

The Lord is my light and my salvation

Mass Intentions

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2020

Saturday – Jan 25th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Zoeller (A)
by Jim and Carmela Meyer
7:00PM – David J. Sweeney
by Son, Kyle Sweeney

Sunday – Jan 26th –

8:30AM – Homer and Agnes Collis (WA)
by Children
10:30AM – Kathleen M. Knecht (B)
by Mary Beth and Bill McGinley

Monday – Jan 27th – St Angela Merici

8:00AM – Richard Longenhagen (A)
by Family

Tuesday – Jan 28th – St Thomas Aquinas

8:00AM – June M. Schlofer
by Mike and Louise Seng
Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Jan 29th – St Gilbas the Wise

6:00PM Vigil – Phyllis S. Roman
by John and Mary Daub

Thursday – Jan 30th – St Hyacintha/Marescotti

8:00AM – Michael Hungo
by Peggy McCarty

Friday – Jan 31st – St John Bosco

8:00AM – William Stinson, Jr.
by Colleen McCloskey

Saturday – Feb 1st – St Bridgid of Ireland

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Presentation of the Lord

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – John J. Seng
by Mike and Louise Seng
7:00PM – David J. Sweeney
by Daughter, Lauren Sweeney

Sunday – Feb 2nd –

8:30AM – Carl Rieker (L-Health)
by Louise Oswald
10:30AM – Jeanette Koncz (WA)
by Husband, Gene



Pray the Rosary Sundays
8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

Too Political? – Please, Wake Up!

As she accepted the Nobel Peace Prize Mother Teresa's speech included:

And I feel one thing I want to share with you all, the greatest destroyer of peace today is the cry of the innocent unborn child. For if a mother can murder her own child in her own womb, what is left for you and for me to kill each other? Even in the scripture it is written: Even if mother could forget her child – I will not forget you – I have carved you in the palm of my hand. Even if mother could forget, but today millions of unborn children are being killed. And we say nothing. In the newspapers you read numbers of this one and that one being killed, this being destroyed, but nobody speaks of the millions of little ones who have been conceived to the same life as you and I, to the life of God, and we say nothing, we allow it. To me the nations who have legalized abortion, they are the poorest nations. They are afraid of the little one, they are afraid of the unborn child, and the child must die because they don't want to feed one more child, to educate one more child, the child must die.

And here I ask you, in the name of these little ones, for it was that unborn child that recognized the presence of Jesus when Mary came to visit Elizabeth, her cousin. As we read in the gospel, the moment Mary came into the house, the little one in the womb of his mother, lift with joy, recognized the Prince of Peace. And so today, let us here make a strong resolution, we are going to save every little child, every unborn child, give them a chance to be born. And what we are doing, we are fighting abortion by adoption, and the good God has blessed the work so beautifully that we have saved thousands of children, and thousands of children have found a home where they are loved, they are wanted, they are cared. We have brought so much joy in the homes that there was not a child, and so today, I ask His Majesties here before you all who come from different countries, let us all pray that we have the courage to stand by the unborn child, and give the child an opportunity to love and to be loved, and I think with God's grace we will be able to bring peace in the world. We have an opportunity here in Norway, you are with God's blessing, you are well to do. But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is

somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts. Sometime ago, this to you will sound very strange, but I brought a God child from the street, and I could see in the face of the child that the child was hungry. God knows how many days that not eaten. So I give her a piece of bread. And then the little one started eating the bread crumb by crumb. And I said to the child, eat the bread, eat the bread. And she looked at me and said: I am afraid to eat the bread because I'm afraid when it is finished I will be hungry again. This is a reality, and yet there is a greatness of the poor. One evening a gentleman came to our house and said, there is a Hindu family and the eight children have not eaten for a long time. Do something for them. And I took rice and I went immediately, and there was this mother, those little one's faces, shining eyes from sheer hunger. She took the rice from my hand, she divided into two and she went out. When she came back, I asked her, where did you go? What did you do? And one answer she gave me: They are hungry also. She knew that the next door neighbor, a Muslim family, was hungry.

