

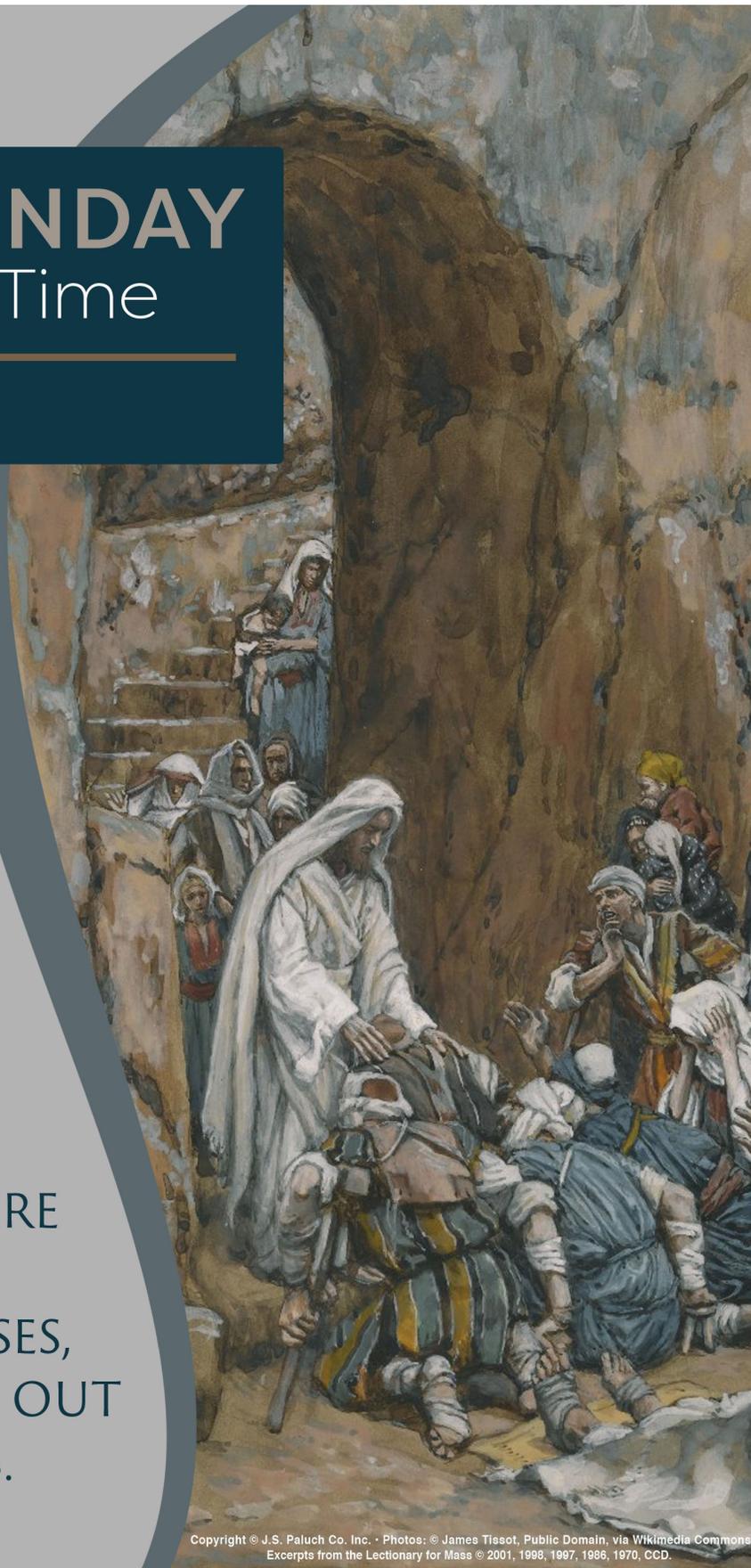
FIFTH SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

JESUS CURED
MANY WHO WERE
SICK WITH
VARIOUS DISEASES,
AND HE DROVE OUT
MANY DEMONS.

MARK 1:34



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ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY - PALATINE, IL

Parish Information

MASS SCHEDULE

Visit www.stov.org for registration.

