



St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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January 29, 2023



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 12:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

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Monday to Thursday

Rectory

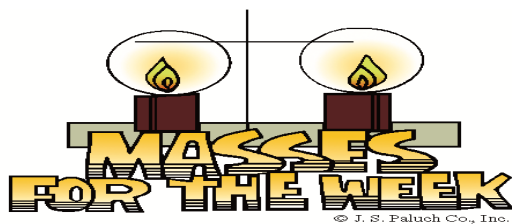
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Religious Education

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Sunday to Thursday



SATURDAY, January 28

5:30 PM Silvia Mattessich

SUNDAY, January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM Tommaso Passaro [10A]
10:00 AM Philip Burghardt
12:00 PM James Blaney

MONDAY, January 30

12:00 PM Doris Mattessich

TUESDAY, January 31

12:00 PM Carmelo Marinzoli

WEDNESDAY, February 1

12:00 PM Larry Loewy

THURSDAY, February 2

12:00 PM Edgardo Macalintal

FRIDAY, February 3

12:00 PM Irene & Casimir Katkowski

SATURDAY, February 4

12:00 PM. Mass Guild
5:30 PM Brian Raimondo - Kensek

SUNDAY, February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM John Bussanich
10:00 AM Joseph De Ruvo
12:00 PM Bill Jehle

Memorials
Bread & Wine
And
Sanctuary Candle
Ronald W. Thomas

THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.

—Gilbert K. Chesterton

CONSTANT FAITH

If you remain constant in faith in the face of trial, the Lord will give you peace and rest for a time in this world, and forever in the next.

—St. Jerome Emiliani

**FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"Blessed are the
poor in spirit,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven."**

Matthew 5:3

**JANUARY
29
2023**

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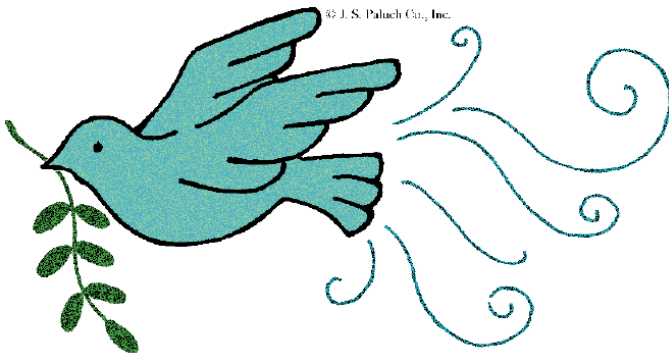


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January 29, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm — The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: St. John Bosco

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day

Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday; Blessing of throats

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



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We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.

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 Florence Navarro
 Paula Kelnhofer
 Barbara Demczyszyn
 Caroline Ruppert Hubertz
 Tom Greaux
 John Ratynski
 Victor Ruggiero
 Dominick Di Buono
 David I. Ramos
 Charlie Di Buono

Anthony Deli
 Valerie Vernay
 Julian Morgan
 Baby Amato Jordan
 Philip Dittmar
 Grace Ehler
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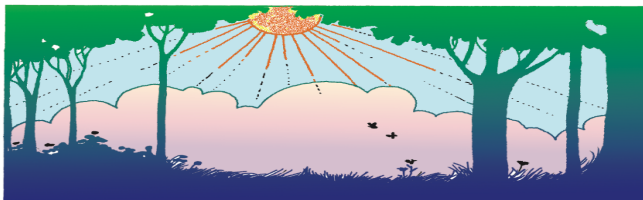
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If there is any adult (18+yrs.) who wishes to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving Confirmation and/or Communion and Confirmation, please call Sister Dorothy at 201-641-2989.



Jo Anna Lockie
 Tony Tarabocchia

Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions and for all those victims who suffered and lost their loved ones, under the COVID-19 pandemic.



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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Candlemas (February 2)

Thanks to Pope Sergius I (687-701), on February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. On this day we also commemorate the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law (Leviticus 12:1). The law indicated that a mother should be purified forty days after giving birth to a boy child. Since the eleventh century the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and candlesticks that are going to be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful. The root of the word candlemas is the Latin verb candere ("to shine") and from which also come the words candelabra and candlestick. This feast of candles recalls that Christians can, like Simon and the prophetess Anna in the temple, say that they also have seen salvation: Jesus the true Light who shines in the arms of Mary (Luke 2:25-38).

*—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González,
OFM,*

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

God Be in My Head

*God be in my head, and in my
understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my
speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my
thinking;
God be at my end, and at my
departing.*

—Attributed to Old Sarum Primer

**Surprise in Heaven*

*I dreamt death came, the other night
And Heaven's gate swung wide,
An angel with halo bright
Ushered me inside.
And there to my astonishment,
Stood folks I'd judged and labeled:
As "quite unfit", of "littleworth,"
And "spiritually disabled."
Indignant words rose to my lips,
But never were set free,
For every face showed
stunned surprise-
Not one expected ME!*

World Day for
Consecrated Life



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Send in the Clones?

Short Version

In St. Paul's time, the church was so new that everyone remembered how they came to the faith. It seems that some people in Paul's time actually boasted about who baptized them. They acted as if they were better Christians because of the person whose preaching first attracted them. Paul, of course, would have no part in those rivalries. In fact, you can almost hear Paul laughing when he talks about people who consider Christ as just another leader of one of the factions. Christ should be the sign of unity for all Christians, not just one congregation. While no one says they want to divide the body of Christ, I'm sure you know someone who thinks the only way to have a unified Church is for everyone to pray the same way they do. Yet even Paul did not expect all believers to be clones of one another. He frequently wrote about people having many different gifts. Those differences are necessary; we need all the gifts that the Spirit gives us. So what can we do to help unify the Church? First, do what Jesus himself did--pray for unity in the Church (John 17:20-21).

Pray that you come to know what your own gifts are, have the courage to use them for the Church, and appreciate the gifts of others. Second, Paul was very aware of his own weaknesses. Without weakness, how can we experience God's strength? Instead of looking down on those with whom we disagree, look up to see what God may be revealing to you through that person's differences.



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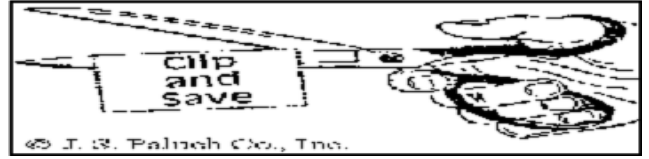
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