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## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ----- 5:00 pm  
Sunday ----- 8:00 am & 10:30 am

**HOLY DAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:** Since times may vary, please check the weekly Mass schedule inside the bulletin.

**SPIRITUAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Please contact the office when a parish member has been admitted to the hospital or has become home bound. Upon request, the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated and Holy Communion will be brought monthly.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 pm. At any other time by appointment.

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## THE MISSION OF ST. FRANCIS de SALES PARISH

*Guided by the gentle spirit and practical teachings of St. Francis de Sales, we strive to "Live Jesus" in our daily lives. We proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Holy Eucharist, and are nourished through prayer, worship, love, and service to others. Together we are building a community that brings joy to our faith and light to the world, which one day will become the City of God.*

**BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during Mass or on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass. Parents are asked to contact the parish office to arrange a time for preparation and to schedule the baptism.

**CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST:** Each child must have received a full year of religious education at St. Francis prior to beginning the sacramental preparation classes.

**MARRIAGE:** In order that the requirements for marriage preparation may be fulfilled, couples are to contact the parish office at least six months before the desired wedding date.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Please register at the office, or pick up a form in the back of the church. We are delighted to welcome you.

**WILLS AND DONATIONS:** Please consider designating St. Francis de Sales Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the



## January 24, 2021 ✠ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Schedule for the Week:

#### Saturday, January 23, 2021

5:00 PM Stanley Hain

#### Sunday, January 24, 2021

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Kathleen Zoga

#### Monday, January 25, 2021 (The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle)

9:00 AM Ron Farino

#### Tuesday, January 26, 2021 (Ss. Timothy & Titus)

9:00 AM

#### Wednesday, January 27, 2021 (St. Angela Merici)

9:00 AM Luis Siana

#### Thursday, January 28, 2021 (St. Thomas the Aquinas)

12:00 Noon Richard Meredith, Jr.

#### Friday, January 29, 2021

9:00 AM

#### Saturday, January 30, 2021

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

#### Sunday, January 31, 2021

8:00 AM Joseph Tosheff

10:30 AM Special Intention for Seth & Kate Lynn Savitsky

### Lector Schedule

**Saturday, January 30th ~ 5:00 PM: DiNunzio**

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 8:00 AM: Miller**

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 10:30 AM: Areiza**

### Parish Schedule

Sunday, January 24 @ 9:00 AM ~ PREP

Tuesday, January 26 @ 7:00 PM ~ Holy Hour

### Pray For Our Sick

Lucille Anderson, Edward Bellina, John Binder, Jim & Joan Bross, Rosemary C., Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Mary Ann Flemming, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Annamarie McCormick, Walter Muir, A. Pawelski, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Bill Straw, Eleana Wilson. Edwin Zeltzer

### Condolences

St. Francis de Sales Parish offers heartfelt condolences to Edward Zdravecki on the passing of his wife, *Christine*. May God welcome Christine into eternal life and peace, and may the Zdravecki family experience God's consolation and strength during this time of sorrow.



### Let us pray for our priests:



January 25 Rev. Shaju Kanjiramparayil, OSFS

January 26 Rev. Venantius Karobo, A.J.

January 27 Rev. Gregory Karpyn, M.Div.

January 28 Rev. Martin Kern, M.Div.

January 29 Rev. Odemary Bahati Kisaka, A.J.

January 30 Rev. Msgr. Nevin Klinger, J.C.L.

January 31 Rev. G. Jose Kochuparambil

### Spiritual Thought:

*I bear all things for the sake of those chosen by God*  
(2 Tm. 2:10)

Every suffering is a task that God's eternal love sets before human beings. When we patiently endure our troubles, our own soul is enriched and becomes more mature. In addition, we obtain blessings for the souls of others. I must remember this in the midst of my worries and my sufferings. Then I will not grow weary of carrying my cross or of doing good.

