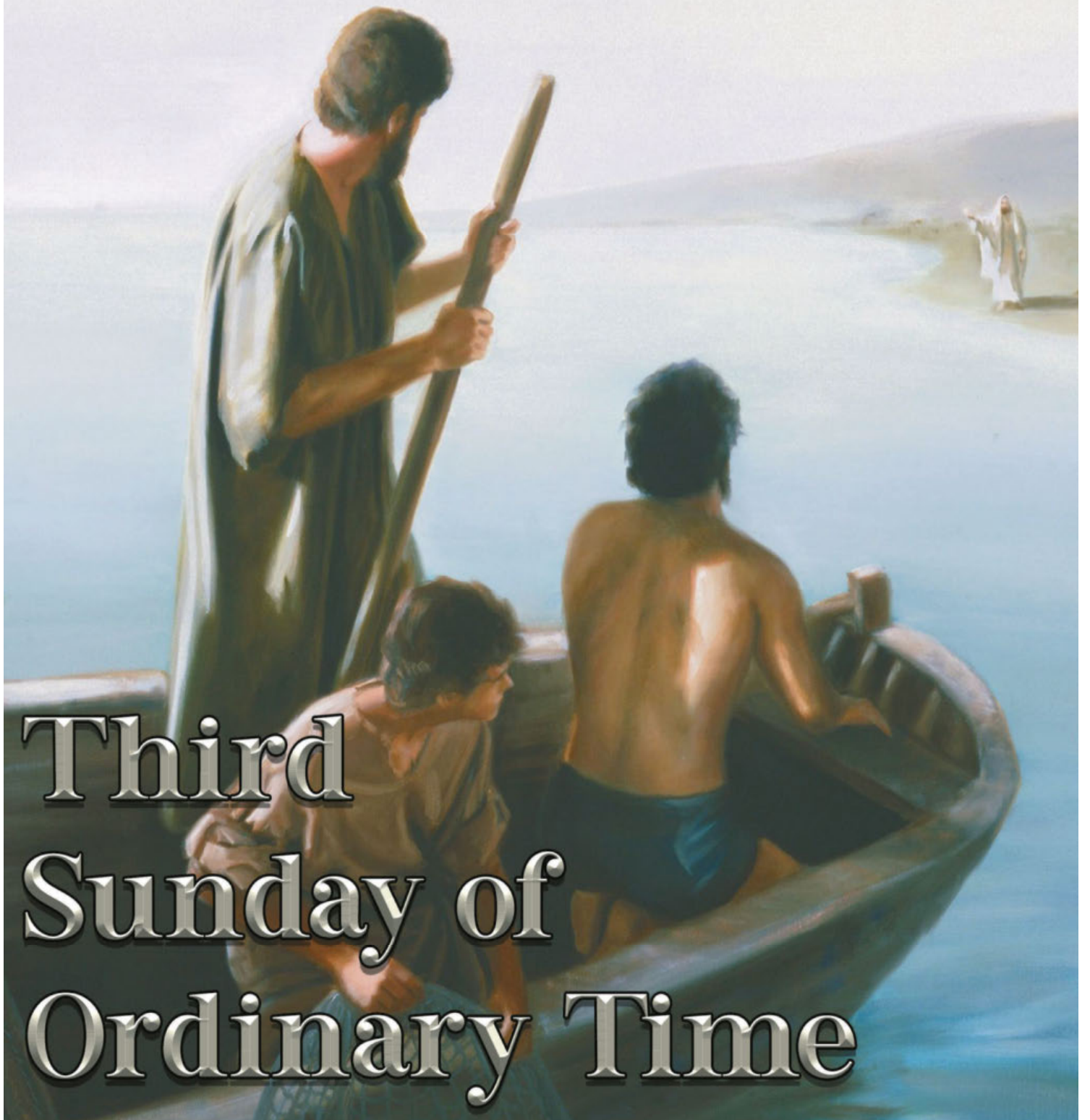


EPIPHANY

January 22, 2023



Third
Sunday of
Ordinary Time

WELCOME to Epiphany

"The Church is young when she is herself, when she receives ever anew the strength born of God's word, the Eucharist, and the daily presence of Christ and the power of his Spirit in our lives."

-Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*, 35



the PARTS of the MASS

1. Introductory Rites

- o **Entrance Chant:** Priest processes to the altar
- o **Greeting:** Father welcomes the congregation and reminds us of God's presence
- o **Penitential Act:** We ask God to forgive our sins and to heal us.
- o **Gloria:** A hymn that praises God
- o **Collect:** A prayer that may change by the day, asking God for grace

4. Communion Rite

- o **The Lord's Prayer:** Many times, we hold hands as we pray the Lord's Prayer. We ask him for "our daily bread" and for forgiveness.
- o **The Sign of Peace:** We offer peace to those around us, as a prayer for them. Often, we will shake their hand.
- o **Lamb of God:** We say or sing this prayer asking Jesus to take away the sins of the world, and to grant us peace.
- o **Holy Communion:** We receive Jesus' body and blood and proclaim, "Amen."

