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JANUARY 23, 2022



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.*

- Lk 4:18

FROM THE PASTOR...

January 23, 2022

One of my personal goals as pastor is to help people know that they can trust the testimony in the Gospels about Jesus. St. Luke begins his Gospel this week by saying many have compiled narratives about Jesus' words and deeds and that he, too, wants to report in an orderly way, based on eye-witness testimony. And he tells us why he's doing it: ***“So that you may know the certainty of the teachings you have received.”***

Too often Divine Revelation has been presented as legend, myth, or stories from the past. Some have done it because they were “enlightened” materialists who thought that anything supernatural recounted in the Bible must not have happened. My own boss before I entered the seminary loaned me a copy of the Thomas Jefferson Bible in which Jefferson edited out all of Jesus' miracles in the Gospels. You've probably heard the joke that Jesus could walk on water because He knew where the rocks were...that comes from this Enlightenment rationalism that says miracles don't happen because God either doesn't exist or doesn't intervene in the world.

There are those who think that modern scientific advancements are at odds with faith and God's revelation recounted through Sacred Scripture. Maybe there are some who just wonder if all the beautiful things we hear in the Gospel are just too good to be true. How might we respond to these various skeptical attitudes?

Faith can be confirmed by other personal testimonies that corroborate scripture. Our Lord didn't stop working miracles when He ascended into heaven. Consider miracles from the lives of saints, Marian apparitions at Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima etc... Or consider frightening accounts of demonic possession. I sometimes share a story about my own sister's vision of an angel which saved her life. Many of the wonders recounted in scripture still happen which confirm its testimony.

The Bible is also full of historical references that can be verified by other sources. While scripture has symbolic and mystical parts, our faith is a historical one. God has done things in time and space, and it's being told to us by eyewitness. This is especially true of the Gospels. The Church has always taught that the Gospels are historical and hand on what Jesus said and did. At the Second Vatican Council in the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum* we hear:

Holy Mother Church has firmly and with absolute constancy held, ... that the four Gospels...faithfully hand on what Jesus Christ, while living among men, really did and taught for their eternal salvation...(see Acts 1:1). For their intention in writing was that either from their own memory and recollections, or from the witness of those who "themselves from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word" we might know "the truth" concerning those matters about which we have been instructed (see Luke 1:2-4).

So, we can understand Scripture through personal experience, the text itself as a historical document, and through the mind and heart of the Church. A final key principle of interpretation is to try to understand the intention of the sacred author. St. Luke is clearly telling us his intention.

It's worth noting that there are complicated and mysterious books and passages in Sacred Scripture. The first and last books of the Bible, Genesis and Revelation come to mind. But even here the Church offers guidance. We know that Adam and Eve were real people while the account of their fall uses “figurative language” as the Catechism says. The talking snake of Genesis is none other than the Devil as the book of Revelation tells us. And that mysterious book we know is a mystical vision of St. John's, not a narrative history of Jesus' life like St. Luke's Gospel is. All the Apostles suffered and died ultimately to pass on their testimony of Jesus to us!

There are admittedly different layers of meaning behind passages, and complicated passages at that. But what I have tried to stress today is the most important sense of scripture. The literal/historical sense is the one that all other meanings are based on.

In the end, God's Word can be trusted, and He gave it to us so that ***“we might realize the certainty of the teachings we have received.”***

God bless,

Fr. Mike





In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of Scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

In January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been able to assist our friends in need by providing food, warm clothing, and support. Thank You!



SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity
Holy Name Society / Men's Club

Championship Sunday Party
Sunday, January 30, 2022

Doors open at 1:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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LADIES OF THE PARISH - SAVE THE DATE

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Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God’s transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God’s constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God’s Word, God’s life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one’s soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn’t forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God’s Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God’s fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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PRAYER SHAWLS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet in January due to poor weather conditions and dangerous Covid situations. Please continue to make prayer shawls, lap robes, scarves, and hats at home. The need is still there. If you need supplies, please call Carol at 773-775-1649. We will plan to get together the fourth Monday of February, which is the 28th. Stay warm and stay safe.



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JANUARY RE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD
CLASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY T30H
NO CLASS



St. Thomas Aquinas *Feast Day: January 28th*

The return to our religious ed classes is a wonderful time to renew our commitment to learning our faith, and all of our school subjects. If ever there were a saint who knew the value of studiousness, it was St. Thomas Aquinas. He was a scholar, writer and gifted teacher and for centuries seminarians studied his writings in their preparation for the priesthood. He had great insights into the Bible, philosophy and the science of God called Theology. He also wrote beautiful hymns in honor of the Holy Eucharist, especially for benediction (the Pange Lingua and Tantum Ergo), which we still sing today. The Catechism of the Catholic Church contains many of his writings and prayers.

