

Our Lady at St. Germaine

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021



*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over
the place where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

My favorite story, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany is the story of the fourth wise man, who became separated from the others three. There are a number of versions circulating from the original story by Henry Van Dyke, 1889; there is even a movie version.

The fourth wise man, name, Balzones was separated from them because he became detoured on his search for Christ, as he helped the sick, poor, and hunger, whom he encountered on his journey. As the story is written, the gift he was bringing to Christ was to be a precise ruby and fine pearl, which he sold to care for poor, needy, and mistreated that he met along the way.

Eventually, he found Christ, but he was no longer a child. This fourth wise man was disappointed that he had no gift to offer Christ. Jesus however, was most satisfied with the gift he had brought him and that was the care and compassion he showed to the poor and needy, as he journeyed to find. Christ.

Like the wise men, we too are on a journey, searching for Christ in our lives. We needn't search the heavens and distant galaxies. We needn't travel from east to west, searching the farthest corners of the earth.

Like the fourth wise man, may we recognize that Christ is present in our midst. May we also in wisdom come to realize that the gift Christ seeks from us is the love and care we show to others on our journey to meet him.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom Cabala

A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

As I prepare to go into the world, help me to see
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A tangible and visible way of living
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Christ, since my lips will be covered,
Uncover my heart, That people would see me
smile in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
Help me to speak clearly,
Not only with my words, but with my actions.
Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to
listen carefully –
And full of care – to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth
Be shield and banner,
And each breath that it holds,
Be filled with your love.
In your name and in the name of love I pray.
-Amen.

-Author Unknown

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Many blessings are
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common factor is that the comfort and healing
power of prayer is sent with every shawl.

To request a Prayer Shawl call 636-5060



MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, January 4— St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:30 AM Mass
Poor souls, Anna Kolena

Tuesday, January 5— Saint John Neumann

8:30 AM Mass
William S. Noonan

Wednesday, January 6—Christmas Weekday

8:30 AM Mass
Leonard & Dorothy Postregna, Nancy Walker

Thursday, January 7— Christmas Weekday

8:30 AM Mass—
John & Muriel Wagner, Paula Donnelly

Friday, January 8— Christmas Weekday

8:30 AM Mass—
Loretta Barba

Saturday, January 9— Christmas Weekday

8:30AM—George & Antoinette Czanko
4:00PM— Anthony Konczal, Carol Spero (healing),
Unger Family (well being), Gene Branecki

Sunday, January 10— Baptism of the Lord

7:30AM— Anne Vaughan, Geraldine Fracassi
9:30AM— Albin Scislowicz, Roger L. Kushenbach,
Alice McCormick
11:30AM—Ray, Kathy, Mark & Monica Vorderer,
Loretta Barry, Anthony Willner

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Gertrude J. Wendling

Please pray for those who are sick, their families & caregivers, including:

Virginia Bovilsky, Joe Braje, Elaine Bridgeman,
Baby Nolan Burby, Pat Cesak, Taylor Collard,
Ann Contorno, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo, Dolores Dorman,
Yvonne (Wepner)Enselman, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner,
Patsy Galecki, Giblin Family, Jan Gorman, Gerardo
Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, Eileen Graff, Lynn Groebe,
Peg Hansen, Sherry Hardek-Cohem, Sue Heda,
Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Betty Hedderman,
Kaitlyn Hedderman, Gina Jakelski, Robert “Mitch”
Jones, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Alvina Kita, Richard
Kita, Frank Klutcharch, Joe Kress, Judith Lasky,
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Maggie Powers, Colleen Ritter, Nicolas Rossio,
Frank Roti, Guadalupe Martin Ruvalcaba, Marty Safstrom,
Sharon Safstrom Norma Salas, Audrey Schmitz,
Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Ellie Smith,
Joe Smyth, Joseph Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Michael Stupay,
Rita Daniels Suchor, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen,
Dorothy Trop, Mary Ann Trop, Pat Walker, Susan Zak,
Gussie Zawaski

Sunday masses and the Rosary will continue
to be available to watch from home via
our website, www.ourladyatstgermaine.org,
YouTube or on Facebook.

RSVP

*To make a reservation for
weekend mass, please call
708-572-5222 or go to
<https://bit.ly/reservemass>
Please have name, number of
attendees, and mass time ready
when you call.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

*2021 Mass book is open and has plenty
of availability. Please call the office at
636-5060 x200 to request a mass.*

Do You Hear the Bells?

We recently brought the carillon bells from Our Lady of Loretto Church to a new home at Our Lady of St. Germaine Parish. They represent a lovely addition that reminds us of the history our two parishes and the promise of our future together.

Church bells for ages have been a way to call the faithful to worship and to mark the hours of prayer for the community. The Liturgy of the Hours, the official daily prayer of the Church, focuses on the recitations of scriptural psalms seven times throughout the day. In ages past, many of the faithful were not able to read or write. That made participation in the “Divine Office” nearly impossible for them.

