be interrupted from February 22-May 29, during which we celebrate the seasons of Lent and Easter.

For some people, Ordinary time could well be just the season opposite of extraordinary time. And we would think of the Church's special celebrations like Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, Easter, and other feasts, as extraordinary times. But truth be told, the Church's Ordinary Time which we celebrate in our liturgical calendar is never "ordinary" in the way we normally understand it. The term "Ordinary Time" is not meant to convey that this season is common and, therefore, unimportant. It comes from the Latin "ordinalis", which means "ordered or numbered", and refers to numbers in a series. This is why we name the Sundays of Ordinary Time as the first Sunday, second, third, fourth, and so on, all the way to the thirty-fourth. Etymologically, "Ordinalis" comes from the Latin root word "ordo", from which we get the word "order". Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time represent the ordered weeks in the life of the Church. In fact, the guidebook that contain all liturgical indications to be observed by the Church throughout the year, found in every church's sacristy, is still called the "Ordo" book.

During the weeks of Ordinary Time, we are not focused on a particular aspect of the mystery of Christ, but on the mystery of Christ itself. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops explains, *"Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe."* (USCCB: Prayer & Worship-Ordinary Time).

Ordinary Time is thus a specific season in the Church that focuses on the life of Christ during his three years of public ministry. That is why the start of Ordinary Time begins with the Baptism of the Lord, as that is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time follows suit, focusing on the Wedding Feast at Cana, also known as Jesus' first public miracle. An interesting symbol of Ordinary Time is the use of the color green for vestments and church decorations. Green is representative of new life and growth. Ordinary Time is like springtime, where everything is green, fresh, and growing. This is associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the new Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations. This is to be a time of growing in our knowledge and love of Jesus. It is a time "ordered" to spiritual growth, walking in the footsteps of Jesus's public life.

For these reasons, the return to Ordinary Time should not be viewed as just packing up the Christmas decorations and "getting back to normal," but as a continuation and deepening of our faith as we travel the path that will eventually lead us to the glory of heaven.

As you are reading this letter, your humble servant is nearing the end of his trip. I have been able to celebrate a special Memorial Mass for my beloved dad John Thu Pham on the second Anniversary of his return to God, in the presence of my mother, all our extended family and friends in Saigon. The tremendous outpouring of support we received these days has brought us some relief and peace as we seek closure and move on with life in the way my dad would have wanted for us. I have also attended an Episcopal Ordination of a close friend, and the Profession of First Vow of a religious who is one of my spiritual sons. These events have made the start of my own Ordinary Time nothing but extraordinary.

Looking forward to returning soon to you and praying that everyone is well and safe at home, I assure you of my spiritual closeness.

**Msgr. Cuong M. Pham**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

La Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor el fin de semana pasado, y la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor que siguió, marcaron el último día de la temporada navideña. Ahora comenzamos una vez más la temporada litúrgica del Tiempo Ordinario, al menos durante las próximas siete semanas. El Tiempo Ordinario se interrumpirá del 22 de febrero al 29 de mayo, durante el cual celebramos los tiempos de Cuaresma y Pascua.

Para algunas personas, el tiempo ordinario bien podría ser la estación opuesta al tiempo extraordinario. Y pensaríamos en las celebraciones especiales de la Iglesia como Adviento, Navidad, Cuaresma, Triduo, Pascua y otras fiestas, como tiempos extraordinarios. Pero a decir verdad, el Tiempo Ordinario de la Iglesia en la que celebramos en nuestro calendario litúrgico nunca es "ordinario" en la forma en que normalmente lo entendemos. El término "Tiempo Ordinario" no pretende transmitir que esta temporada es común y, por lo tanto, sin importancia. Proviene del latín "ordinalis", que significa "ordenado o numerado," y se refiere a números en una serie. Por eso llamamos a los domingos del Tiempo Ordinario, primer domingo, segundo, tercero, cuarto, y así sucesivamente, hasta el trigésimo cuarto. Etimológicamente, "Ordinalis" proviene de la raíz latina "ordo", de la cual obtenemos la palabra "orden." Así, las semanas numeradas del Tiempo Ordinario representan las semanas ordenadas en la vida de la Iglesia. De hecho, la guía que contiene todas las indicaciones litúrgicas que debe observar la Iglesia a lo largo del año, que se encuentra en la sacristía de cada iglesia, todavía se llama el libro "Ordo."

