

January 23 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING
GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR.**

*Jesus, rise, spread out the scroll
like Ezra, your priest-scribe,
and declare to the people and to us
that God is in our midst this day.*

Oh, earth, you are holy now.

Holy Spirit, touch our begin and our doing.

*Let us feed and shelter the poor,
welcome immigrants,
free the prisoners, fix climate crisis.*

Brush our days, with grace.

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Rediscovering God's Love

Have you ever lost something and then, after some time passes, finally found it? Perhaps your keys, a cell phone, or worse still, a credit card? When we find utilitarian items that we've lost or misplaced, we're so relieved and happy because we need these things for daily living. But what if we lose our whole purpose for living? Then we're really in trouble.

The people to whom Nehemiah was speaking lost more than something material; they lost the key to who they were as a people. They lost the law of God that had been given to them through Moses's hundreds of years before. They were now listening to it for the first time. Upon hearing all its wisdom and prescriptions, they were cut to the heart and wept. There was so much they had forgotten and were no longer practicing. As exiles in Babylon, they had lost so much. Yet the response toward this rediscovery could have been joy, because now they knew once again what made for happiness and living in the Lord. They had discovered the love that called them into existence.

We have been given the Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth and reminds us of everything Jesus taught us in Scriptures and Tradition. Knowing God's truth is the deepest source of joy. Finding him is like finding what was lost. Like the found key, God unlocks our happiness. Like a cell phone, he gives us a constant connection with him. And like a credit card—but infinitely better—God is the love that fulfills our desires. And we never have to pay him back. + (Fr. Mark Haydu, LC)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

January 23 – Steve Tunny
January 30 – Tony Wagner
February 6 – Theodore and Matilda Mistler

MASS INTENTIONS

January 22 – Harold and Virginia Reisman
January 23 – Larry Downey
January 29 – Harold Huff
January 30 – Dale Tunny

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – February 5 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Sunday – February 6 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Ron Bauerle
Gifts: Ron and Donna Harlemert
Eucharist Minister: Susan Schutte

Saturday – February 12 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Tara Ricke
Gifts: Mark and Rosie Lunsford
Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – February 13 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Arlene Gehl, Julie Stephens
Gifts: Ken and Janice Fry
Eucharist Minister: Amanda Schutte

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2416.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 11.86
Loose Collection	\$ 383.00
Total Collection	\$2810.86
Capital Improvement	\$30.00
Criterion	\$405.00
Utilities	\$135.00
Feast of Mary	\$25.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

"Lord, you created all people equal. Open my eyes to recognize the dignity of all people and my heart to love unconditionally."

(From *Peaceful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney)

REST IN PEACE – St. Maurice parishioners extend sympathy to the family and friends of Jerry Caudill, whose funeral service was celebrated on January 19. May he rest in Eternal Peace!

We also extend sympathy to Lou and Amelia Wolter upon the death of his sister, Evelyn Kiefer.

SANCTUARY LIGHT – We are accepting intentions for the sanctuary light for 2022. The suggested offering is \$5.00. You can put your intention in an envelope marked "Sanctuary Light" and drop in the collection basket.

PRAYER FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN – January 22-23 is a time of prayer for the victims of abortion and for those who have had an abortion. It is also a time of prayer for our nation's leaders that they might be cognizant of the needs of the unborn, establishing laws to protect them.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us to bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION – The second collection today is for the Church in Latin America. This national collection supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean. Place your envelope in the regular collection.

THANK YOU – Thank you to Jerry and Grace Truesdell and David and Jenny Hardesty for their help in allowing us to again celebrate Mass in church.

A note of thanks from Patty Simon: "Thank you very much for the generous Christmas gift of money the parish gave me. It was so kind and thoughtful to be remembered by you. Happy 2022 to a wonderful parish filled with great people. God's blessings to you all!"

The shut-ins also send a huge THANK YOU for your many cards to them!

MASSES – The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, will offer three Masses for you and your intentions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Preschool through Grade 5 will have religion class on Wednesday, January 26, 6:45 PM.

Junior High and High School will meet for class on Sunday, January 30, 8:30 AM.

BLOOD DRIVE – St. Maurice is hosting a Community Blood Drive in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 15, from 12:30 PM until 6:00 PM. If you are able to donate blood, make an appointment online at hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon, or call Arlene at 812-614-3388. All donors will receive a fleece blanket as a thank you.

DANCE – St. Anthony of Padua - Over 21 Dance, February 26, 7:00-11:00 PM at Schad Hall. Live Music by CRB. Alcohol will be available for purchase. No outside coolers will be permitted. Must be 'Over 21' to attend. Free will offering at the door. Proceeds will go to help support St. Anthony's Parish. Contact Shawn Glaub, 812-212-3316, to reserve a table.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS – Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason, we Christians go to encounter the Lord...in the Eucharistic celebration. (General Audience, December 13, 2017)

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A few days before Valentine's Day, a customer walked into a Post Office and noticed a middle-aged, balding man standing at a counter, methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. The man then took out a perfume bottle and started spraying perfume all over them.


Curious, the customer asked the balding man what he was doing.

"I'm sending out 1,000 'I Love You' cards signed, 'Guess Who?'" the man replied.

"But why?" asked the other customer.

"I'm a divorce lawyer," the balding man said. (via George Goldtrap Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL, The Joyful Noiseletter)

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
					New Year's Day (observed)	New Year's Day Mass for Epiphany 4:00 PM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Feast of the Epiphany 10:00 AM 			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM			Mass for Baptism of the Lord 4:00 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Religious Education Classes 8:45 AM Feast of Baptism of the Lord 10:00 AM			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Liturgy Meeting 8:30 AM RE Classes 8:30 AM Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM	Martin Luther King Day	St. Nicholas Eucharistic Healing Service 7:00 PM (Confessions begin 6:30. Praise and worship music at 6:45.)	Faith Formation Meeting 4:30 PM RE Classes 6:45 PM	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM		Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Day of Prayer for Unborn Children
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
RE Classes 8:30 AM Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM			Religious Education Classes 6:45 PM			Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM			The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month: For true human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.			