As a student, St. Thomas thought over each question carefully before answering and was thus dubbed the “dumb ox”. One day during class, Thomas’ teacher came across a difficult part of the book they were studying and was struggling to explain it to the students. Thomas explained it to the teacher clearly and correctly. Soon after, one of St. Thomas’ teachers, St. Albert the Great, gave him an oral test. Commenting on what Thomas said, Albert responded, “We call him the “dumb ox” but I tell you he will make his lowing heard to the uttermost parts of the earth.”

As Thomas grew older, his desire to join a religious order deepened. While his family was supportive, his mother was afraid that he would want to join the Dominicans, an order which begged for a living, instead of a wealthier order. She had her other sons find him and lock him up in a castle tower to keep him from joining the Dominicans. Thomas used this time to intensely study Scripture and write before he was freed by his family. For St. Thomas, studiousness was at the service of his piety, his relationship of prayer with his Father God. Thomas’ greatest book, the Summa Theologica, was almost complete when, after saying Mass one day, Jesus appeared to him saying, “You have written well of me, Thomas; what reward would you have?” Thomas humbly replied to our Lord, “Nothing, but yourself, Lord.” He also told our Lord, “All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me.”

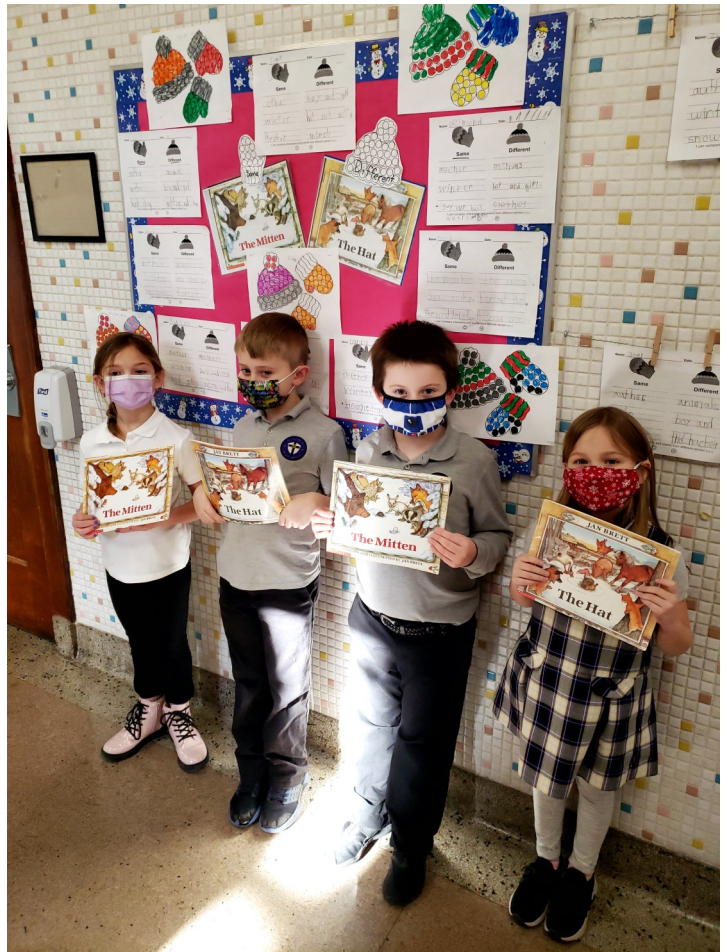
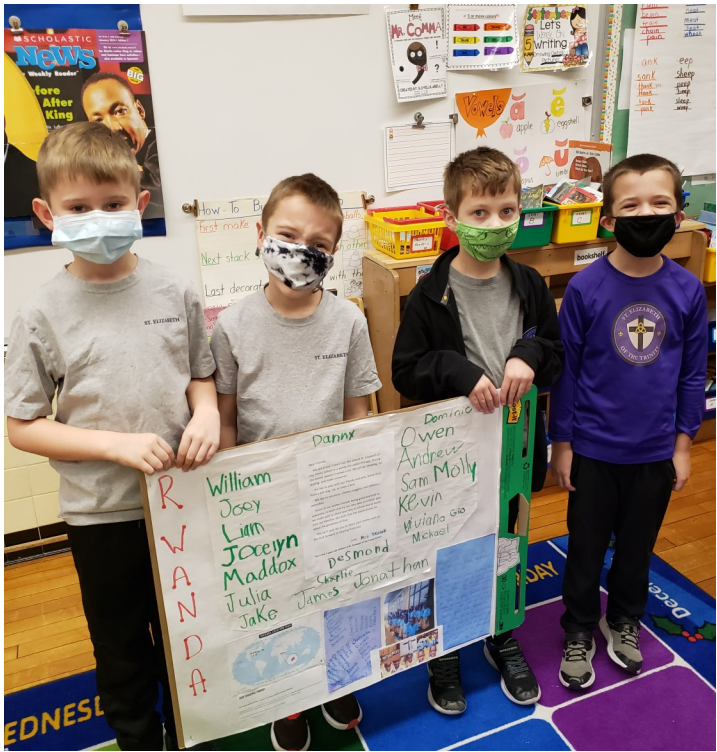
St. Thomas teaches us many things: faith does not contradict study, reason and knowledge. Studiousness is at the service mainly of God but also all others who benefit from our study. A studious person realizes that his natural gifts come from God.