2. Liturgy of the Word

- o **First Reading:** Usually from the Old Testament. We respond with, "Thanks be to God."
- o **Responsorial Psalm:** Prayers that can be sung from the Old Testament.
- o **Second Reading:** Usually a letter from one of the Apostles from the New Testament (an *epistle*). They teach us to follow Jesus.
- o **Gospel Acclamation:** We stand to sing a song to welcome Christ.
- o **Gospel Reading:** A story about Jesus' life, death, or resurrection. At the beginning, we make the sign of the cross on our foreheads, lips, and hearts while we say, "Glory to you, O Lord." At the end, we respond with, "Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ."
- o **Homily:** The priest speaks to us about Jesus and how we can use his teachings in our lives.
- o **Profession of Faith:** We stand as we pray the *Nicene Creed*.
- o **Prayer of the Faithful** (Universal Prayer): We pray for our parish, diocese, community, country, bishop, those who've died, and/or those who are suffering.

3. Liturgy of the Eucharist

- o **Presentation & Preparation of the Gifts:** Members of the parish present the gifts of bread and wine to the priest for consecration. Money that is collected may also be brought to the altar.
- o **Prayer over the Offerings:** The priest will pour some water into the wine, which represents us joining with Christ. The priest will then wash his hands and say a prayer. Our response is, "Amen."
- o **Eucharistic Prayer:** The priest blesses the gifts and they become Jesus' body and blood. This is called *transubstantiation*.

5. Concluding Rites

- o **Final Blessing:** The priest blesses us, asking the Lord to be with us as we go. We respond with, "And with your spirit."
- o **Dismissal:** We are sent to share Jesus' love with the world.



About God's Word THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Jan 22, 2023

Coming live to a parish near you!

Some of us were taught that Mass attendance "counted" if we arrived for the gospel and stayed through Communion. Most churchgoers, thankfully, are weaned from this spartan idea to the liturgical celebration. In 2019, Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as "Word of God Sunday." While every Mass includes a healthy serving of Bible readings, annually we're invited to reflect that this is "an experience which occurs 'live' and not through hearsay," as the pope says. "We gather precisely to listen to what God has done *and still intends to do for us.*" Let's not miss a word of it!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23 (67). *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."*

Monday, Jan 23, 2023

Don't let fear keep you from serving

The disease of leprosy has been curable since the mid-20th century and is actually not highly contagious, as was believed in the past, but the physical effects were devastating enough to cause tremendous fear. Mother Marianne Cope was not afraid, which she stated in 1883 in her letter of acceptance to King Kalākaua of Hawaii, who had already asked for help from—and been turned down by—more than 50 other religious congregations to care for his people who had leprosy. The German-born American sister and six others came to his aid all the way from New York. When you go beyond your fears to answer a call, you may be bridging the greatest distance of all.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN; MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, RELIGIOUS
TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30 (317). *"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."*

Tuesday, Jan 24, 2023

There is strength in gentleness

Francis de Sales is famous for his gentleness. He used it on his stubborn father, convincing him he was meant to become a priest instead of a lawyer. It was a virtue Francis tapped to win hardened Calvinists back to the Catholic faith following the Protestant Reformation, a time of much bitterness. Explaining that a "spoonful of honey gathers more flies than a barrel full of vinegar," Saint Francis practiced what he preached by greeting everyone with simple kindness, speaking good-naturedly about the goodness, truth, and beauty of the Catholic faith. "Be who you are and be that well," he reminds us in *Introduction to the Devout Life*.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35 (318). *"Behold, I come to do your will, O God."*

Wednesday, Jan 25, 2023

I can see clearly now

We've all had the rather unpleasant experience of "being shown the error of our ways," though none perhaps as dramatically as Saul of Tarsus, zealous persecutor of early followers of Christ. On assignment to round up these dissidents, Saul was knocked from his horse by a blinding light and a voice from heaven. Three days

of blindness ensued before the scales literally "fell from his eyes" and the newly awakened apostle and great evangelist we know as Saint Paul emerged. Don't wait to be knocked to the ground before considering how your own life may have gone astray. Pray that anything that blinds you may fall away from your vision.

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). *"Saul, my brother, regain your sight."*

Thursday, Jan 26, 2023

Our moment is now

In the '90s, it seemed everyone wanted in on the "dot.com" internet startup craze. Many were excited to be in on the ground floor of something brand new. It's tempting to think that Timothy and Titus (both of whom have letters in the New Testament addressed to them) were like the dot.com entrepreneurs when it came to the new, exciting religion of Christianity. In contrast, today's Christianity can seem weighed down by centuries of precedent and proscriptions. Titus and Timothy dealt with plenty of church trouble in their time, however, from division to drunkenness to false teaching. Their witness reminds us to pray for the strength to rise to the challenges of the moment we've been given, just as they did.

