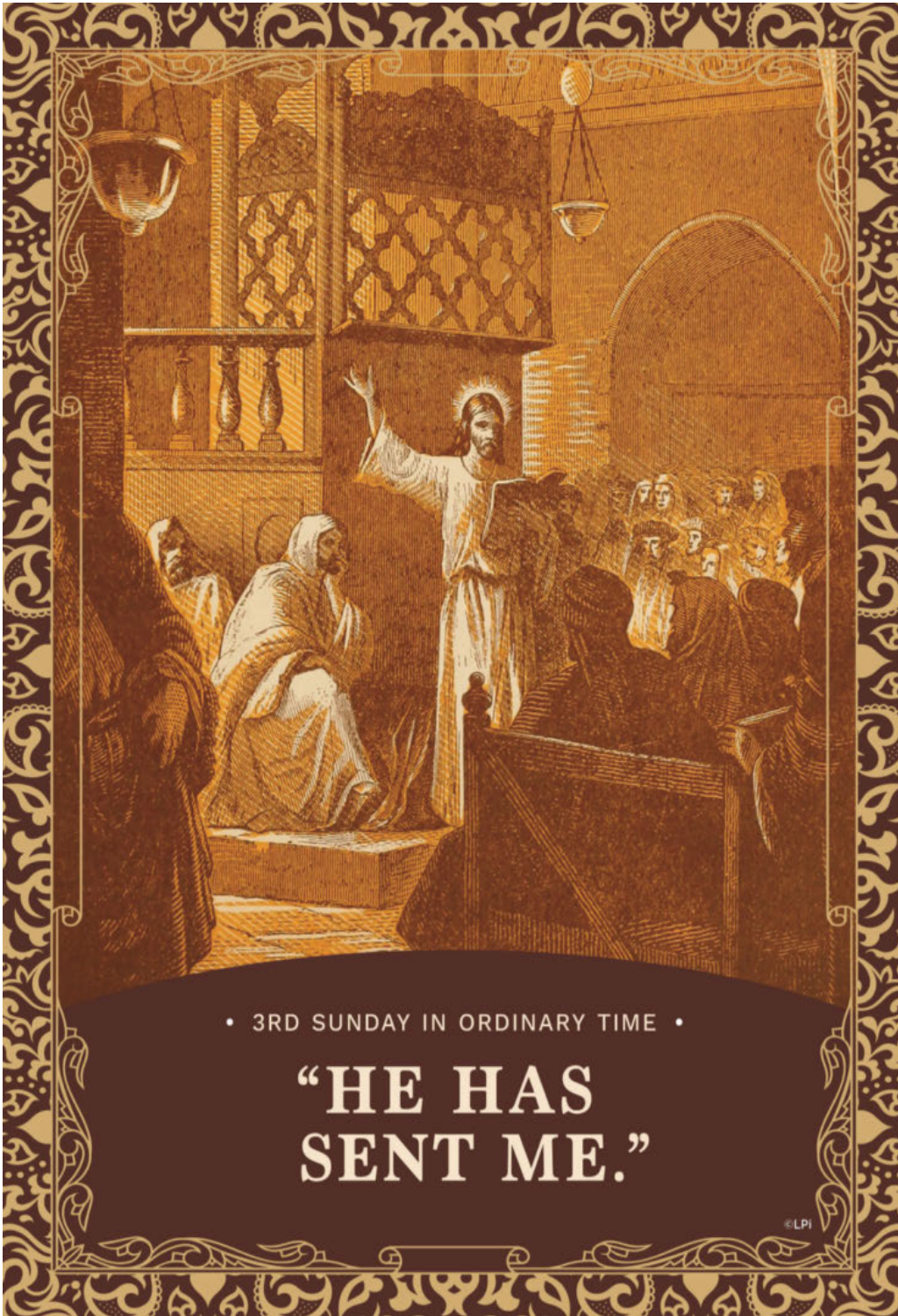


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• 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

“HE HAS
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

As I have done in the past, I will begin with an explanation of the Gospel reading first, in order to better understand how all the readings for today come together.

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Luke (1: 1- 4 and 4:14-21). St. Luke was known as the first historian of the Church, writing his own well-researched account of the many works of Jesus and then following that up with the beginnings of the early Church in the book we call The Acts of the Apostles. In today's account from Luke, we have two widely separated portions of his Gospel. In the very beginning he explains his reasons for this new writing which reflects the beginnings of the Church based on the foundation of Jewish faith. He then goes on to describe one of Jesus' first public acts - teaching in the synagogue, wherein He reads aloud a portion of the prophesies of Isaiah. At the end, Jesus concludes this reading from the Old Testament with the statement, "*Today, this prophesy has come to fulfillment in your hearing.*" Thus, we have the beginning of Jesus' role as teacher, Lord and Savior.