RECONCILIATION

By appointment only.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

All are welcome! Visit our website www.stov.org to download our registration form or call the Parish Office for more information about our Parish.

BAPTISM: Visit our website www.stov.org to fill out a request form for a baptism or call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Process is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more info.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND:

No ministers are allowed to bring communion to the homebound at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Contact the Parish Office to add your name to the sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law,) only the ailing person, or in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for the medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Contact the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

FUNERALS: Please contact our Parish Office for more information to plan a funeral service.

PARISH OFFICE

1201 E Anderson Drive, Palatine, IL 60074

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Deacon Tom Dunne
Deacon Bill Karstenson
Deacon Len Marturano
Deacon Rich Willer

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Bulletin deadlines: Articles for the bulletin are due on Fridays—9 days before publication date.

On Job, or Being Gifted Through Surrender

Have any of you felt or had a Job experience? Job, being a mysterious biblical poet/figure. Job is a Godly person. At one time, is abundantly blessed with property, wealth, good fortune, fine health, many friends, family, etc. - the whole 9 yards. He is a content, blessed guy and knows it and the blessings come from Creator/God – he is thankful!

Then, gradually the tides begun to turn. Everything goes the opposite way – misfortune, loses health, property, friends and family begin to vanish. What Job had, he no longer possesses. Consequently, Job, as a human, rich in blessings at one time, could become sad, depressed, miserable, unhappy, gloomy. Job is being tested in a dark lonely place to the very depths of his soul! In constant dialogue with God he surrenders himself openly to God and others with a beautiful response: “Naked I came forth from my mother’s womb / and naked shall I go back again.” “The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord.” In all this, Job did not sin, nor did he say anything disrespectful of God!

Our 16th President Abraham Lincoln’s favorite Bible figure was Job. I can see why. Lincoln suffered many losses in trying to succeed in his career as a political force in our country. As President, he was ridiculed by some of his family, peers, etc. He tried to take higher ground and would invite the opposing party’s (enemies) members to sit on his cabinet. He was melancholic by nature, but with a dry wit in those deep eyes. As the Civil War begins to end - viewing the bloody field of Gettysburg which pitted North vs. South, family vs.

family, culture vs. culture, bro vs. bro, a divided nation – Abe Lincoln would utter: “Let us not give in to our lower angel, but our better one. Our hope that brave dead may not have died in vain.” Where and why do we have and had so many wars? Family, churches, countries, culture, within and without? Fighting, vying to be Numero Uno. Be the victor, the conqueror, the winner at all costs even! “Take no prisoners.” What about the vanquished, the losers? Who are the real winners and the real losers?

As an often-fierce competitor in sports, among peers or family members, I often wanted and needed to win every battle on the basketball court, golf course, argument, discussion. I knew I had ability, gifted in many ways. And there was a lot of luck, also good fortune, the right place, events, went my way? Yeah! But when I lost? Gloom could set in quickly and when it was high stakes, or a championship lose – woe is me, bad luck, I was robbed, etc. Could of, should of, etc. Constant refrain: “Everyone loves a winner!” “Show me a good loser and I’ll show you a loser!” I hate to lose in anything and often when I lost, I wouldn’t give credit to others; “I was robbed.” “Poor me.” Self-pity and isolation aren’t good for my well being.

As I have grown in years and maybe matured, I really am in a bigger race, competition with “my eye on the prize.” It’s really not a gold medal, trophy or the mega jackpot that I’m searching to attain. I’d love to be more gracious, kind, forgiving, respectful toward everyone including my opponents or those who think or act differently or of a different mindset. I try to walk in another’s shoes if possible and have more empathy and compassion especially toward the

vulnerable and needy. I am often conflicted: battle better angel or lower angel. If I engage with someone, I pray to be civil and respectful which is not an easy chore as the tides shift in my 83 years. I try to keep my eye on the prize – hold on and walk side by side with those who walk with me and beside me. I look for friends, companions and allies.