To simplify the prayer times for the common people, Christians have traditionally prayed “The Angelus” at fixed hours of the day. Six o’clock in the morning, noon, and six o’clock in the evening have been the appointed times for this prayer. Church bells were rung to call the people to participate.

Artist Jean Francois Millet painted “The Angelus” (1857) as a tribute to simple people of prayer. The prayer itself reminds us of Gabriel’s ANNUNCIATION to Mary that she was to be the mother of Jesus.

When you hear the bells from Our Lady at St. Germaine, won’t you join us for this prayerful tradition?



The Angelus

VI. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R/. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

VI. Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

R/. Be it done unto me according to your Word.

Hail Mary...

VI. And the Word was made flesh,

R/. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

VI. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R/. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Please be generous in your support of our parish ministries and services.

December 20, 2020

Sunday:	\$9,143.76
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,510.00
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$11,653.76
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Human Dev:	\$10.00
Christmas:	\$3061.00
Religious Retirement:	\$15.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$25.00
Aid to Education:	\$123.00

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Split The Pot Drawing



On December 20, # 292 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing.. The amount of \$875.00 will be added to the December 20th drawing.

Continue to put your orange envelope in! Good luck!!

**The Our Lady of Loretto Statue
has been relocated to Statue Row
on 98th Street.**

**Also, the memorial pavers from
Our Lady of Loretto have been
removed and will be reset on the
Kolin St. entrance when weather permits.**

HELP WANTED!!!!

St. Germaine School is looking for a part-time (hourly) IT specialist to assist with our current computer technology program. Our students and teachers participate in a one-to-one Chromebook program, and often need troubleshooting assistance on-site during the school day. The position would entail 10-15 hours per week in the school building. Hourly rate will depend on qualifications and availability. The position will be available as early as 1/4/21.

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Sergio Medina (smedian@stgol.org) or Kevin Reedy (mrkreedy@stgol.org) or 708-425-6063.

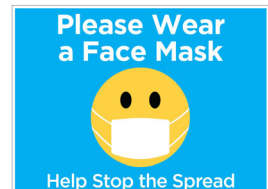


Please remember

Masks MUST be worn at all times and must cover your nose and mouth.

Maintain social distance at all times.

Do NOT rearrange any furniture.
Thank you for your cooperation!

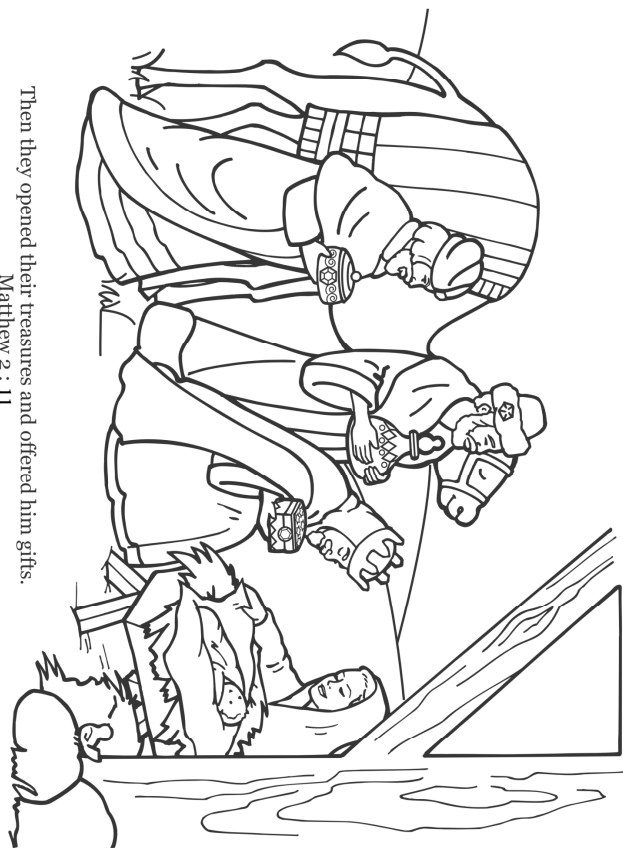


Save your checks!

Remember you can write one check for your weekly donations. Example: If you are writing a check for \$25 for weekly contribution, \$5 for the Split the Pot and \$10 for Education Fund, you can write 1 check for \$40 and include all envelopes instead of writing 3 separate checks **or you can sign up for WWW.**

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Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts.
Matthew 2 : 11



ALL SHALL COME BEARING GIFTS

The prophet Isaiah foresaw that knowledge of the Messiah would spread to foreign lands.