Let us pray, particularly this month in which his feast day falls, that St. Thomas will intercede for our students by helping them to become young scholars who will greatly benefit both the Church and society.



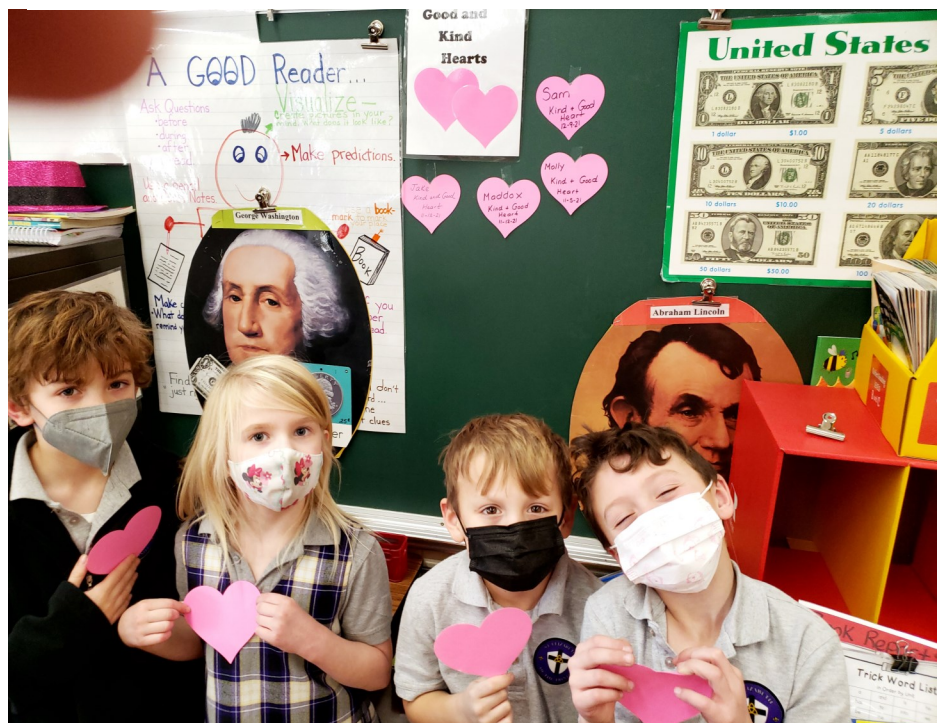
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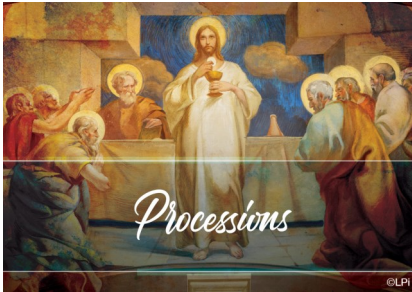
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First grade students were so happy to start the New Year by receiving pen pal letters from our sister school located in Rwanda. They especially loved seeing photographs of the students and their school. We also have been enjoying reading and comparing two stories called "The Mitten" and "The Hat". Our beautifully decorated bulletin board displays the comparison story and maps created by the students. We also celebrated students who have earned a heart by showing acts of kindness towards our friends. We look forward to also celebrating our very special school during Catholic Schools week.

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LITURGICAL PROCESSIONS

In recent weeks I have written about various subjects relating to the Mass, such as the prescribed periods of silence, postures and gestures that we participate in, and the all important need for full, conscious and active participation throughout.

Today I would like to focus on processions. When you see this word it probably leads you to think about some sort of movement and going somewhere. A procession can be looked at as a sort of journey, whether it be long or short, it travels from point A to point B.