As I surrender a lot of the years and control of my life through aging and a new day dawns in our country – land of the free and home of the brave (Lincoln one of the bravest!) and Job and the likes, standing on the shoulders of giants, I recalled a poet, Robert Frost, in 1961 reciting “The Gift Outright” at JFK’s inauguration – “Salvation in Surrender.” And this year’s past Amanda Gorman, “We will not march back to what was but move to what shall be a country that is bruised, but whole. Benevolent, but bold. Fierce but free.” Is being free what paraphrasing Job said, “I don’t own anything coming into this world and have nothing when I leave earth”? “BLESSED BE GOD!”

Lastly, standing on the mighty shoulders of the Biblical Job, the brooding, lonely Lincoln, and St. Paul, eyeing the goal, the prize beyond Olympic gold, I pray daily for the heavenly bread of wisdom and courage to not withhold but to surrender to the will of the Father above us all and then maybe shout out I will be able to proclaim as in the words of another person of Faith "FREE AT LAST , GREAT GOD ALMIGHTY, I AM FREE AT LAST" BLESSED BE HIS HOLY NAME!!!!

And peace to all dear people of STV, Lovingly in the Lord, your brother in the Universal Christ,

Emeritus Ray
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Want the latest news from
St. Thomas of Villanova?

Looking for the link to
register for Masses?

Sign up for Flocknotes!

It's our way to stay connected
during these changing times.

*For questions or more information about
Flocknote, email stovreopen@stov.org*

Please visit our
website:

WWW.STOV.ORG

for reopening
information and
registration for Mass
and other services.



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ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH

live-streaming SUNDAY MASS

Join us virtually each Sunday for Mass.

9:00 am - English

11:00 am - Polish



Look for the live-stream links in your Saturday Flocknote
OR visit our live-stream website page at www.stov.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO KEEP OUR CHURCH OPEN

The number of Masses and services we can offer and the number of people allowed in church will be directly tied to how many volunteers will be available to set-up, greet/usher and clean-up before and after each service.

Currently, our greatest need is for volunteers on the:

- **Greeting team:** *Must be 18 -65 years old.*

To volunteer or receive more information about volunteering, email:

stovreopen@stov.org

WEEKEND MASSES

**All who wish to attend Weekend Mass will be required to sign-up.
NO WALK-INS, PLEASE!**

Signup to attend weekend Mass will open on Thursday mornings at 9:00am. Look for a Flocknote with the link to signup for Mass or signup on our website: www.stov.org—under the Reopening tab.

- Each individual person wishing to attend Mass must be registered.
- If you (or if you know someone) are not able to register online due to a lack of computer / internet access, please call the parish by 5pm on Friday at 847-358-6999 . Someone will get back to you and help you register, if spots are available.
- Pre-Mass registration is needed for contact tracing if someone gets sick. Attendance records will be destroyed every 14 days.
- Seats will be sanitized before each Mass.
- Masks must be worn and social distancing will be observed at all times in the Church and building.

***NOTE:** While we are excited to resume public Mass, the Archdiocesan dispensation for Spiritual Communion remains. There is no Sunday Mass attendance requirement at this time. If you feel sick, State and Archdiocese guidelines ask that you remain at home. If you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, please do not feel an obligation to join us physically in the church. If you are considered part of the 'vulnerable population', we welcome you to join us IF you are comfortable to do so. We desire to be reunited with you, but we understand the seriousness of COVID-19.*

WEEKDAY MASS

Every Tuesday & Thursday - 8:00am

Come celebrate Mass and receive the Eucharist with us! No pre-registration is required for weekday Mass. However, you will need to sign in upon arrival. PLEASE arrive early to allow enough time. Doors will open at 7:40am. The doors will be closed once Mass begins, so please don't be late.

ADORATION

Join us each Wednesday from 6pm - 7pm in church for silent prayer before the Holy Eucharist. Just like daily Mass, no pre-registration will be required. However, you will need to sign-in when you arrive. You are invited to come pray for the entire hour or just a little while - whatever fits your schedule.