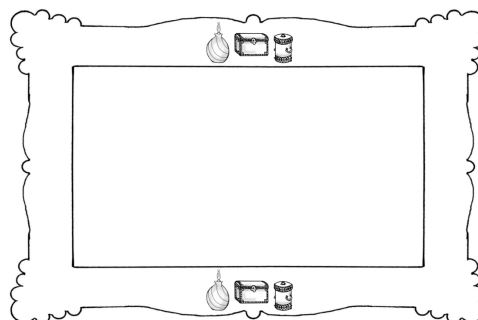
*Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
All from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD. (Isaiah 60:6)*

Many different people heard the news about the Messiah. Some called him a new king. Wise men from the East went searching for him. They stopped in Jerusalem to ask where they could find the newborn king. They brought gifts, just like the ones Isaiah mentioned. Isaiah knew that when the Messiah came he would be for all people. Jesus came to give his life for everyone for all times.

If you had a chance to travel with the wise men, what gift would you bring? Think about the many gifts you have. Your gift might not be something you can carry or see. It might be something inside you that you can share with Jesus and with others, like your sense of humor. Draw a picture of your gift. Remember, you do share your gift with Jesus each time you share it with another person. Add the picture to your booklet.

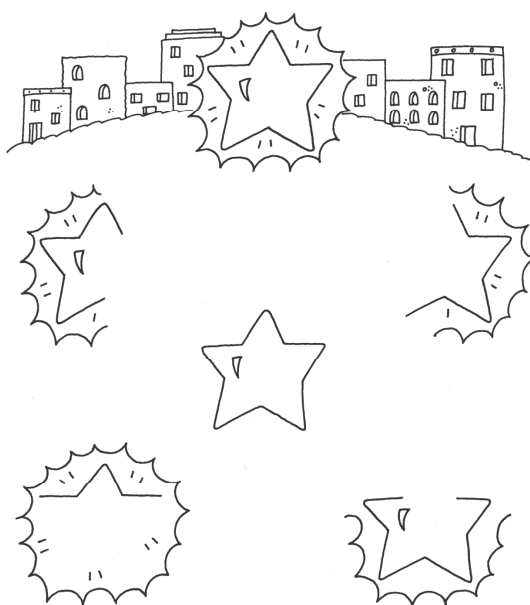
The Christmas season ends today.

Keep your booklet with your Christmas decorations so you can look at it again next Advent.



God's Word for Children

When Jesus was born, God placed a special star in the sky.
It brought Wise Men to the place where Jesus was.
Look at the top star.
Then finish drawing the others so they look like it.



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Epiphany of the Lord

Before Jesus was born, the prophet Micah wrote that Bethlehem would be an important place (Micah 5:1).
Draw a line through the first word and then every other word after that.
The words that are left will tell you part of what was written about this famous town.

When	From	until	you
sent	shall	search	come
decide	a	star	ruler

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WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday—Saturday: 8:30 AM Mass

WEEKEND MASSES at ST. GERMAINE:

Saturday: 4:00 PM; Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

RECONCILIATION: St. Germaine Saturday from 2:30-3:30PM

ADORATION CHAPEL: Closed Temporarily

Welcome to Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish!

To register in the parish, or for information about any of our organizations, ministries, services, or educational opportunities, please call the Parish Center at 636-5060.

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A VOICE CAME
FROM THE
HEAVENS,
"YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU
I AM
WELL PLEASED."

Mark 1:11

January
10
2021

**THE
BAPTISM
OF
THE
LORD**



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A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

When I'm thirsty, I go to the faucet and get a glass of water. None of this bottled water stuff for me. It's relatively free compared to the cost of a bottled water. I could spend that extra dollar or two on a nice piece of dark chocolate.

Whether it's the chocolate or the glass of water, a little while later I'm searching for another piece of candy or drinking another glass of water. One is good for me, one isn't so good, and at least that's what we are told. The more water we drink during the day the better it is for our overall health.

The Sacrament of Baptism, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, works in a similar way. It satisfies our thirst to share in the life of God, but, it does not fully quench that thirst. In fact, it makes us even more thirsty and even more hungry for life with God. Baptism leads us to the Eucharist and as we receive the body and blood of Christ our thirst is quenched and our hunger satisfied. But, it never fully satisfies our desire to be one with God in holiness. We are still searching for the voice of God that says to us, as he said to Jesus, "with you I am well pleased."

The end of our search for the voice of God begins when we come to understand that our own hungers and thirsts cannot be fully satisfied while there are others among us who hunger and thirst for the voice of God in their lives. As our thirst for God was quenched in Baptism, as our hunger for sharing in God's holiness is satisfied in the Eucharist, we must be the Lord's voice, through our words and actions, who also are searching to be one with God.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom Cabala

A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

As I prepare to go into the world, help me to see
The sacrament of wearing this cloth –
Let it be "an outward sign of an inward grace" –
A tangible and visible way of living
Love for my neighbors, as I love myself.
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And full of care – to all those I meet.
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And each breath that it holds,
Be filled with your love.
In your name and in the name of love I pray.
-Amen.