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 (520); Mark 4:21-25 (320). *"The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you."*

Friday, Jan 27, 2023

Stay the course

Sometimes when the going gets tough, if they are honest, the tough want to curl up under the blankets and never come out! Life is not always an easy road, even when we feel called by God. But we're not alone on the journey. We can look to the saints to see how they've weathered the storms. Today, on the feast of Angela Merici, educator and founder of the Ursuline Sisters, let us take heart in her wisdom. "Strive with all your might to keep yourselves as you have been called by God, and seek out and desire all those means and ways that are necessary to persevere and prosper till the end."

MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321). *"We are not among those who draw back and perish, but among those who have faith and will possess life."*

Saturday, Jan 28, 2023

Be resolute

Sometimes your commitment to your faith or choice of a vocation or calling can lead to uncomfortable conflicts with loved ones who have a different idea of who you should be or how you should live your life. Even a saint as illustrious as Saint Thomas had to struggle against opposition. His family was so opposed to his decision to enter the Dominican order that they had him abducted and held captive for a year! Thomas stood firm and they finally relented, and as a result the church gained perhaps its greatest theologian. Stand firm when you need to—who knows what God has in store for you!

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41 (322). *"He asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?'"*

THE MASS



The Real Presence of Christ

By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ is present in the proclamation of God's Word, in the Eucharistic assembly, in the person of the priest, but above all and in a wholly unique manner in the Eucharist. "This presence is called 'real'—by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (CCC, no. 1374, citing Pope Paul VI, *Mystery of Faith*, no. 39).

Since the Middle Ages, the change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ has been called "transubstantiation." This means that the substance of the bread and wine is changed into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ. The appearances of bread and wine remain (color, shape, weight, chemical composition), but the underlying reality—that is, the substance—is now the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ endures in the consecrated elements even after the Mass is ended. Once Communion has been distributed, any remaining hosts are placed in the tabernacle. If any of the Precious Blood remains, it is reverently consumed. The hosts are reserved to provide Communion for the sick, Viaticum (Communion

for the dying), and to allow the faithful to worship Christ in the reserved Sacrament and to pray in his presence. As a sign of adoration, Latin Catholics genuflect to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the tabernacle or genuflect or kneel when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for prayer. Eastern Catholics show their reverence by a profound bow rather than a genuflection: "It is for this reason the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the Church and should

be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament" (CCC, no. 1379).



With the passage of time, reverent reflection led the Church to enrich its Eucharistic devotion. Faith that Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament led believers to worship Christ dwelling with us permanently in the Sacrament. Wherever the Sacrament is, there is Christ, who is our Lord and our God. Such worship is expressed in many ways: in genuflection, in adoration of the Eucharist, and in the many forms of Eucharistic devotion that faith has nourished.

The Eucharistic Liturgy contains the entire treasure of the Church since it makes present the Paschal Mystery, the central event of salvation. Eucharistic adoration and devotion flow from and lead to the Eucharistic Liturgy, the Mass.

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JAN.22 - JAN.29

EVENTS



**11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture Program**
7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass



11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
2:30pm Prayer Corps
7:00pm Connect



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
5:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom



12:10pm Mass
6:30pm SOS group
7:00pm YA Alpha



12:10pm Mass
2:15pm Legion of Mary
6:00pm Curia of Legion of Mary
6:30pm Sant Egidio
Prayer Service



4pm Vigil Mass



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March For Life Friday, Jan 20, 2023

The fall of Roe is not the end.
We are at a critical moment in history.
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January 22nd Readings

First Reading:
Is 8:23-9:3

Second Reading:
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Gospel:
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm

Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21 *Memorial of Saint Agnes*
4:00pm for the volunteers of Epiphany

Sunday, January 22

11:00am Mary Bergin

7:30pm the souls of unborn babies lost to abortion

Monday, January 23 *Day of Prayer for Unborn Children*

12:10pm Anthony Albert Franco

Tuesday, January 24 *Memorial of Saint Frances de Sales*

12:10pm Kenneth Parr

Wednesday, January 25 *Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul*

12:10pm the Brown family, living & deceased

Thursday, January 26 *Memorial of Saint Timothy & Titus*

12:10pm Maria & Irene Soroka

Friday, January 27

12:10pm Eleanor Petrillo

Saturday, January 28 *Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas*

4:00pm Jaime Barroso

Sunday, January 29

11:00am Minerva Magadia

7:30pm Sally Boyer

Monday, January 30

12:10pm Daniel Friedlander

Tuesday, January 31 *Memorial of Saint John Bosco*

12:10pm Anne Shinnick

Sanctuary Lamp
Jan 22-28
John Caradonna

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faithful departed, rest in peace.**

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