OTHER SERVICES

Reconciliation is available by appointment. Leave a voicemail message at the Parish Office - 847-358-6999 and one of the priests will return your call. We continue to celebrate Baptisms, wedding and funeral Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in honor or memory of someone, please either call 847-358-6999 or email STOVReopen@stov.org. Donations can be mailed to our Parish (1201 E. Anderson Dr, Palatine, IL 60074) or dropped in the offertory box, if you attend Mass. If you are requesting a particular date, please contact us at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the intention. Thank you.



We are aware of the concern with the rising cases of COVID-19, especially in the states that are currently on a quarantine list for our area.

STATE NOT ON QUARANTINE

Hawaii

ALL other states are currently on quarantine for our area.

We ask that if you have traveled for more than 24 hours in any quarantined state, please refrain from attending any liturgies at St. Thomas of Villanova for 10 days out of caution and compassion for your fellow parishioners.

We want to reiterate that we continue to do all that we can to follow the guidelines provided by the Archdiocese of Chicago to keep you as healthy as we can when you come to St. Thomas of Villanova to worship. Adhering to these practices has been extremely helpful thus far. We have worked so hard to make our Church a safe place to pray in the midst of this pandemic.

Remember, too, that the Archdiocesan dispensation for Spiritual Communion remains. There is no Sunday Mass attendance requirement at this time.

Together, let us pray for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will heal the sick, strengthen those who care for them, and help us all to persevere in faith. Amen.

Lent 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 17

Sprinkling of Ashes: For safety during the pandemic, the Archdiocese and St. Thomas of Villanova has adopted the Pope's customary practice of sprinkling ashes on the top of your head, instead of marking your forehead with a cross.



Mass Schedule: We will offer four Ash Wednesday Masses this year. All attendees must register to attend. Look for the Flocknote or visit our website on Thursday, February 11 at 9:00am to signup. 125 maximum attendees/ Mass. Sunday Mass guidelines will be followed for these Masses.

- ◆ 8:00am – English Mass (no music)
- ◆ 10:00am – Polish Mass (no music)
- ◆ 6:00pm – English Mass
- ◆ 8:00pm – Polish Mass

Drive-Thru Option: To accommodate those who cannot attend in person for many reasons, we will be distributing ashes under the canopy in the front circle drive of our church from 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Please still wear a mask and do not get out of your car. Instead, roll down your window for a blessing and the sprinkling of ashes on your head.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY SERIES

Are You Looking for a Lenten program to deepen your experience of Lent this year? Join St. Thomas Scripture Study VIRTUALLY for:

NO GREATER LOVE: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

A 5-Week Study by Dr. Edward Sri



This study will be offered *virtually* on **TWO** different days and times:

OPTION 1: Friday mornings from 9:30-11:15am beginning March 5th

To register for the Friday class and purchase the materials online through Ascension Press, go to:
<https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/54383/registrations/new>

OPTION 2: Tuesday evenings from 7-8:45pm beginning March 9th

To register for the Tuesday class and purchase the materials online through Ascension Press, go to:
<https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/54385/registrations/new>

TO REGISTER:

- **New participants** should purchase one STUDY SET, which includes a workbook, a soft cover text, online video access (good for one year), and the online version of the workbook. Since these studies are virtual, ***new participants must register and purchase study materials online*** using one of the above links. When purchasing the study materials using the appropriate link above, participants will **automatically be registered** for the St. Thomas study. *Cost: \$24.95 per person plus tax and shipping*
- **Returning participants** who already have their study materials from last year need to email Nancy Hulsebosch for the Registration Code.
- **ALL participants** will receive an email invitation to attend their study via Zoom at the end of February.

Are you new to Zoom?

No problem, we'll help you get started! Contact Nancy Hulsebosch nhulsebosch@gmail.com or 847-757-5630

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COME, FOLLOW ME...
**and bring hope to
the world**

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal



I invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of Jesus to “Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world.”

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online or via text message. See below for all ways to give.

WAYS TO MAKE YOUR ACA GIFTS

On-Line Giving

To make your Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online, visit:

annualcatholicappeal.com

You will complete an online form to make a credit card one-time gift, a recurring sustaining gift or pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Mail-In Option

If you did not receive a pledge form in the mail, you can still donate by mail. Please send a check to:

Annual Catholic Appeal

835 N Rush Street

Chicago, IL 60611-2030

Be sure to include a note that your donation is for St. Thomas of Villanova Church—Palatine, IL.