-Author Unknown

The Work of Christmas

(a poem by Howard Thurman)

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart!*

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, January 11– Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass
Marion Krucek, Cecilia Ebokam

Tuesday, January 12– Weekday

8:30 AM Mass
John Brdecka, Cecilila Ebokam

Wednesday, January 13–St. Hilary

8:30 AM Mass
William S. Noonan, Cecilia Ebokam

Thursday, January 14– Weekday

8:30 AM Mass—
Lori Potacki, Cecilia Ebokam

Friday, January 15– Weekday

8:30 AM Mass—
Mary T. Brynes, Cecilia Ebokam

Saturday, January 16– Weekday

8:30AM–Virginia & Tim Burns, Richard Kosenesky,
Cecilia Ebokam
4:00PM– Gennaro Corrado, Jeanine O'Hara,
Lisa Geraghty

Sun, Jan. 17– 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

7:30AM– Rose Perfetti
9:30AM— Robert Greenan
11:30AM–Tony Willner, Stanislaw Szczechowski,
Cecilia Ebokam

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Patricia Laffey
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January 3, 2021

Sunday:	\$9,204.00
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$1,873.00
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$11,077.00
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Christmas:	\$8,570.00
*Christmas (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$195.00
Religious Retirement:	\$51.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$46.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$1,629.00
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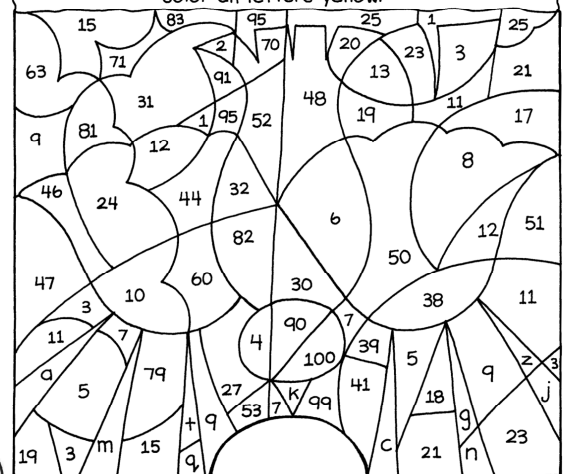
God's Word for Children



The Baptism of the Lord

John baptized Jesus!
What an honor that must have been!
Afterwards the heavens opened and
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To find what that was, follow the directions.

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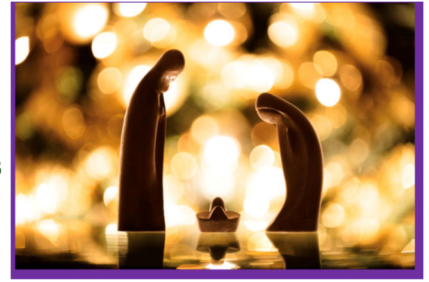
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Peace be to you,

Covid-19 has devastated our country, killing hundreds of thousands of people, crippling our economy, upsetting our children's education, shuttering our churches and separating us from one another, even within our families. Darkness blankets our communities.



And yet, we have hope; we see a light.

The coronavirus has also caused a spike in domestic violence. Tensions at home from constant enclosure and isolation, loss of jobs and economic shortfalls, plus illness and hospitalizations, have all too often resulted in increased abuse.

We must be sensitive to the needs of family, friends and neighbors in these trying times and help them to stay safe and find the resources they need.

As people of faith, we believe God has not abandoned us.

Rather, God is with us, offering us strength to struggle on, to overcome the challenges, to restore health and join together to build peace and prosperity for everyone.

As Christians, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, which demonstrates God's love for us and inspires us with hope. Jesus was born into a world overwhelmed by war and oppression, poverty and desperation. He taught us about God's love and showed us how to love one another.

During this holiday season, a stressful time for many couples and families, let us pray for all victims of domestic violence and their children. May we help them find peace, strength and safety. And may all those who inflict harm realize the pain they cause and seek help to abandon their violent ways.

May God help all those suffering from Covid-19 and help us work to eliminate it and come together as a people, a country, to live in peace and love.

God bless you one and all,

Fr. Charles W. Dahm, O.P., Director, ACDVO

Domestic Violence Help



If you or someone you know needs help due to domestic violence contact the Crisis Center for South Suburbia 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline at 708-429-7233. If this is an emergency situation and you or someone you know is at imminent risk of harm call 911.

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WEEKEND MASSES at ST. GERMAINE:

Saturday: 4:00 PM; Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

RECONCILIATION: St. Germaine Saturday from 2:30-3:30PM

ADORATION CHAPEL: Closed Temporarily

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Your body is
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within you.

1 Corinthians 6:19a



JANUARY 17, 2021

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

Samuel the prophet, was fast asleep when God called to him. Samuel the prophet, did not recognize the voice of the Lord as he was being called into service and ministry. But, we have each one of us, been called into the Lord's service at the moment of our Baptism and again called into the service of the Lord and his people at Confirmation, called personally by name.

What exactly is this calling or mission that the Lord has set us aside for, as he did to the prophet Samuel or the disciples? It is to help those around us find the Lord. It is to help others recognize the Lord's presence among us. It is to help them hear his voice calling to them.