Durante las semanas del Tiempo Ordinario, no nos centramos en un aspecto particular del misterio de Cristo, sino en el misterio de Cristo mismo. Como explica la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, *"El Tiempo de Navidad y el Tiempo de Pascua resaltan los misterios centrales del Misterio Pascual: la encarnación, la muerte en la cruz, la resurrección y la ascensión de Jesucristo, y la venida del Espíritu Santo en Pentecostés. Los domingos y las semanas del Tiempo Ordinario, en cambio, nos llevan a través de la vida de Cristo. Este es el tiempo de la conversión. Esto es vivir la vida de Cristo. El Tiempo Ordinario es un tiempo de crecimiento y de maduración, un tiempo en el que el misterio de Cristo está llamado a penetrar cada vez más profundamente en la historia hasta que todas las cosas sean finalmente captadas en Cristo. La meta, hacia la cual se dirige toda la historia, está representada por el último domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo."* (USCCB: Oración y Adoración-Tiempo Ordinario).

El Tiempo Ordinario es un tiempo específico de la Iglesia que se centra en la vida de Cristo durante sus tres años de ministerio público. Por eso el inicio del Tiempo Ordinario comienza con el Bautismo del Señor, ya que ese es el comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús. El Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario sigue su ejemplo, centrándose en la Fiesta de la Boda de Caná, también conocida como el primer milagro público de Jesús. Un símbolo interesante del Tiempo Ordinario es el uso del color verde para las vestiduras y las decoraciones de las iglesias. El verde es representativo de nueva vida y crecimiento. El Tiempo Ordinario es como la primavera, donde todo es verde, fresco y en crecimiento. Esto está asociado con el tiempo después de Pentecostés, el período en el que la nueva Iglesia, animada por el Espíritu Santo, comenzó a crecer y llevar el Evangelio a todas las naciones. Este debe ser un tiempo de crecimiento en nuestro conocimiento y amor para Jesús. Es un tiempo "ordenado" al crecimiento espiritual, siguiendo las huellas de la vida pública de Jesús.

Por estas razones, el regreso al Tiempo Ordinario no debe verse como simplemente empacar las decoraciones navideñas y "volver a la normalidad," sino como una continuación y profundización de nuestra fe mientras recorremos el camino que finalmente nos llevará a la gloria del cielo.

Mientras leen esta carta, su humilde servidor se acerca al final de su viaje. He podido celebrar una misa especial en memoria de mi amado padre John Thu Pham en el segundo aniversario de su regreso a Dios, en presencia de mi madre, toda nuestra familia extendida y amigos en Saigón. La enorme cantidad de apoyo que recibimos en estos días nos ha brindado algo de alivio y paz mientras buscamos el cierre y seguimos con la vida de la manera que mi papá hubiera querido para nosotros. También he asistido a la Ordenación Episcopal de un amigo cercano, ya la Profesión de Primer Voto de un religioso que es uno de mis hijos espirituales. Estos eventos han hecho que el comienzo de mi propio Tiempo Ordinario sea nada más que extraordinario.

Deseando volver pronto a vosotros y rezando para que todos estén bien y seguros en casa, les aseguro mi cercanía espiritual.

**Mons. Cuong M. Pham**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Sunday, January 15

7:00am—3:30pm	Blood Drive	Gym
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Guadalupe A
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Upper Room+ Fatima
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe B
3:30pm—8:00pm	114th Precinct	Gym

### Tuesday, January 17

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
3:30pm—6:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
5:00pm—9:00pm	CYO	Gym
5:30pm—6:45pm	Mariachi School	Balcony Rooms
6:00pm—9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	Guadalupe+ Fatima
7:00pm—9:00pm	Coro #1	Nazareth

### Wednesday, January 18

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
4:30pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym

### Thursday, January 19

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
10:00am—11:30am	Legion of Mary	Lourdes B
6:00pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—9:00pm	CYO	Gym

### Friday, January 20

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
6:30pm—8:30pm	Youth Meeting	Gym
7:30pm—9:00pm	English RCIA	Fatima

### Saturday, January 21

9:00am—5:00pm	Ladies Retreat	Fatima & Nazareth
9:00am—1:00pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
2:00pm—8:00pm	Parish Event	Guadalupe A/B
4:00pm—9:00pm	Adult Sewing Group	Lourdes A/B
5:00pm—7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Nazareth
5:00pm—7:00pm	Bilingual Choir Practice	Fatima

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPECIAL EVENT

Knights of Columbus Colon-Msgr. Higgins Council No. 309  
Cordially invites you to their 125th Anniversary Celebration  
**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 21-17 45th Street Astoria, NY 11105

Mass In Thanksgiving at 12:30pm

Dinner at 2:00pm Msgr. Campbell Hall (Lower Church)

Music, 50/50 Raffle | \$75 per Person

RSVP January 27, 2023

For more information contact Boris Musich, 718-683-1051  
or John Ketcham, 347-306-2366.