Telephone

Gifts can also be made by calling: 312-534-7959. This is especially helpful for gifts made through stock, Donor Advised Funds and IRA distributions.

Text-to-Give

There is an option to make a gift on mobile phones via a text-to-give number for this year’s Appeal.

- Keyword: ACA2021
- Phone number: 345345

Text-to-Give instructions:

1. *Using a mobile device, open your text message app.*
2. *Enter the phone number **345345** in the To: section.*
3. *Type the keyword “**ACA2021**” (not case sensitive) in the message of your text application.*
4. *Hit the send button.*
5. *A text reply to your phone will give you a hyperlink to a secure online giving form.*
6. *Complete your gift by filling out the form and submitting.*
 - *On the form, do not select the “Donate” button at the top; you are already in the right form through the text message hyperlink.*
 - *Gifts will be processed by the Annual Catholic Appeal.*

Our STV Catholic School



ENROLL NOW FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Full Day Hours (M-Th) 7:35 am - 2:25 pm
Full Day Hours (Friday) 7:35 am - 1:50 pm
Half Day Hours (M-Th) 7:35 am - 11:25 am
Half Day Hours (Friday) 7:35 am - 11:10 am

 for more info
+847-358-2110 marketing@stvschool.org

 1141 E. Anderson Drive
 Palatine, IL 60074.

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PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- *Preschool Full Day or Half Day
- *Kindergarten - 8th Grade
- *Art, Science, Technology, Language Arts, Math, Spanish, Music, Library, P.E.
- *On-Site Before and After School Care

STV SCHOOL LOTTERY *A tradition since 1977*

Still only \$10 a ticket! 1st drawing of the year will be March 15, 2021. Stub not required to win. Winners' checks will be automatically mailed to winners each month. Return your completed **sample** ticket (BELOW) with payment to: Melanie DeLorenzo at 435 N Williams Dr, Palatine, IL 60074. An official ticket will be mailed /dropped off to you. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: STV—Family School Association, please.**

Proceeds provide funds for the needs of the school not covered by tuition.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____ Sold by _____ Phone _____	Date _____ <i>Bulletin Ad</i>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA SCHOOL LOTTERY CERTIFICATE</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">(Sponsored by the Family School Association)</p> <h1 style="margin: 0;">\$10.00</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Certificate owner is hereby eligible to participate in monthly dividends of \$200, \$100, (2) \$50, and (2) \$25, each month for twelve months, Plus two bonus dividends of \$500 each for the month of December.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">This Certificate issue is valid for the period of - March 2021 thru February 2022.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">MONTHLY PRIZES</p> <p style="margin: 0;">1st - \$200 2nd - \$100 3rd and 4th - \$50 5th and 6th - \$25</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Certificate owner need not be present at time dividend is declared. All winning numbers will be replaced for future drawings.</p>	
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Congratulations January 2021 winners!

\$25—Marianne Jagmin
\$25—The Bowling Family

\$50—Nancy Jahnke
\$50—The Bowling Family

\$100—Thomas Kemp
\$200—Kim Spence

2020 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$19,230.00
Jan 3	\$ 22,120.00	\$ 8,614.00	\$ 30,734.00	\$ 11,504.00
Jan 10	\$ 13,974.00	\$ 3,701.00	\$ 17,675.00	(\$ 1,555.00)
Jan 17	\$ 9,522.00	\$ 4,871.00	\$ 14,393.00	(\$ 4,837.00)
Jan 24	\$ 10,569.00	\$ 4,121.00	\$ 14,690.00	(\$ 4,540.00)
Jan 31	\$ 10,922.00	\$ 3,616.00	\$ 14,538.00	(\$ 4,692.00)

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 596,130.00
YTD Actual	\$ 595,772.76
Over / (Under)	(\$ 357.24)

THANK YOU!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING DURING OUR REOPENING

PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR CHURCH!