This mission is fulfilled in us, not so much by effective words, but, by our being an image and reflection of Christ. It is not an easy undertaking, but, we are not alone. This is the mission of the entire Church of Christ, as his body, we support, pray for each other, and help each other to see the Lord's presence among us. And, of course the Lord is with us and he knows each of us by our name, so we can never escape from his voice.

Let us listen intently to his voice, whether it comes to in the middle of the night or through the voice of another; especially those in need, the weakest among us, and the most vulnerable in our midst.

Sincerely,
Fr. Tom Cabala

A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

As I prepare to go into the world, help me to see
The sacrament of wearing this cloth –
Let it be “an outward sign of an inward grace” –
A tangible and visible way of living
Love for my neighbors, as I love myself.
Christ, since my lips will be covered,
Uncover my heart, That people would see me
smile in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
Help me to speak clearly,
Not only with my words, but with my actions.
Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to
listen carefully –
And full of care – to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth
Be shield and banner,
And each breath that it holds,
Be filled with your love.
In your name and in the name of love I pray.
-Amen.

-Author Unknown

FEAST OF FAITH

The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, “The Lord be with you.” These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our “good mornings,” our “hellos” and “how are yous.” This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words “the Lord be with you” are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—“And with your spirit”—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord's presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord's presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God's presence transforms us.
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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, January 18– Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass
Robert Foley, Mary Ellen Noonan(Healing)

Tuesday, January 19– Weekday

8:30 AM Mass
William Noonan

Wed, January 20–St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

8:30 AM Mass
Anthony Willner, Ann & Dominic Cristofaro,
Mario Chiabai

Thursday, January 21– St. Agnes

8:30 AM Mass—
Anthony Willner, John Brdecka

Friday, Jan 22– Day of Prayer for protection of the Unborn

8:30 AM Mass—
Michael Pacetti

Sat, Jan 23– St. Maryanne Cope & St. Vincent

8:30AM-William P. Finn
4:00PM– Stevens, O'Hare, Carey, Gleason Families,
Dorothy Ormond, Helga Stawski, Lavergne Sularz,
Eileen O'Brien

Sun, Jan. 24– Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM– Joseph Kwak, Mary Ann Rahn, Frank Kita
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Write the first letter of each picture to spell it out.

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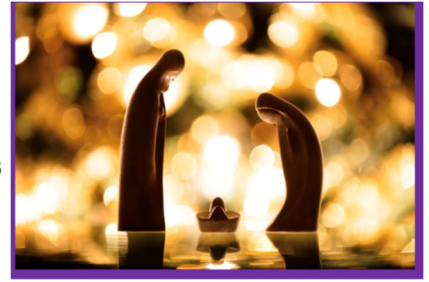
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Young Samuel heard a voice call for him three times!
The words below are written backwards.
Write them correctly to find out what Eli told Samuel to say if he was called again.

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+navres
si gninetsil.