Father, bless me, and through me let all who draw near me also be blessed.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

#### Monday

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

#### Tuesday

2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35

#### Wednesday

Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

#### Thursday

Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

#### Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

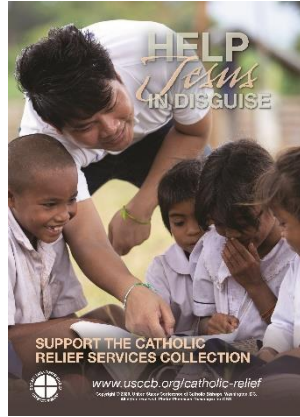


## Our Return to the Lord

Week of January 17, 2021

Offertory ~ \$ 6,005.00

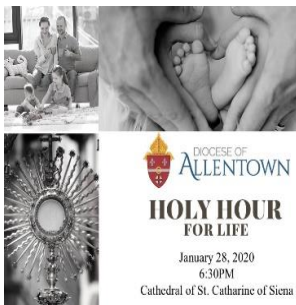
*Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all the people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about this collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).*



Opportunity House is constantly in need of items. Currently, they are specifically requesting donations of toilet paper and paper towels. If you are looking to donate to a very worthy cause, please place your donation in the box in the foyer. Thank you.



Betty Schmoyer  
St. Vincent de Paul Society



Since many people will be unable to attend this year's March for Life, Friday, Jan. 29 in Washington, D.C., because of the pandemic, Bishop Alfred Schlert will host a "Holy Hour for Life" on **Thursday, Jan. 28 at 6:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown.** In addition to in-

person attendance at the Cathedral, the Holy Hour will be livestreamed. The event will be a time to pray together for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, for those who have been wounded by abortion, for those facing death and for increased holiness in the Church. Bishop Schlert will preside. Music will be provided by Beverly McDevitt, music director at the Cathedral. View the livestream on AD Today: [www.ad-today.com](http://www.ad-today.com), the DOA Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/DioceseofAllentown](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofAllentown) and the Diocesan YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/user/DioceseofAllentown](https://www.youtube.com/user/DioceseofAllentown).



There is wonder and challenge in today's Scripture readings.

Imagine for a moment how surprised Jonah must have been when the people of Nineveh responded so quickly to his call to repent. It was not too much earlier that Jonah has feared the assignment and refused to go and suffered his whale experience. Then he had changed his mind and now found that his fears were needless.

Imagine too the amazement of Zebedee and the hired fishermen when his two sons just take off after this itinerant preacher. What was it about Jesus that would make them put aside everything they were used to and follow him?

That's where the challenge of Jesus' words comes in: "The reign of God is at hand. Reform your lives and believe in the good news." There is something in his words that tells us things will be different when we accept Jesus as God present among his people.

St. Paul gives us an insight into the difference: "The world as we know it is passing away." The earthly matters that seem so important, that seem to run our lives, have no lasting value. The real value is learning to use these things in a way that reflects how God wants them to be used.

We all might ask: and how do we do that? St. Francis de Sales gives us a way that can help. He tells us: take hold of the present moment as a time graced by God to bring us closer to him. Whatever we are called to do because of the circumstances of our daily life can help us to grow in holiness - union with God. God will give us the grace we need to do each action of our day in a way that is loving - in a way that Jesus would do it.

If we can learn to live in the present moment, accept the grace that God will give us for that moment, and try to love as Jesus would love in whatever we're doing, then the kingdom of God is there in our midst.

In meeting the challenge of the present moment with the grace of God, we will be filled with wonder - wonder that God loves us so much that He is with us at every moment. He reforms our lives - and the way we live makes the kingdom of God present to all around us. What a challenge - and what an amazing grace!

<https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/third-sunday-in-ordinary-time-january-24-2021>

## *Daily Prayer to Saint Francis de Sales*

*Feast Day: Sunday, January 24*

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O Blessed Francis, who in your life did excel in all virtues, especially in your love of God and of your neighbour, I earnestly ask you to take me under your immediate protection, to obtain from God my perfect conversion, and that of all sinners.

O Almighty Father, teach me how to fix my eyes on heaven, that I may generously trample under foot every obstacle that presents itself in my way, and attain that degree of glory which you in your mercy hold out to me.

Obtain also the favour for which I now pray: (*State your request...*).

Assist us O Lord, we beseech you, through the merits of St. Francis de Sales that, what our endeavours cannot obtain may be given to us by his intercession.

**Let us pray:** O God, who for the salvation of souls, did will that St. Francis de Sales should become all things to all men and women, mercifully grant that we, helped by the gentleness of his charity, guided by his teachings, and sharing in his merits, may obtain eternal happiness. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:14-20**

Jesus told the people to repent and believe the Good News and began to gather His first disciples.

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"The time has come," he said.  
"The Kingdom of God has come near.  
Repent and believe the good news!"

MARK 1:15

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,  
right, up, down or diagonally.



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