Our weekend collections are vital to provide the income which pays our Parish Family's operational expenses and the salaries of our STV staff. We definitely need and appreciate your sacrificial offerings. Here are various ways to contribute:

1. If you attend Mass, place your donation in the offertory basket or box at the church entrance or exit.
2. Sign up online using GiveCentral. www.givecentral.com.
 - Click "**FIND YOUR CHARITY**"
 - Type St. Thomas of Villanova in the search box and click on our picture.
 - Choose a fund to donate, entering the frequency, date range and dollar amount, then click "**ADD TO MY GIFT BASKET**."
 - You may click "**CHECKOUT**" at any time, or add more donations.
 - Click "**CONTINUE**," then "**COMPLETE PROFILE**" to register.
 - Complete the registration form, then click "**REGISTER AND CONFIRM GIFT**."
 - *You're registered!* Look for a confirmation email from GiveCentral.
3. Use the Archdiocese of Chicago Universal Offertory Program online. Visit our website: www.stov.org and click on the GIVING PAGE to find this link. If you do choose to donate through this universal program, please be sure to select "St. Thomas of Villanova" to credit your gift.
4. Mail your sacrificial offering envelope directly to our Parish Office:

1201 E Anderson Dr
Palatine, IL 60074

THANK YOU!

JOB OPENING

Little Sister of the Poor / St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly is looking for a full-time Night Guard to start as soon as possible. The hours are 8:00 pm – 7:30 am during the week and every other weekend. Applicant would be stationed at the front desk plus is required to make rounds, screen/greet visitors and employees. Previous reception and/or night guard experience is desired. Excellent communication skills and a professional attitude are required. Contact: Rhonda Patrick-Sison, Manager of Human Resources at hrrpalatine@littlesistersofthepoor.org or 847-358-5700 for more information. Location: 80 W Northwest Highway, Palatine, 60067.

2020 TAX DONATION STATEMENTS

Thank you for your generous donations during 2020! To help you prepare for your taxes, 2020 donation statements will be available starting January 31, 2020. To receive your statement, please either call the Parish Office at 847-358-6999 and leave a message or email your request to: soshea@stov.org and put "2020 Statement" in the subject line. Thank you again for your continued support to St. Thomas of Villanova Parish.



YOGA WITH JESUS— DATE CHANGE

The February 13 Yoga With Jesus session has changed to **Saturday, February 20**. The time will remain the same from Noon—1:00pm. A Zoom meeting link will be sent to your email address prior to each session. Text or call Jola Oliver at 827-275-7131 to be added to the Yoga with Jesus Zoom meeting distribution list, or to ask any questions. —Sponsored by STV Evangelization Team



The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

National Marriage Week

February 7-14, 2021

This year's theme is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." This is a wonderful opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

This week we pray for all married and engaged couples, that they may strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live out their marriage vows, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us.

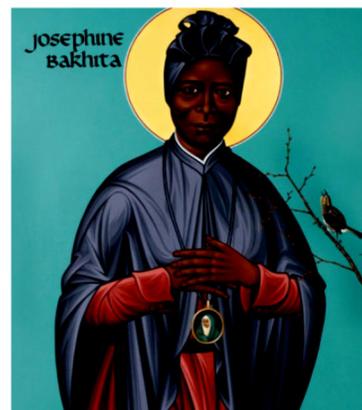


International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

February 8, 2021

With encouragement from Pope Francis, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General designated February 8th as an annual day of

prayer, reflection, and action against human trafficking. On this day, we remember and pray for survivors and victims of modern-day slavery. We pray that we may work together to remove the causes of this disgraceful scourge that is present in all our cities and neighborhoods.



February 8th is also the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan in 1869, St. Bakhita was kidnapped and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she valiantly asserted her freedom with the help of the Cannossian Sisters of Venice. Through her faith, St. Bakhita realized the promise of liberty inherent in the human spirit. She lived out the rest of her life as a Cannossian sister, sharing her empowering testimony of human freedom and dignity. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Josephine Bakhita, noting that in this saint, "we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation.

World Day for the Sick

February 11, 2021

We pray for all those suffering from illness, especially those whose health has been impacted by the Coronavirus. We also pray for their caregivers and family members.