Please make checks payable to "Colon-Msgr. Higgins Council 309"  
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payment via Zelle to [boris.musich@gmail.com](mailto:boris.musich@gmail.com).

## VOCATION DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### **Fraternitas**

**January 21, 2023 —**

A group for middle school—high school aged boys dedicated to instilling Christian values in young men with the goal of fostering true Catholic gentlemen. The afternoon will include prayer, catechesis, sports, pizza lunch and Sunday Vigil Mass. Please view the forms that are available in the parish office for more information.

### **Jeremiah Project**

**January 27—29, 2022—**

A weekend retreat for young men 18 and older. An opportunity to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood through discussions, prayer and fraternity. Forms are available in the parish office or you may contact the Vocations Office at [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

## PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Remembering our deceased loved ones by having them prayed for at Mass on every first Friday of the month — the day traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is a meaningful way to express our love. Enrollment is \$10 per name. Those enrolled the Purgatorial Society will be remembered for a whole year. This month we have enrolled **Efrain Piana, Ermelando Quijano, Nelson Jorge, Eva Mae Tiglio, Maria Pastora Rodriguez, Carmena & Joseph Attard, Joseph Buttigieg, Doris Fenech, Dolores & Joseph Zahra.**

## PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have. It's a way for us to communicate with God and obtain His divine intervention. It can help sick people get well again and also gives us the strength in our own weakness and suffering. If you wish your loved ones who is sick to be prayed for at our daily Mass, kindly contact our parish office to place their names in our Prayer List. This week we are praying for **Joanne Callahan** to obtain the gift of healing.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSINGS

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will be only one Mass in the Upper Church at 9:00am. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 9:00am.

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

You can now begin to request your contribution statements for tax purposes. Please visit, call or email the parish office to request your statement for pick-up or for it to be mailed to you.

If you are enrolled on Faith Direct, please be aware that you will be automatically sent a contribution statement from their offices.



## ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The next Rosary Society meeting will take place on **February 5, 2023** after the 9:30am Bilingual Mass. All ladies over 15 years old are invited to come to the Institute and join us to pray the Rosary. Refreshments will be served.



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## SUPPORT THE BLOOD DIVE IN OUR PARISH!

# BLOOD DRIVE



Our Lady of Mount Carmel will host a blood drive today , January 15, 2023 from 9:15am until 3:15pm in the gym. Your donation will help save many lives! Please visit [nybc.org](http://nybc.org) for more information.

## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spiritual writers speak of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as "the Mass held in contemplation." As a way of encouraging devotion to the Eucharist, we invite all parishioners to come and spend some time before the Real Presence of the Lord on **Friday, February 3, 2023**. Exposition and Adoration will take place right after the 8:00am Mass and will conclude with Solemn Benediction before the start of the 12 Noon Mass.

## ESTE SERA EL AÑO QUE...

Entre horarios exigentes, viajes o simplemente tratar de salir a tiempo para la Misa, puede ser un desafío preparar las contribuciones para la Iglesia de manera regular como Dios nos llama a hacer. Además, para muchas familias, la colecta de la iglesia es uno de los últimos lugares donde todavía tiene que usar una chequera o dinero en efectivo.

Nuestra parroquia se complace en ofrecer Faith Direct como una opción segura de donaciones en línea para que las familias puedan dar fácilmente sus donaciones por medio de cheque electrónico o tarjeta de débito/ crédito. Si configura una donación recurrente, puede crear su propia cuenta en línea para administrar sus donaciones. ¡Es tan fácil como comprar o manejar su cuenta de banco en línea!

Muchos de nuestros feligreses ya utilizan Faith Direct. Es cómodo, fiable y seguro. Al comenzar un nuevo año, ¿por qué no considerar en oración a Faith Direct como una nueva forma de asegurarse de que sus contribuciones marquen la diferencia. Comience hoy visitando [Faith.direct/NY370](http://Faith.direct/NY370), o llame a **Faith Direct al 866-507-8757**, o envíe un mensaje de texto con la palabra "Inscribirse" al 929-254-3850.

¡Imagine las posibilidades de compartir sus regalos sin la molestia de recordar cheques y sobres! Faith Direct le ahorrará mucho tiempo. Hagámoslo parte de tu meta de Año Nuevo.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

We encourage all who worship with us to consider joining our parish officially. Registering will enable our parish to serve your spiritual needs better. Please return this form in the collection or drop it off at the parish office. Your active participation will strengthen your faith and your sense of belonging in God's family.