What surprised me most, not that she gave the rice, but what surprised me most, that in her suffering, in her hunger, she knew that somebody else was hungry, and she had the courage to share, share the love. And this is what I mean, I want you to love the poor, and never turn your back to the poor, for in turning your back to the poor, you are turning it to Christ. For he had made himself the hungry one, the naked one, the homeless one, so that you and I have an opportunity to love him, because where is God? How can we love God? It is not enough to say to my God I love you, but my God, I love you here. I can enjoy this, but I give up.

I could eat that sugar, but I give that sugar. If I stay here the whole day and the whole night, you would be surprised of the beautiful things that people do, to share the joy of giving. And so, my prayer for you is that truth will bring prayer in our homes, and from the foot of prayer will be that we believe that in the poor it is Christ. And we will really believe, we will begin to love. And we will love naturally, we will try to do something. First in our own home, next door neighbor in the country we live, in the whole world. And let us all join in that one prayer, God give us courage to protect the unborn child, for the child is the greatest gift of God to a family, to a nation and to the whole world. God bless you!

Around 62 million since Roe v. Wade in 1973, in our country alone, have been aborted in the womb. We cannot remain sleepy to this or any such tragic reality in the world. Let's stop with the excuses, inform ourselves, pray, and give witness to our love for life. Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$ 2,822.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **January 25th and 26th**, is the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**.

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **February 1st, and 2nd**, will be the **Fuel Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	S.Ruda L.Ruda	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	D.Gorr A.Muschko	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	A.Banoza Z.Bossons	B.Petro	Deacon Jack

Save the Date

**Friday, February 28th –
Our Annual Fish Fry Dinner
More information will follow.**



SAINT BLAISE

Throats will be blessed on the feast of Saint Blaise, after all Masses next weekend, **Saturday, February 1st and Sunday, February 2nd.**



BLESSED CANDLES

Beginning next **Sunday, February 2nd**, **blessed candles** will be available for purchase to keep in your home during the year. A box contains two blessed candles and is available for a **\$4.00 donation**.



Please remember in your prayers **Evelyn M. Geiger**, who passed away and was recently buried. We pray her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SLOVAK FOUNDATION

Once again our parishioners of Slovak heritage are invited to donate to the Slovak Foundation. Envelopes are at both church entrances and can be placed in any Sunday collection through **Sunday, February 9th.**

Saint Angela Merici

Orphaned at the age of ten, Angela was led to embrace the vocation of a Franciscan tertiary, offering herself in prayer for her sister, who had died without the comfort of the final sacraments. It is said that a vision confirmed her sister's presence among the saints. Later, a second vision awakened in her the desire to form a company of virgins to serve God. Angela ministered to the unmarried young women in Brescia, Italy, proposing a form of life based on their free response to God through espousal to him. The group of women she gathered for this work was established as the Congregation of the Ursulines after her death in 1540.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

Thomas, from Aquino, Italy, began studying at the nearby Benedictine abbey at the age of five. Destined by his family for a life as an abbot, at age nineteen he decided instead to enter the newly formed Order of Preachers. As a Dominican, Thomas distinguished himself first as a student of Albert the Great and later as a master teaching at Paris. His *Summa Theologiae* is a masterful synthesis of faith and reason, and the classic text for a comprehensive theological formation and for Catholic education, of which Thomas is the patron. Thomas was named the Angelic Doctor in 1567.

Saint John Bosco

Moved by the needs of indigent boys in 19th century Turin, Italy, the young priest John Bosco founded the "Oratory", a program which brought boys together for Mass, games, and nature study. He founded night classes to give them work. He promoted dedication to the Sacred Heart and the order he founded, the Salesians, is a worldwide congregation today.