At Mass, there are quite a few processions that take place. In a manner of thinking we can say that the real first procession at Mass is the procession *to* Mass. Each of us in our own way gets to church in some way. Each of us travels from where we stay (point A) to the church (point B). Because all the processions that take place during Mass have spiritual significance, so should this preliminary procession. While we are still at home, we should be readying ourselves for where we are going and what we are going to do and Who we are going to receive. Perhaps we might read the scripture passages for the day or sit in silent reflection. Keep in mind, we are also getting ready through the Eucharistic fast we partake in prior to receiving Communion.

Within the Mass, there is the Entrance Procession. This is special and so it is led by the crucifix, candles, and sometimes incense. We should be already gathered to witness this procession in which the Word of God is carried in the Book of the Gospels and the priest, who represents Christ, enter.

Later there is the Gospel Procession. Again, because of its significance, it is lead by candles. The deacon or priest carry the Book of the Gospels to the ambo to proclaim the Word of the Lord.

The Offertory Procession takes place when a few members of the assembly, representing everyone present, bring up the gifts of bread and wine. Our sacrificial monetary offerings are also brought to the sanctuary at this time. If an usher ever approaches you to ask you to take part in this procession please feel honored and answer in the affirmative because you are being given the chance to represent everyone in attendance.

We all process forward when it comes time to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. As far as we are individually concerned, this is probably the most important procession because of where we are going and Who we are going to receive. We are going to the altar of the Lord and we are going to receive the actual Body of Christ.

The final procession takes the priest and other ministers out of the assembly. Note that the Book of the Gospels is not processed out like it was processed in. Instead, we take the Gospel with us when we leave the church. Recall that the Final Dismissal impels us to go out and live what we have learned and heard at Mass. That is our mission.

There are many other religious processions that we take part in. On the Feast of Corpus Christi we process through the neighbor with the Body of Christ. The devotion of Stations of the Cross can be done in a processional way, reminiscent of Jesus' final journey to Calvary. On Palm Sunday we can have processions with the blessed palms, again remembering Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. On Holy Thursday there is a solemn procession throughout the church taking the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. And we cannot forget the funeral procession when our remains are taken to their final resting place.

Religious processions date all the way back to the Old Testament when the Ark of the Covenant was processed among the people.

Keep in mind that when we are participating in or witnessing any of these liturgical processions, we should be reminded that our entire life itself can be considered a procession or a journey or a pilgrimage toward eternal life in heaven.



Watch *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity* 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish* channel.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

5:00 PM — Michael Maughan, Peter Smith, Don Love, Jr.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Mary Lou Cholewinski, Vilma Pangoniene
 11:00 AM — Milagros Estrada, Milka Stanojevich
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) -

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022

8:30 AM — Jozefa Klimek, Helen Gentile, Emmanuel Ligutan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

8:30 AM — for our parishioners
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - *Adoration / Benediction at 6:00*
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSIONS
 6:30 PM — for the homebound of the parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

8:30 AM — Eileen Owen (4th anniversary)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022

8:30 AM — Linda Idler

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022

8:30 AM — Gaetamo & Gino Battice

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022

8:30 AM — Margaret Orlando
 3:30 - 4:30 — CONFESSIONS
 5:00 PM — Beverly Underwood, deceased members of the Ognibene family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

7:30 AM — Roberto Santiago, Pauline Sokol (2nd anniversary)
 9:00 AM — Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Peter Smith, Walter & Ann Tuzic (73rd wedding anniversary)
 11:00 AM — Joe Dziedzic, Milagros Estrada
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) -

Presider Schedule - January 29 & January 30

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Grisolano
 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano
 9:00 a.m. — Fr. Landfried
 11:00 a.m. — Fr. Landfried
 (Spanish) 1:00 p.m. - Fr. Moya, OFM

DISPENSATION

Cardinal Cupich has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass until further notice.



REST IN PEACE

Joseph Gleeson
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 Irene Golec
 Andy Flores
 Arturo Lopez
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
 Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
 Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
 Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
 Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

The Work of Christmas

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and 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 others,
To make music in the heart.*

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Becoming a Catholic:

Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The Church calls this process *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*. It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call Kathleen Driscoll at the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

Religious Education for Public Grade School Students: Contact Kathleen Driscoll for more information: kadriscoll@archchicago.org

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory. Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Steve Wagner through the rectory to make arrangements.

High School Youth Group: Mr. Mike Wuich HEELSFINL4@AOL.COM

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

*"It seems to me that I have found my
heaven on earth,
because my heaven is You,
my God,
and You are in my soul.
You in me,
and I in You – may this be my motto."
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*