*Registrarse oficialmente permitirá que nuestra parroquia les pueda servir sus necesidades espirituales mejor. Por favor devuelva este formulario en la colecta o déjelo en la oficina parroquial. Su participación activa fortalecerá su fe y su sentido de pertenencia en la familia de Dios.*

Last Name/APELLIDO: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name/NOMBRE: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Espos(a): \_\_\_\_\_

Address/DIRECCIÓN: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/TELÉFONO: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail/Correo electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK/ MARQUE SUS OPCIONES**

New Registration     Change of Name/Address

I prefer envelopes     I prefer E-giving

## INFANT BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

### Preparation Meeting

**Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute**

January 24, 2023

February 21, 2023

March 21, 2023

April 18, 2023

May 23, 2023

June 20, 2023

July 18, 2023

August 22, 2023

September 19, 2023

October 24, 2023

November 21, 2023

December 19, 2023

### Baptism Ceremony

**Saturday—12:00pm—Church**

January 28, 2023

February 25, 2023

March 25, 2023

April 22, 2023

May 27, 2023

June 24, 2023

July 22, 2023

August 26, 2023

September 23, 2023

October 28, 2023

November 25, 2023

December 23, 2023

### FECHAS DE BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL

#### Reunión de Preparación

**Martes—6:00pm—Instituto**

7 de Febrero, 2023

7 de Marzo, 2023

#### Ceremonia de Bautismo

**Sábado—12:00pm—Iglesia**

11 de Febrero, 2023

11 de Marzo, 2023

### NO HAY BAUTISMOS EN ABRIL

*Fecha de Bautizo para Mayo todavía No Anunciada*

6 de Junio, 2023

10 de Junio, 2023

3 de Julio, 2023 (Tentativo)

8 de Julio (Tentativo)

8 de Agosto, 2023

12 de Agosto, 2023

5 de Septiembre, 2023

9 de Septiembre, 2023

10 de Octubre, 2023

14 de Octubre, 2023

### NO HABRÁ BAUTISMOS EN NOVIEMBRE

5 de Diciembre, 2023

9 de Diciembre, 2023

**Please Note:** Beginning January 2023, all Baptisms will be celebrated on Saturday at 12:00pm instead of Sunday. Please note that attending the preparation meeting is required for both parents and godparents.

**Por Favor Notar:** Empezando enero 2023, todos los bautizos serán celebrados los Sábados a las 12:00pm en vez de los Domingos. Asistencia a estas juntas de preparación es mandatorio para los padres y padrinos.

## PARTICIPA EN EL BANCO DE SANGRE!



## Dar sangre es donar vida

Nuestra parroquia tendrá un banco de sangre hoy, 15 de enero, 2023 en el gimnasio de 9:00am hasta las 3:00pm. Su donación es muy valiosa ya que puede salvar muchas vidas. Puede ver mas información en [nybc.org](http://nybc.org).

## DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

**Fraternitas, 21 de enero, 2023** — Un grupo para jóvenes de secundaria y preparatoria, inculcando los valores Cristianos a ellos con la meta de fomentar caballeros Católicos verdaderos. La tarde incluye oración, catecismo, deporte, almuerzo de pizza y Misa Dominical de Vigilia. Por favor pida los formularios que se encuentran en la oficina parroquial.

**Jeremiah Project, 27-29 de enero, 2023**— Retiro de fin de semana para jóvenes adultos mayores de 18 años. Es una oportunidad para discernir una posible vocación al sacerdocio por medio de discusión, oración y fraternidad.



# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of January 22, 2023



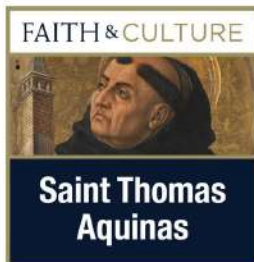
### Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!



### The Conversion of Saint Paul

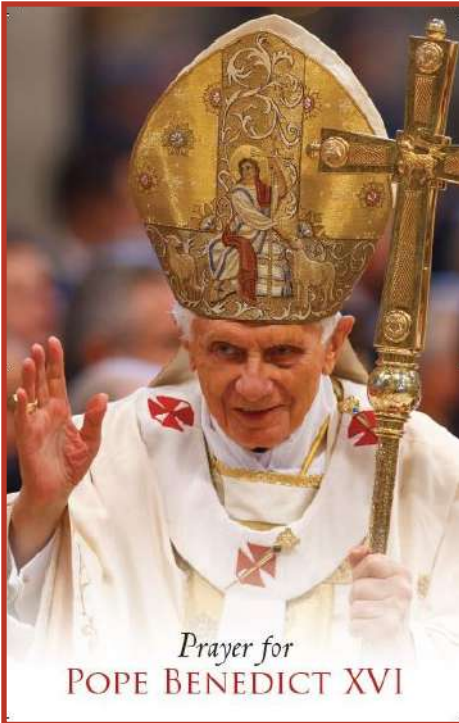
Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.