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Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob
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January 19, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish,

Your associate pastor, Fr. Marcin Zasada, will soon be participating in the Catholic Leadership 360 Review process. This review process is part of the ordinary structure required by Archdiocesan Policy of every diocesan priest approximately every five years. It is an opportunity for Fr. Zasada to recognize his talents and to grow to become a better priest and pastoral minister. Selected members of the parish staff and parish leadership, your dean and I will be asked to be reviewers using this instrument.

According to Archdiocesan policies, lay leadership and parishioners are to be given the opportunity to recognize Fr. Zasada's gifts and to share their sentiments about his ministry. We are providing a parish-wide survey as part of his review process. The survey can be easily accessed by going to the Archdiocese's Ministerial Resources for Parishes page, <https://www.archchicago.org/offices-and-ministries/ministerial-resources-for-parishes>.

Find the **Parish-wide Survey Review for Priests**. The survey is available in English, Spanish, and Polish. To access the survey, click on the word 'Link' next to your choice of language.

If you have any concerns or comments pertaining to Fr. Zasada's review, feel free to contact me directly. If you have any further questions or suggestions about the review process you may contact Fr. Bob Heidenreich, Coordinator of Ministerial Review and Priests Programs, by email (rheidenreich@archchicago.org) or by phone at the Priests' Placement Office (312-534-5237).

When the Catholic Leadership 360 Review process has been completed, Fr. Zasada will be asked to share the insights he has received and his development plans with you in the parish bulletin and on the parish web site.

Thank you for your willingness to participate and provide constructive information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey S. Grob'.

Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 8

8:00am For All Who Are Sick

Tuesday, February 9

8:00am For All Medical Personnel

Wednesday, February 10

8:00am All Medical Personnel

Thursday, February 11

8:00am ☩ Andrew Marton

☩ Wanda Gajda

☩ James Garofalo

☩ Angelo & Madeline Garofalo

☩ Bernard & Florence Bittner

Friday, February 12

8:00am Int. for Pamela Hope

Saturday, February 13

5:00pm ☩ Magdaleno del Mar, Jr.

☩ Sylvia del Mar

☩ Eric del Mar

☩ Laura DeJesus

Sunday, February 14

7:30am Mass—POLISH

9:00am ☩ Jim DeBelina

☩ Katy & Jim Tracy

☩ David Sladky

☩ Margaret V. Smithe

☩ Sally Hake

☩ Ken Yauch

☩ Viola Stermer

Int. for Bernadette Quiaoit

11:00am Mass—POLISH

DAILY READINGS

Mon: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tue: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wed: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thu: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Fri: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Sat: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

FOR OUR SICK

MaryAnn Acton

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Lisa Antonelli

Baby Aubrey

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Alex Bingham

Catherine Brodnam

Carmen Cline

Jason Dean

Dan DeGroot

Nona Dix

Jeanne Formanski

Jaime Forseth

Steve Fortunski

Bill Gerl

Phil Gerould

Tommy Glaser

Grace Gorska

Judy Gott

Edward Grygowski

Janet Hedrick

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Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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And all those serving in the Middle East.

FOR ALL CLERGY IN FORMATION

- Pray for all Transitional Deacons and Seminarians as they continue their priestly formation, especially: Deacon Andy Matijevic and AJ Sales.
- Pray for Derek Oliver and his wife Jola during his 4th and final year of formation to become a Permanent Deacon.

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

☩ *Judith LaPlaca*

☩ *Jeanette Ostrowsky*

V NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA – Jesteśmy potrzebni

‘Przynosili do Niego wszystkich chorych’ (Mk 1, 32). Pomóc chorym znaleźć Jezusa – to bez wątpienia zadanie, jakie stoi przed nami. Dołożyć starań, by osoba chora lub starsza mogła wziąć udział w niedzielnej Mszy św., wyspowiadać się. Może tęskni za Jezusem, bo już tak dawno nie była w swoim kościele, a nie ma śmiałości poprosić, by ktoś ją zawiózł? Nie jesteśmy w stanie przywrócić nikomu zdrowia – to może tylko Bóg. Możemy jednak mieć udział w uzdrawiającym działaniu Chrystusa, pomagając spotkać się z Nim osobom chorym lub starszym, jakie znamy.