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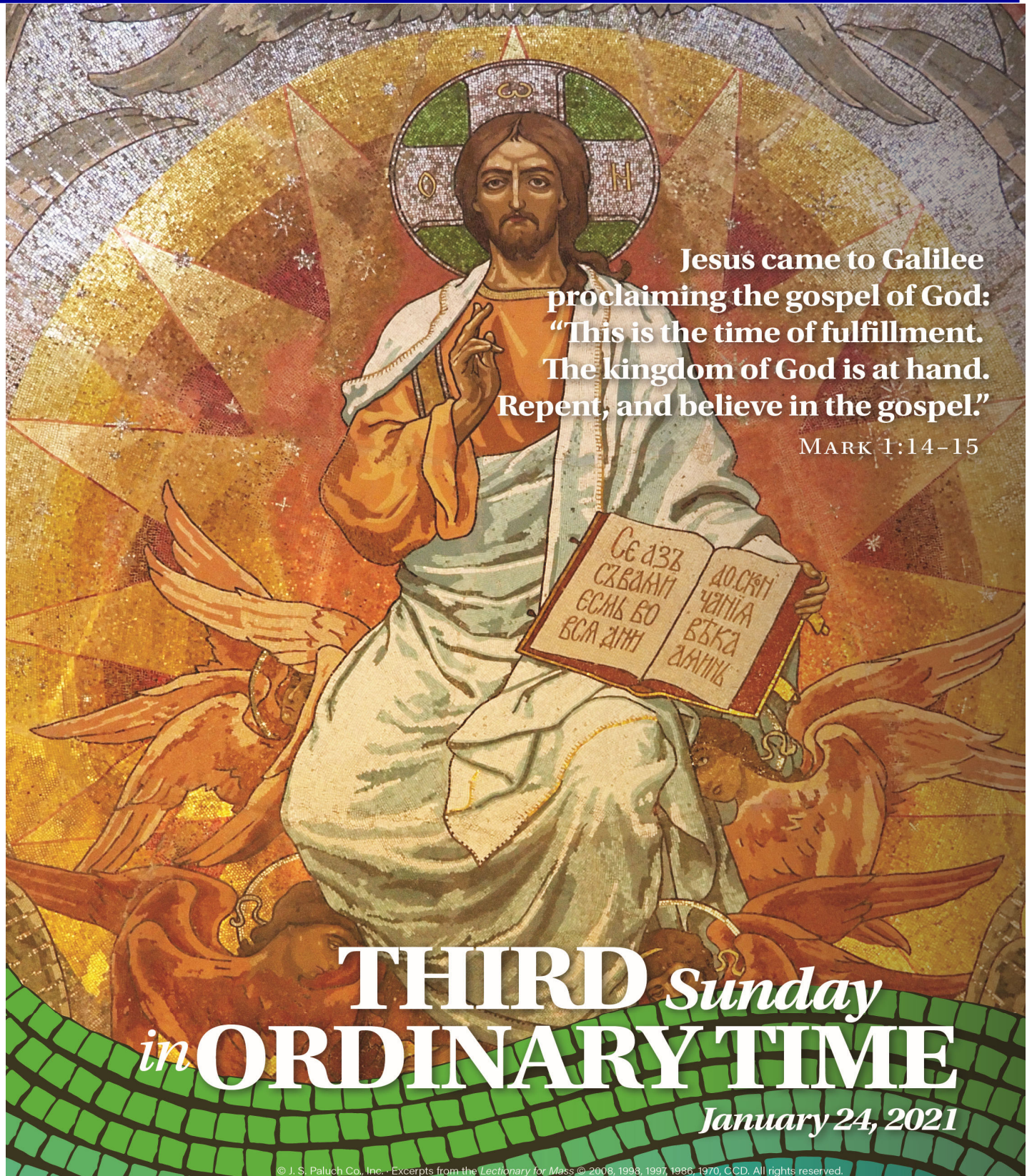
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A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

Today's first reading is the second time God sent Jonah to Nineveh. He was reluctant to call the people of Nineveh to a change of heart, he tried to escape from God, he even was angry when the people listened to his words and began to reform their lives. What was it in Jonah's own heart that caused to behave in this manner?

It is the same question or issue that eventually plagues all of our hearts, at one time or another and that is our striving to reconcile the concept of a just God with a God of mercy. Through his human eyes Jonah saw that the people of Nineveh deserved to be punished for their actions. But, God sees differently than we see and he acts differently than we act. As it was for Jonah, God's ways are often most perplexing also for us.

Who was in need of conversion? In God's eyes it was not only the people of Nineveh, but, also Jonah, the Lord's up righteous prophet. Conversion for all of us is to see and to act as God acts. It is a life long journey of faith, for most of us, when completed joins us in holiness to our God.

Like Jonah we try to escape God and go in the opposite direction from God. We want to see justice given out, and rightly so. But, don't we also want God to show us mercy, and give us a second chance, when we deserve the type of justice; we want others to receive for their actions and behavior?

Sincerely,
Fr. Tom Cabala

A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

As I prepare to go into the world, help me to see
The sacrament of wearing this cloth –
Let it be “an outward sign of an inward grace” –
A tangible and visible way of living
Love for my neighbors, as I love myself.
Christ, since my lips will be covered,
Uncover my heart, That people would see me
smile in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
Help me to speak clearly,
Not only with my words, but with my actions.
Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to
listen carefully –
And full of care – to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth
Be shield and banner,
And each breath that it holds,
Be filled with your love.
In your name and in the name of love I pray.
-Amen.

-Author Unknown

the world
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PRESENT
FORM
is passing
away.
1 CORINTHIANS

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, January 25— Conversion of Saint Paul**

8:30 AM Mass
 Mary T. Brynes, Rose, Charles & Joan Barsevick,
 Laura Phillips (healing)

Tuesday, January 26— Saint Timothy and Titus

8:30 AM Mass
 William Noonan, James Cesak, Dennis & Shelly
 O'Hare, Kathleen & John O'Connell

Wed, January 27—Weekday

8:30 AM Mass
 Mary & Mario Chiabai

Thursday, January 28— Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:30 AM Mass—
 Bill Nowak

Friday, Jan 29— Weekday

8:30 AM Mass—
 Anne Vaughan

Sat, Jan 30— Weekday

8:30AM— Dora Von Meter, Fr. James Noone
 4:00PM— Bill Noonan, Mary Nolan Cannon,
 Nancy Walker

Sun, Jan. 31— Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM— Charles Hughes, Fran Manley
 9:30AM—Ed Petrusek, Robert Greenan,
 Mary Ann Rahn
 11:30AM—Albin Scislowicz, John Brdecka

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

John Walsh
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 Baby Nolan Burby, Pat Cesak, Taylor Collard,
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
 Mk 16:15-18
 Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10;
 Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40;
 Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

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AND FOLLOWED

Jesus.