### Saint Thomas Aquinas with Randall Smith

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.

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O God, true shepherd of all the faithful, look with kindness on your servant Pope Benedict XVI, whom you set as head and shepherd of your Church.

We give you thanks for your grace at work in him as he has led us by word and example: in his teaching, in his prayer, and in his great love.

Grant him your strength in frailty, comfort in sorrow, and serenity amid the trials of this world; and guide your Church, built on the rock of Peter, with the power of your Spirit as we continue on the path that leads to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## SHOWING UP

I broke my foot once, when my second child was only 12 weeks old, and I was about to move houses. For six weeks was confined to a chair, a shrieking newborn in my arms, a toddler running circles around me, and my right foot rendered useless by a plaster cast. I couldn't do anything without assistance. I couldn't eat or get a drink or change my clothes or feed my children.

My family was in dire straits. A lot of people offered help, but there was a core group of friends and family members who really saved us.

These are the people who turned up in my driveway with empty vans and cooked meals. These are the people who blocked off their Saturdays to haul furniture, mow our lawn, and run after unruly kids. These are the people who said: "Here am. Give me a job."

If you've ever really, really needed another person's help, you know that "showing up" means more than saying: "Let me know what you need." It means saying: "I'm already here. Tell me what to do."

So often, I pay lip service to the idea of submission. "What do you want, God?" I ask, and I secretly hope that what He wants isn't one of those things that I'm not willing to give.

What if I really strove to "show up" for God? What if I was ready to give what He asks of me, whatever it is?

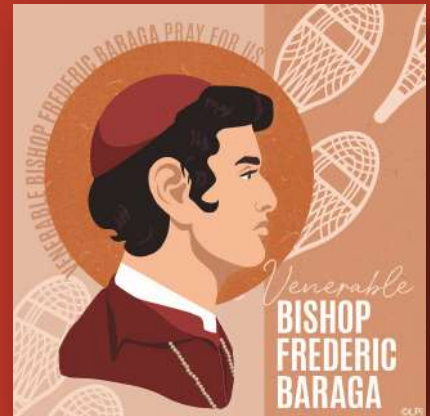
Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. - Psalm 40

*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## LIVE THE LITURGY

John the Baptist had been told that he would see the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. He listened, he believed, and he kept his eyes open. He was ready when God revealed the truth. Let's ask ourselves: are our eyes open? Are we ready?

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



Known as the Snowshoe Priest, Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga, was a lifelong missionary to the Native American people of the upper Midwest. He loved the people he served, knew their languages, and even published the first Ojibwe-English dictionary!

### Prayer

O God, thank you for the life and holiness of your servant, Frederic Baraga.

I pray you will honor him by the title of Saint. He dedicated himself completely to missionary activity to make you known, loved, and served by the people who you love. As a man of peace and love, Baraga brought peace and love wherever he traveled.

Lord, grant Venerable Bishop Baraga the grace of beatification..

We ask this in Christ's name.

Amen

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

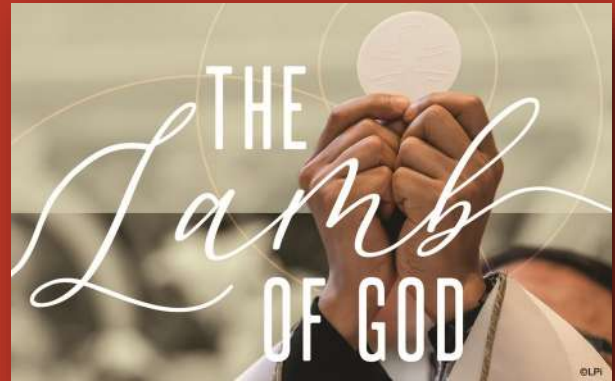
## GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass being ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "**Behold the lamb of God.**" His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact



with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadness, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God.

- Father John Muir

## WHAT IS UNIQUE OR DIFFERENT ABOUT THE WAY CATHOLICS READ AND ARE EXPOSED TO THE BIBLE?

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the Lectionary. The Lectionary is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before.

A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

