



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

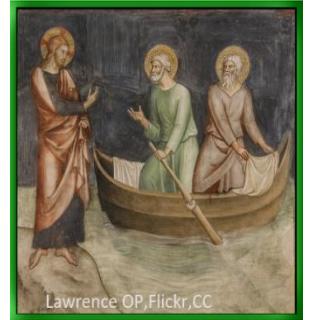
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2023

Sunday of the Word of God

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Weekly Mass Schedule

If you wish to have a Mass said for a special intention, please contact the office.

Sat, Jan 21: 5 pm	Repose of Bridget Heiser	Brenda & Garry Rezvick
Sun, Jan 22: 9 am	Repose of Rosa & Donato Dulisse	The Dulisse Family
Mon, Jan 23: 9am	Repose of Agnes Hall	In Nakusp
Wed, Jan 25: 9 am	Mass of Thanksgiving	Bishop's Office
Thurs, Jan 26: 9 am	Repose of Nicolas Mayner	Marguerite Mayner
Fri, Jan 27: 9 am	Mass of Thanksgiving	Bishop's Office
Sat, Jan 28: 5pm	Needs of all Parishioners	
Sun, Jan 29: 9 am	Repose of Daniel Floyd (20-year anniversary)	Jim and Phyllis Floyd

Today's Readings:

1st Reading: **Isaiah 9.1-4**

Psalm: 27

2nd Reading: **1Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18.**

Gospel: **Matthew 4.12-23.**

Confessions:

Father hears confessions ½ hour before Masses *or* by appointment. To make an appointment, please contact the office.

The Holy Rosary

The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary is said ½ hour before Sunday Mass.

The Pope's Prayer Intention of January

For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Parish Information/Announcements:

**** The people who count the collection after Mass have asked everyone that uses parish donation envelopes to please print your name and address on the outside of the envelope so we can ensure that the collection is correctly recorded. Thank you so much.**

Upcoming meetings/events:

- Parish Finance Committee meeting on **Wednesday, January 25** at 4pm in the office.
- Parish Council meeting on **Wednesday, February 01** at 7pm in the office.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A parish that is alive is a parish that grows and celebrates together all the seasons of life. Our parish can be one that grows and flourishes, if that is what we hope for – but only if we are willing to take an active role in enabling that growth.

We are a multi-cultural community, with people from all over the world making up the parish as a whole, but I wonder if we really celebrate that diversity in the Church. It has been brought

to my attention that at one time the parish had a monthly breakfast and other celebrations in the hall; what happened to them? Do we want to bring them back?

When I first came to the parish, I wanted to see a weekly coffee after Sunday Mass. It happened twice. If we want to grow as a parish community then we need to become passionate about our parish family and make things happen. I would like to have parish meeting sometime in the next month or two that parishioners will come to and share their thoughts on how we can grow together as a community of faith.

I have no interest in discussing finances or things that “won’t” work; ideas, new or old can be discussed, let’s see where we can go from here.

In Faith,

Fr. Jim

Pastor.

Rachel's Corner

“God takes pleasure to see you take your little steps; and like a good father who holds his child by the hand, He will accommodate His steps to yours and will be content to go no faster than you. Why do you worry?”

St. Francis de Sales- Feast Day Jan 24

Sometimes that is all one can do after a loss due to abortion: little steps in the right direction. Take heart! That is the beginning of your healing! You are not alone as you walk, and you will not be alone on a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat™. Join us! Why wait?

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World Day of the Sick (February 11, 2023)

Earlier this week, the Vatican released [Pope Francis' message for the 31st World Day of the Sick](#), celebrated each year on February 11, the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy Father's message is entitled: **"Take care of him" - Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing**. In light of the Church's synodal journey, Pope Francis invites us "to reflect on the fact that it is precisely through the experience of fragility and illness that we can learn to walk together according to God's style of closeness, compassion and tenderness."

The World Day of the Sick resonates well with the recent CCCB publication on palliative care entitled [Horizons of Hope](#) which highlights the Compassionate Community approach. It may be a good opportunity to encourage the faithful to discover this program at the local level.

In addition, the CCCB Office for Family and Life has gathered and developed some resources to promote the World Day. A Google Drive folder is now available to support communications in your diocese/parish. The folder includes the CCCB press release that will be issued later today, the Holy Father's message, a video on the experience of accompanying a loved one through palliative care, graphics for social media and prayers for families and parishes.

You are invited to share the link below with your diocesan network and those that could benefit from the tools:

In English: [Communications Toolkit - World Day of the Sick](#)

In French: [Trousse de communications – Journée mondiale du malade](#)

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