



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ,

The first message that Jesus preached when He began His public ministry is coming to us today: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Repent. We are all called to repent, however, there is one preceding step of repentance; that is “**recognizing that we have sinned.**” This tendency to sin is present in every one; that is one of the consequences of original sin: “(Someone) made me do it!”

Repentance is what Jesus called us to do because the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Repentance is necessary to see, recognize and enter the kingdom of heaven. Many see, but do not recognize. Many recognize, but are not able to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Repentance is being sorry for our sins and also an effort to amend our life. Repentance includes words (Lord, I am sorry, forgive my sins) and actions (confession and intention to avoid the occasions of sin).

God so loved the world! He is ready to say to those who come to Him with repentance (God knows who is playing “games” with Him; God knows who is sincere in repenting) that “Your sins are forgiven.”

Therefore, be humble before God; have courage to come to Him; to trust in His love and power. Knowing that God had given the power to forgive sin to His Church, so trust in the Church that Jesus built on the rock, Peter, who holds the keys to heaven!

In reality, Satan does not leave us alone. He tries many ways to make us doubt, fearful, confused. He might even remind us that “God loves you so much, so He will not punish you for eternity just because of one “small” sin.” Don’t you remember that we have free-will, that we are totally free to make our decision saying yes or no to God, that we are totally responsible/accountable for every action we have done before the Almighty God, that we should not “blame” Satan alone for our evil/immoral/disobedient acts? Satan and the devils tempt us, but we are the ones to decide, not Satan or the devils. We have **FREE-WILL.**

Jesus established the Church, so the Church will continue to preach this message: **REPENT.** The Apostles had been called and sent to spread this message. The priests have been called and sent for this message (by the virtues of Baptism and Sacred Order). The Laity have been called and sent for this message (by the virtues of Baptism and the preaching of ordained ministers).

Let us pray fervently to God to send more laborers for His harvest. Let us also pray that many will listen to God's message through their teaching and preaching, and be able to return to God and the Church.

Peace,  
Fr. Tien



Catholic Adult Education on Monday night, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 p.m. will be **Mystery of the Liturgy and Eucharist - Liturgy, Real Presence.**

Come delve deeper into the Liturgy and the Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist. Come join us in the spirit of fellowship. We meet in the large classroom on the right at the end of the faith formation hall.

Deacon David & Education team



If your 2022 donation to the church was over \$250 and you would like a letter for your tax purposes, please contact the Parish Office.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."



Our Food Pantry could use corn, corn and more corn and also rice and did I mention corn? Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!!!!

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For your winter reading, our Parish Library, next to the Chapel, has books on not only Saints but also memoirs and biographies of other interesting, outstanding Catholics as well as books on culture/social issues written by Catholics and also a section of Christian novels and much more. Books are 1 month and DVD's are 1 week. Any questions, please call Georgette Lee at 349-4223.

**Pray for healing:** Shirley Allegretti, Rita Bader, Joan Barnum, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Junior Boggs, Parker Burkhart, John Wayne Crunkleton, Mary Cude, Lillianne Duong Davis, Carol Fox, Tony Frede, Morgan Hagen & baby, Shannon Halpin, Brandon Hatch, Dariel Hellerer, Donna Hogsed, Jim Holloran, Barry and Guyla Ivers, Aaron Ivey, Ty Kimsey, Chris Marinari, Matthew Marinari, Michele Mercer, Millard Michaels, Bill, Dee and Germaine Moffitt, Dolores Molter, Monica Moya, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Bill Shaw, Linda Smith, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Catherine Holten Snider, Irene Tisdale, John Turner, Charlene Yudell, Alice Yuzzi



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

4:00 P.M. John T. and Joyce Mielnik  
by Stanislava Michalik

### Sunday, January 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Larry and Nan Mitchell by Charlene  
Gail Blummer by Ray and Beth Peters  
11:30 A.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia  
+ Jose Louis Aparicio Feria

### Monday, January 23

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
NO DAILY MASS

### Tuesday, January 24

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
NO DAILY MASS

### Wednesday, January 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

5:30 P.M. John T. and Joyce Mielnik  
by Stanislava Michalik

### Thursday, January 26

Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

9:00 A.M. Bob and Marueen Stiponov

### Friday, January 27

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

9:00 A.M. Mary Theresa Murphy  
+ Larry & Nan Mitchell by Charlene Galbrecht

### Saturday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

4:00 P.M. + Rebecca Richards by Bill Richards

### Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Parish Peoples' Mass  
11:30 A.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia



**Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:**  
Stephen Fox, Kyle McCormick, Lauren Richards,  
Christopher Richards, Elizabeth Scoon

