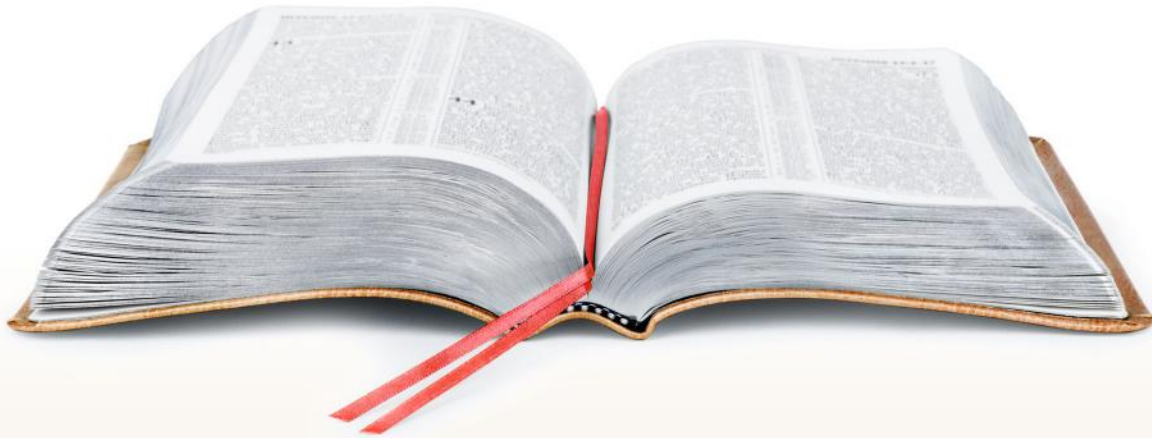


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## WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

*Four reasons to pick up the Bible this week (and every week):*



Sacred Scripture can and should inspire each aspect of our lives.



Praying with Scripture can help us further understand Jesus's approach to mercy.



Using Scripture to pray at home, in addition to at Mass, is a way to strengthen the tie between family households and the parish community.



Christ, the word of God, is present in the Scripture. When we read Scripture, we encounter Christ.

*Pastor: Fr. David Violi*

*Fr. David's direct email: frdavidvioli@gmail.com / Sacramental Emergency Number: 260-296-0511*

*Administrative Assistant/DRE: Michelle Paxton*

**Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [ ] We've Moved, here is our new information

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 23

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Msgr. Joseph Ferraro +

### Sunday, January 24

#### - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +
- 12:05 p.m. Rosary
- 12:30 p.m. Special Intention

### Monday, January 25

No Morning Mass

### Tuesday, January 26

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration
- 8:00 a.m. George Mohler Witwer +
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, January 27

- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession
- 7:00 p.m. Jeanette Ault +

### Thursday, January 28

- 8:00 a.m. Fathers of Washington & Luisa Sumabat

### Friday, January 29

- 8:30 a.m. Fran Gruss

### Saturday, January 30

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Parish Family

### Sunday, January 31

#### - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns + (Anniversary of their 65 years together)
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Ann & Terry Flowers +
- 12:05 p.m. Rosary
- 12:30 p.m. Special Intention

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Mon., Jan. 25 - Third Week in Ordinary Time -

Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle - Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/ Mk 16:15-18

Tues., Jan. 26 - Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops - 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/ Mk 3:31-35

Wed., Jan. 27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder - Heb 10:11-18/ Mk 4:1-20

Thurs., Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church - Heb 10:19-25/ Mk 4:21-25

Fri., Jan. 29 - Heb 10:32-39/ Mk 4:26-34

Sat., Jan. 30 - Heb 11:1-2,8-19/ Mk 4:35-41

Sun., Jan. 31 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Dt 18:15-20/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 24, 2021

This weekend (*January 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>*), the Church enters into and celebrates the **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**. In his 2019 apostolic letter, *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis dedicated this liturgical weekend to the celebration, study, and sharing of the Word of God. Though our liturgies are so imbued with the Sacred Scriptures, we often do not realize this. Outside of the Liturgy of the Word itself, much of the dialogue exchanged and prayers offered throughout the Mass are rooted in the Sacred Scriptures. This, however, cannot be the limit of our scriptural study and reflection.