Choroba – czas łaski czy przekleństwo?

Nagła czy rozwijająca się stopniowo, poważna choroba (taka jak nowotwór) często postrzegana jest jako czas próby lub kara boska. I jakkolwiek na pierwszy rzut oka może się to wydać oburzające, choroba może jednak okazać się czasem łaski...

Choroba sama w sobie jest złem. ‘Zdarza się, że choroba zakorzenia się w nas tak bardzo, że zdaje się być jednocześnie intruzem i zwycięską siłą’ – mawiał św. Jan Paweł II. To zło wydaje nam się szczególnie absurdalne i trudne do zniesienia, gdy dotyczy dziecka. Dalibyśmy wszystko, byleby tylko móc wziąć na siebie jego chorobę, cierpieć zamiast niego, a tymczasem jesteśmy tylko bezsilnymi obserwatorami, których często ogarnia lęk, bunt lub poczucie winy. Tymczasem choroba nie jest złem bezwzględnym. Podobnie jak zdrowie nie jest bezwzględnie dobrem.

Choroba – kara boska?

Jak pisał św. Bazyl Wielki: ‘Zdrowie samo w sobie nie czyni dobrymi tych, którzy je posiadają, nie jest jedną z rzeczy dobrych

ze swej natury’. Co z kolei kazało powiedzieć innemu z Ojców Kościoła, św. Grzegorzowi z Nazjanzu: ‘Nie przeceniamy każdego przejawu zdrowia i nie gardzimy każdą chorobą’. Innymi słowy, wszystko zależy od użytku, jaki zrobimy z choroby lub zdrowia. Czy też jeszcze pogłębiając temat, wszystko zależy od naszego spojrzenia na chorobę, od tego jaką perspektywę obierzemy.

Choroba nie jest przekleństwem. Nawet jeśli jest konsekwencją grzechu pierwotnego, nie jest karą, którą Bóg wymierza nam osobiście. Pamiętamy pytanie Apostołów, jakie postawili w przypadku niewidomego od urodzenia: ‘Rabbi, kto zgrzeszył, że się urodził niewidomym – on czy jego rodzice? Jezus odpowiedział: Ani on nie zgrzeszył, ani rodzice jego’ (J 9, 1-2). Jezus powtarza nam to za każdym razem, gdy w obliczu choroby pytamy: ‘Czym sobie na to zasłużyłem?’...

‘Ilekoć niedomagam, tylekoć jestem mocny’

Jezus również cierpiał i cierpi razem z

nami. Choroba staje się okazją, by zbliżyć się do Boga, by zanurzyć się głębiej w misterium Jego miłości. Oczywiście, łatwo to powiedzieć. Dużo trudniej jest tym żyć, zarówno w przypadku samego chorego, jak i jego bliskich. Ale jest to możliwe, dlatego że Bóg czyni to możliwym, nawet w przypadku małych dzieci, i nawet jeśli ból jest tak silny, a zmęczenie tak dojmujące, że nie jesteśmy zdolni do niczego innego, jak tylko do cierpienia.

Bóg prosi nas jedynie o ten wysiłek, by odpowiedzieć ‘tak’ temu, co przychodzi, minuta po minucie, nie żałując przeszłości i nie obawiając się przyszłości. ‘Tak’, które opiera się na sile Chrystusa: ‘Ilekoć niedomagam, tylekoć jestem silny’ (2 Kor 12, 10). W obliczu choroby, zwłaszcza tej poważnej, błagamy Boga, by uczynił cud. A Bóg niejednokrotnie wydaje się głuchy na to wołanie. Ale czy to On nas nie słyszy, czy to my nie potrafimy Go słuchać? Czy wbrew pozorom, nie chce nam dać tego, co najlepsze...?



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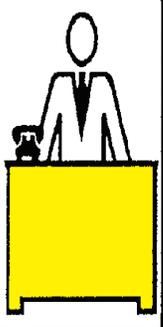
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