MARK 1:18

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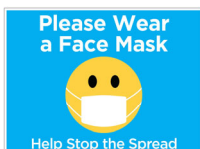
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Thank you for your cooperation!



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Perhaps our invitations from God do not entail such dramatic life changes. But all who follow Jesus are called to align our life and values with his ways of love. As we continue to mature in love and in faith, we might ask: What needs to be renewed, re-oriented, or discarded in light of our life in Christ?

JONAH AND NINEVEH

Jonah makes a rare appearance this week. The book of Jonah is a fascinating tale of God, stubborn Jonah, surprising Nineveh,

and the famous fish (or whale). Please consider reading the whole book, just 48 verses, together with a good commentary. The book is read at Jewish services at Yom Kippur, as a profound reflection about God and about all of us.

Today's passage takes place shortly after Jonah's time in the fish's belly. Jonah finally performs the task that God asks of him, to call the people of Nineveh to repentance. (Nineveh was notorious for its brutality.) Their sudden repentance is bitterly accepted by Jonah, as he resents God's mercy for Nineveh. God reminds Jonah that the people of Nineveh are God's beloved too. Like the parable of the Prodigal Son, the story hints at the vastness of God's mercy, especially forgiveness of those who seem least deserving. We are reminded that all of us are sinners, and we are all in need of God's mercy.

Today's Readings: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
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This will spell what these four men were.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

God had a message for Jonah to tell.
Read the sentences.
Then unscramble the last word in each to find out what happened.
(If you need help, read Jonah 3:1-5, 10.)

God sent Jonah to the city of vnheiNe.

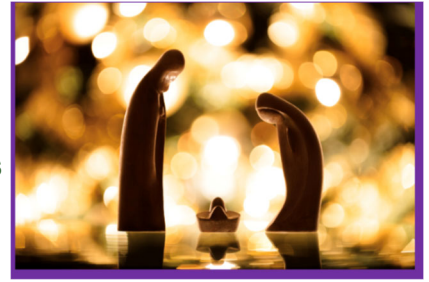
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To show they were sorry they wore tccaokhsl.

God forgave them and showed them ecmyr.

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A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

What makes you anxious? Is it monetary worries, health worries, or worries about your relationships with family, coworkers, or neighbors? I think we are all anxious about Covid 19. You may not even know what the cause of your anxiety is.

What ever it is that makes you anxious, Jesus says to all of us, "Quiet! Come out of him!" That is to say, listen to my voice, trust in me, and I will show you the way to peace and calm.

But, there are so many distractions, noises and other voices making us anxious that we do not hear the voice of the Lord speaking to us. There are voices calling to us as consumers, voices calling to us as voters, voices calling to us from the entertainment and sports world, all sort of media voices, editorial commenters' voices calling to us from all four corners of the earth. These tend to be loud, bold, opinionated, and boisterous voices.

But, Jesus' voice is a tender, loving and compassionate. His authority comes from his heart and his love for us. As Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit to come out of the man in the synagogue, I imagine it as a gentle, calm, and soft spoken voice. He did not need to shout out; because he knew that his power and authority to heal came from the Father.

We mustn't let all those other loud voices, that surround us, keep us from hearing the voice of Jesus. He speaks to us through the Church and the Scriptures. Sometimes, his voice comes to us through the poor, the weak, and sick. Often it comes to us through family members or friends, and sometimes from the most unexpected of voices. But, they all tell us the same thing, don't worry about the things of the world, but work at forming a loving relationship with God and neighbor that will bring peace and calm to all our hearts.

This is Catholic Schools Week. I thank all of you as parishioners, who sacrifice and support our school, especially in these most trying times of Covid 19. Thank you to our principal, all our teachers, school staff, and our students and their parents for being outstanding and inspirational examples of what St. Germaine Catholic School is all about.

Sincerely,
Fr. Tom Cabala

Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of throats will take place during all Masses the weekend of February 6-7th. This year, a general blessing will be given to the congregation.

St. Blaise is given special recognition not only with a feast day on February 3, but with a unique ceremony that parallels the practice of anointing the sick. In this case, it is blessing the throats of those with throat disorders and anyone who wishes to avoid getting such a malady or something related to the throat, even the words one speaks. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. St. Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fish bone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when St. Blaise healed him.



MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, February 1– Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass
John & Muriel Wagner, Edward Terry,
Baby George Knight

Tuesday, February 2– Presentation of the Lord

8:30 AM Mass
Big Jim Knight, Thomas & Lief

Wed, February 3–St. Blaise

8:30 AM Mass
Josephine Flasch

Thursday, February 4– Weekday

8:30 AM Mass—
Leonard Adduci, Gene Randich

Friday, February 5– St. Agatha

8:30 AM Mass—
Thomas Gauger

Sat, February 6– St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:30AM– Mary Kinsella
4:00PM– James, Nora & Theresa Shea,
Thomas Cannon, Lillian Smieszek

Sun, Feb 7– Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM– James F. Madigan, Fran Manely,
Loretta Barba
9:30AM– Helen Kolodzey, Ray Fox, Nancy Walker
11:30AM– Ralph Riggio, Robert Nelson,
John Brdecka, George LaVoy

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**Deceased Members of the Parish**

Please pray for those who are sick, their families & caregivers, including:

Virginia Bovilsky, Joe Braje, Elaine Bridgeman,
Baby Nolan Burby, Pat Cesak, Taylor Collard,
Ann Contorno, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo, Dolores Dorman,
Yvonne (Wepner) Enselman, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner,
Patsy Galecki, Giblin Family, Jan Gorman, Gerardo
Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, Eileen Graff, Lynn Groebe,
Peg Hansen, Sherry Hardek-Cohem, Sue Heda,
Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Betty Hedderman,
Kaitlyn Hedderman, Gina Jakelski, Robert “Mitch”
Jones, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Alvina Kita, Richard
Kita, Frank Klutcharch, Joe Kress, Judith Lasky,
Kim Lewis, LaVerne Lewandowski, Frank Lopez,
Ray Lynch, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Rita Martin,
Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Edward Mietz,
Raimonda Miknius, Gerald Oblazany, Dean Ojeda,
Raul Osornio, Katherine Pape, Matt Pender,
Maggie Powers, Colleen Ritter, Nicolas Rossio,
Frank Roti, Guadalupe Martin Ruvalcaba, Marty Safstrom,
Sharon Safstrom Norma Salas, Audrey Schmitz,
Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Ellie Smith,
Joe Smyth, Joseph Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Michael Stupay,
Rita Daniels Suchor, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen,
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Sunday masses and the Rosary will continue
to be available to watch from home via
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11;
Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

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The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world." This is especially important during these trying and challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own parish.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Many blessings are crocheted and knit into what we make through the prayers we say for every shawl. We have come to realize that there are endless possibilities for the use of Prayer Shawls. Whether there is a serious need or a special celebration the one common factor is that the comfort and healing power of prayer is sent with every shawl.

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Continue to put your orange envelope in! Good luck!!

A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

As I prepare to go into the world, help me to see
The sacrament of wearing this cloth –
Let it be “an outward sign of an inward grace” –
A tangible and visible way of living
Love for my neighbors, as I love myself.
Christ, since my lips will be covered,
Uncover my heart, That people would see me
smile in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
Help me to speak clearly,
Not only with my words, but with my actions.
Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to
listen carefully –
And full of care – to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth
Be shield and banner,
And each breath that it holds,
Be filled with your love.
In your name and in the name of love I pray.
-Amen.

-Author Unknown



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

A man with an unclean spirit cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"
I know who you are — ...

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Answer: *the Holy One of God*

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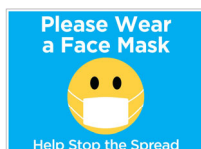
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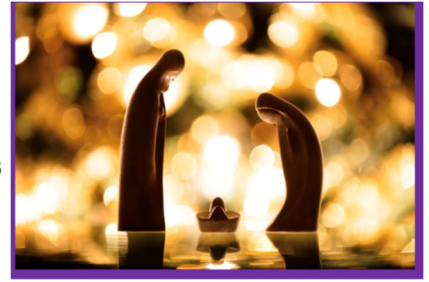
~ PSALM 95:1-2



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Peace be to you,

Covid-19 has devastated our country, killing hundreds of thousands of people, crippling our economy, upsetting our children's education, shuttering our churches and separating us from one another, even within our families. Darkness blankets our communities.



And yet, we have hope; we see a light.

The coronavirus has also caused a spike in domestic violence. Tensions at home from constant enclosure and isolation, loss of jobs and economic shortfalls, plus illness and hospitalizations, have all too often resulted in increased abuse.

We must be sensitive to the needs of family, friends and neighbors in these trying times and help them to stay safe and find the resources they need.

As people of faith, we believe God has not abandoned us.

Rather, God is with us, offering us strength to struggle on, to overcome the challenges, to restore health and join together to build peace and prosperity for everyone.

As Christians, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, which demonstrates God's love for us and inspires us with hope. Jesus was born into a world overwhelmed by war and oppression, poverty and desperation. He taught us about God's love and showed us how to love one another.

During this holiday season, a stressful time for many couples and families, let us pray for all victims of domestic violence and their children. May we help them find peace, strength and safety. And may all those who inflict harm realize the pain they cause and seek help to abandon their violent ways.

May God help all those suffering from Covid-19 and help us work to eliminate it and come together as a people, a country, to live in peace and love.

God bless you one and all,

Fr. Charles W. Dahm, O.P., Director, ACDVO

Domestic Violence Help



If you or someone you know needs help due to domestic violence contact the Crisis Center for South Suburbia 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline at 708-429-7233. If this is an emergency situation and you or someone you know is at imminent risk of harm call 911.

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