This weekend, as described by Pope Francis, serves as a chance to truly “*appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in the constant dialogue between the Lord and His people.*” Reading and meditating upon the Sacred Scriptures should be a daily part of our lives, both in our personal meditation and as a family. It allows us to not only grow in knowledge of Jesus Christ, but to deepen our personal relationship with Him. May we keep in mind the cautious words of St. Jerome: *Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.*

## UPDATES TO OUR LITURGICAL DIRECTIVES

Last week, we received revised directives from the diocese which updated a variety of practices that we have been following at all public liturgies during the ongoing pandemic. Among other practices, the diocese has approved that “soft congregational singing may resume in parishes, at the discretion of the pastor, as long as the faithful are wearing masks. Less boisterous singing should be planned for the congregation.”

This decision was reached by our diocesan Office of Worship and approved by Bishop Rhoades after consultation with a variety of infectious disease experts. Those consulted advised “that the risk posed by a more quiet style of singing is minimal IF we universally adhere to the existing mask and distancing requirements.”

This update applies to congregational singing, but not to cantors and choirs. As cantors and choirs “engage in more vigorous and forceful singing,” the general guidelines already in place for these two ministries continue to remain the same. Given the precautions that we do have in place, including our constructed “cantor box,” we are able to ensure that our cantors can safely sing from an enclosed space in the choir loft (as suggested in the diocesan directives).

For the foreseeable future, we will be moving slowly to ensure that we are properly prepared when prudently reintroducing these practices. In the coming weeks, we will begin inviting volunteer cantors to offer their gift of song in the form of prelude music, as the Responsorial Psalm, and/or as a Communion meditation. When sung, these parts will be only sung by the cantor for the time being. We will continue to recite the Mass Parts (*the Alleluia, the Gloria, the Sanctus, etc...*) so that they might be recited together by all (*as recommended by our Office of Worship*).

This coming week, we are opening the formal search process for our new Director of Sacred Music and Liturgy. Please keep this search process in your prayers. Once this position has been filled, it is my belief that we will then be in a place to determine how to best move towards the safe resumption of congregational singing. Watch the bulletin for further updates!

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, John Houlihan, Tom Courtney and Nora LaVine.



# Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, February 5 - Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. / Low Mass at 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

ASH  
WEDNESDAY



Remember that  
You are dust, and to  
dust You shall return.  
Ecclesiastes 3:20

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

February 17th  
7:00 a.m.  
12 Noon  
7:00 p.m.

There is a basket on the desk in the narthex for old palms, if you still have some!

## PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Jan. 23 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Jan. 23 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 24 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 24 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Jan. 26 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m.
- Wed., Jan. 27 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 30 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Jan. 30 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 31 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 31 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 2 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 2 - Virtual Knights of Columbus meeting via Zoom - 6:40 p.m. recitation of the Holy Rosary / meeting at 7:00 p.m. Jeff Miller, Grand Knight, will send an email with the link prior to the meeting.
- Wed., Feb. 3 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 3 - Parish Council Meeting - Via Zoom 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 5 - Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Low (Latin) Mass 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 6 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Feb. 6 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 7 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 7 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Feb. 9 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Wed., Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday Masses - 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 19 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. (each Friday of Lent.)



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The remaining envelopes will be mailed, so please make sure to take yours with you after Mass or stop by the narthex and pick it up to help defray the cost of postage. Thank you!

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report January 16/17

Adult Envelopes- \$4,788.81  
Child Envelopes- \$3.00  
Loose- \$134.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$349.66  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$162.00

**Total- \$5,437.77**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$4,71.12 ahead of our budget for the month of January.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$547.00

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## SENSORY FRIENDLY MASSES

The sensory-friendly Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 10700 Aboite Center Road, is the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. A sensory-friendly Mass provides a safe and comfortable setting for children and adults with sensory challenges, mental illness or any kind of disability to feel engaged and experience Mass in a meaningful way with family members and caregivers. It is open to others outside of St. Elizabeth Parish who would benefit from a sensory-friendly environment. Livestream: [facebook.com/belongingFWSB](https://www.facebook.com/belongingFWSB). Contact Allison Sturm at 260.399.1452 or [asturm@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:asturm@diocesefwsb.org) for questions.

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n - is it necessary?  
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