The First Reading is from the Book of Nehemiah (8:2-10). In it we hear the priest, Ezra, reading from the "*Book of The Law,*" presumably the Book of Deuteronomy. The time is probably the early 5th century BC, when a new wave of religious faith is sweeping Israel based on the Book of Deuteronomy, and Ezra's revisions of the earlier books of the Pentateuch (the first five books of our Old Testament). Modern Judaism came from this new wave, and it was during this time that the concepts of Life after Death, Heaven, and the Messiah began to emerge — all new beginnings. It is little wonder that Ezra declares to his people, "*do not be sad and do not weep, for joy in the Lord must be your strength.*"

The Responsorial Psalm (19:8- 10, 15) is a theological reflection, not on the Mosaic Law or the Deuteronomic Law, but on the divine moral law of God which is embedded in all mankind. The synonyms for "*Law*" used in each phrase (i.e., decrees, precepts, commands, fear and ordinances) are balanced with attributes of God (i.e. perfect, trustworthy, right, clear, pure and true). This divine moral law is God Himself, without beginning or end.

The Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (12:12-30). In this passage, Paul is using the analogy of the human body to describe the Church as a community that is brought together in Christ to help each other get to heaven. In essence, he says that each of us has been given a gift to help our fellow brothers and sisters. Some people are given greater gifts or roles in the community, but all the people and all the gifts are important and necessary to make the community successful. We are that community today. We are the Church, and it is up to each of us to do our part in making our parish, our community, and the Church successful.

Therefore, at the beginning of this New Year, we should take stock of our gifts, our talents and our role, not only in the parish, but in God's Plan of Salvation which starts here in the parish. Then, with that as our beginning, we should make a new resolution to come closer to God by using our gifts for the benefit of others.

Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (*Neh 8:8*)

PSALM: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (*Ps 19*)

SECOND READING: For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (*1 Cor 12:12*)

GOSPEL: He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (*Lk 1:21*)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 26, 2025

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



Sunday - Jan 26th - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Frances Rottman
Requested by: Amy Rottman

Monday - Jan 27th - St. Angela Merici, Virgin

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday - Jan 28th - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am - †Evolie Matotek
Requested by: Bob & Sue Muska & Family

Saturday - Feb 1st - Sunday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †John Golowenski
Requested by: Dorothy Golowenski

Sunday - Feb 2nd - The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

10:00 am - †Joshua White
Requested by: Terry & Wendy Kushinski



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor...
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

— Lk 4:18a, 19

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 1st at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty R., Jerry D., Pam W.

Server: Lucy K.

Sunday, February 2nd at 10:00 am

Lectors: Steve B., Karen B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., David L.

OFFERTORY REPORT

FISCIAL YEAR (7/1/24-6/30/25)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (1/5/2024) \$6,020.00
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/(-) BUDGET..... - \$(1,265.00)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



THE PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

FEBRUARY 2025 FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco
Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Virginia Glass
Barbara Glick	Joe Gluvna	Brian Grace	Dan George	Renee Golowenski	Carol Gonzales
D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez	Clara Hodorowski
Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Bob Humphrey	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson	Iris Pearl Jackson
Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dean Martin III	Alan McCartney	Rita McConley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Frank Murphy
Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Joe Rizzo	Jack Tocchi
Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens
Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka			

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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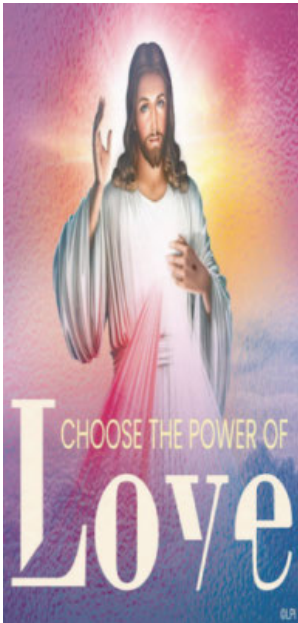
Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Excerpt from an article by Sr. Ann Immaculee, SV

Jesus waits for you at every moment of every day in the tabernacle. When we doubt God's goodness or our own, or when we struggle to understand why certain things have happened, He waits to respond to us with Himself. In fact, He is thinking of you right now. He has a real heart burning with love for you, waiting to meet you in the exact place of your need. He makes Himself vulnerable and available in the Eucharist to meet you in your vulnerability. Our days are filled with so many to-do lists leaving us feeling overwhelmed, or at best, scattered. Is it possible for Jesus' real, substantial presence in the Eucharist to permeate and pervade our every moment? Think about someone who you love. Isn't it true that they are always somewhat present to you? Whether by thought or memory, those we love remain with us. It's the same with Jesus. Surely, we never leave His thoughts. He desires us constantly and His gaze never leaves us. But can He always remain in our minds and within our reach? The answer, undoubtedly, is yes. There is no aspect of your life—no struggle, temptation, no worry, no fear, no burden, that is unseen or unnoticed by Jesus. In fact, your needs and weaknesses are an access point to encounter Him. The task for us is to turn to Him in our need, "*Jesus, I need you here.*" In a sense, this plea moves the heart of Jesus out of the tabernacle and into our very hearts sanctifying every time and place including the grocery store, the workplace and our own home.



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - HEARTS OPEN TO MY MERCY

Tell souls not to place within their own hearts obstacles to My mercy, which so greatly wants to act within them. My mercy works in all those hearts which open their doors to it. Both the sinner and the righteous person have need of My mercy.

Conversion, as well as perseverance, is a grace of My mercy (*Diary, 1577*).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

*Lord Jesus, help me to be more present to Your presence in my heart.
I pray for the grace of Your mercy that I may persevere in keeping my heart open to You.
And I pray that the hardened hearts of sinners may be softened for conversion,
which is also a grace of Your mercy. Amen.*

Get daily mediations emailed to you at forms.thedivinemercy.org/dmdsignup/.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM [PROLIFECORNER.COM](https://www.prolifecorner.com)

Even though Roe v Wade is no longer a federal law, we still face abortions every day.

However, due to the individual states deciding their own abortion regulations, abortions have thankfully decreased somewhat. We must continue to work and pray diligently to end abortion in our nation and save God's beautiful unborn babies.

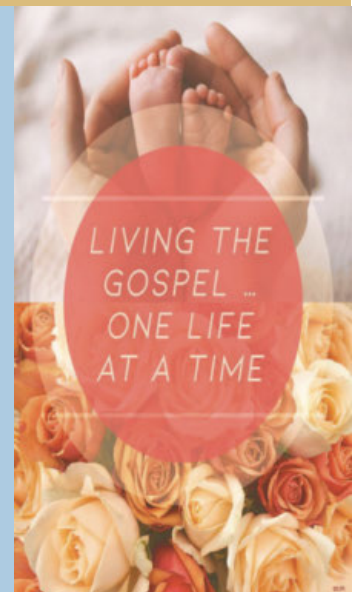
It is our hope that these quotes will inspire you to share them and to join pro-life.

Continue to pray to end abortion.

Think about this:

**Abortion and racism are both symptoms of a fundamental human error.
The error is thinking that when someone stands in the way of our wants,
we can justify getting that person out of our lives.**

*Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary
to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!*



A STUDENT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PRAYER

God of knowledge and faith, thank you for the opportunity to go to a Catholic school. When I go to Mass, I hear that knowledge is so important. Thank you for my parents & grandparents who have built our school and supported it throughout the years. Help me to be a good student and to become a good supporter of my parish, city, and country. Please bless all those men & women who have spent their lives teaching in our Catholic schools. Please bless my friends & teachers I learn with every day. I ask for all these blessings in the name of God's Son, Jesus. Amen.



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MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AT ST. TERESA - 1/28

Join us at St. Teresa of Avila Church on Tuesday, January 28th at 7 pm as we pray that unborn lives are saved and all life will be considered valuable. *Our prayers make a difference!* The Holy Hour will include Scripture, Litanies & the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you have any questions, call the church office at 440-934-4227.



SERRA DAY OF PRAYER - 2/1

Join us on Saturday, February 1st, at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Lorain as we will host the Lorain County Serra Club Day of Prayer from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The day will include Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction at 3:30 pm. Confessions will also be available from 2:30 pm until 3:00 pm. A rosary will begin at 3:30 pm like every Saturday, followed by our 4:00 pm Mass. The Masses on February 1st and 2nd will include the Solemn Blessing of Candles for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Hope to see you there!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL & ST. FRANCES CABRINI ADULT FAITH STUDY - 2/12 & 2/13

St. Vincent & St. Frances Cabrini are presenting a wonderful Adult Faith Study on the Gospel of Luke! This beloved Gospel takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in the Ascension of Jesus. With **Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled**, you will experience a new joy as you see how God has been faithful throughout the ages and how God's promise can guide you in your everyday lives.

Two sessions are available: **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm** or **Thursday mornings at 9:30 am** at SVDP, Elyria. The 1st Wednesday session is February 12th and the 1st Thursday session is February 13th.

Cost is \$15 per person. Registration ends on February 9th.

Contact Jackie, 440-324-4212 or 440-277-7266 or register on line at www.svdpeyria.com.

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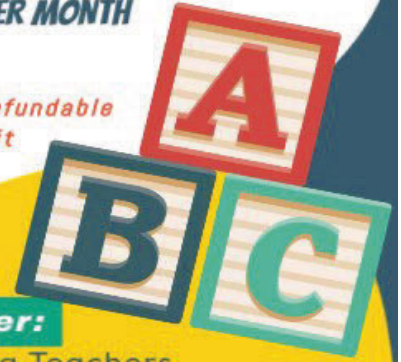
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