



*The Third Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
January 22, 2017*

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JAN. 21 TO JAN. 28

FR. RAYMOND LAFONTAINE, Episcopal Vicar for the English-speaking faithful and Director of the Office for English Pastoral Services will preach at all Masses next weekend, January 28 and 29. We offer a warm welcome to Fr. Raymond!

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Saturday	Jan. 21	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Frank McDonnell	Pat & Family
Sunday	Jan. 22	
9:00 am	Stanley Szuskowski	Linda & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Jan. 23	
8:30 am	Glenn Doyle	The Caron family
Tuesday	Jan. 24	
8:30 am	Glen Doyle	Mark & Gloria Brennan
Wednesday	Jan. 25	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny
Thursday	Jan. 26	
8:30 am	Jack Scimone	Mary Scimone
Friday	Jan. 27	
8:30 am	Joe Ortuso (L)	The Donaghy family
Saturday	Jan. 28	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Emilia Reda	Iannuzzi family
Sunday	Jan. 29	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Domenico Mancini	Mary & Guy Taillon

SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of:

Jan. 22: Billy Tilli, requested by his niece Mary

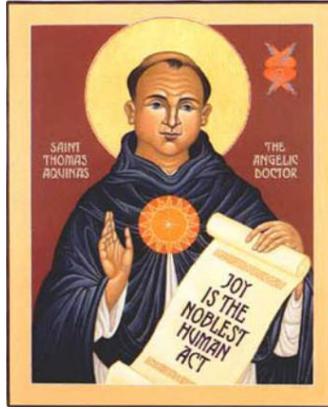
Jan. 29: Antonio & Alberta Fiori, requested by the Gafoor family

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A SPOUSE: If you have experienced the death of a spouse and would like to join others for mutual support and sharing in the context of faith, please join us every first Monday of the month from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at St. Edmund of Canterbury parish (Fr. MacEntee Room). There is no obligation to share – please feel free to just come and listen. At our next meet on February 6, we will be joined by Richard Boileau, bereavement specialist and spiritual director. All are welcome.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JAN. 16/17

Offerings: \$ 4,876.00 St. Peter the Apostle: \$ 1,274.00

Next Second Collection: January 29, for the Building Fund.



FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church, patron of all universities and of students, was born toward the end of the year 1226. He was the son of the Count of Aquino, who, when St. Thomas was five years old, placed him under the care of the Benedictines of Monte Cassino. His teachers were surprised at the progress he made, for he surpassed all his fellow pupils in learning as well as in the practice of virtue.

When he became of age to choose his state of life, St. Thomas renounced the things of this world and resolved to enter the Order of St. Dominic in spite of the opposition of his family. In 1243, at the age of seventeen, he joined the Dominicans of Naples. Some members of his family resorted to all manner of means over a two year period to break his constancy, even going so far as to send a woman of loose virtue to tempt him. But all their efforts were in vain and St. Thomas persevered in his vocation.

After making his profession at Naples, he studied at Cologne under the celebrated St. Albert the Great. Here he was nicknamed the "dumb ox" because of his silent ways and huge size, but he was really a brilliant student. At the age of twenty-two, he was appointed to teach in the same city. At the same time, he also began to publish his first works. After four years he was sent to Paris. The saint was then a priest. At the age of thirty-one, he received his doctorate.

In 1261, Urban IV called him to Rome where he was appointed to teach. St. Thomas not only wrote (his writings filled twenty hefty tomes characterized by brilliance of thought and lucidity of language), but he preached often and with greatest fruit. Clement IV offered him the archbishopric of Naples which he refused. He left the great monument of his learning, the "Summa Theologica", unfinished, for on his way to the second Council of Lyons, he fell sick and died at the Cistercian monastery of Fossa Nuova in 1274.

St. Thomas was one of the greatest and most influential theologians of all time. He was canonized in 1323 and declared Doctor of the Church ("The Angelic Doctor") by Pope Pius V.

~ *Catholic Online Saints*

St. Thomas Aquinas had a great love for the Eucharist, and composed many of the Eucharistic hymns we are familiar with. Here is a translation of part of the *Tantum Ergo*, that we sing weekly in our parish before Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Down in adoration falling, Lo! The Sacred Host we hail.
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing, Newer rites of Grace prevail:
Faith for all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail.
To The Everlasting Father, And The Son Who reigns on high,
With The Spirit blessed proceeding Forth, from Each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing, Might and endless majesty. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY: We are in need of occasional greeters and door-openers especially for the 4:30 pm and 9:00 am Masses. A great opportunity to do an activity as a family – just be in attendance 20 minutes prior to the Mass. Our parishioners with young children, the disabled and elderly greatly appreciate this assistance. Call Norma Cook - 514-620-2019

FAITH FIRST NEWS

Upcoming Gatherings & Meetings

First Communion Parent meeting MANDATORY:

Wednesday, Jan 25 at 7pm in the church

Confirmation Parent meeting MANDATORY:

Wednesday, Jan 25 at 8pm in the church

CELEBRATE THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY at St. Luke's Parish on **Sunday, January 29 at 4:00 pm**. A dinner will follow the service at La Porte Greque restaurant, 4600 Boul. Des Sources in DDO. Dinner RSVP: Daniel Garvin via e-mail garvin.family@sympatico.ca.

FEED THE HUNGRY DINNER-DANCE FUNDRAISER: The Catholic Women's League and Angels of Mercy invite you to a Valentine Dinner-Dance Fundraiser on February 11, at 6 p.m. in our parish hall. All profits will go to the Angels of Mercy to help "Feed the Hungry with Amore!" Tickets are \$35.00 (with a \$25.00 tax receipt). Purchase at the door or call: Michelle 514-694-8879 or Margaret 514-626-8938.

HERE'S A QUESTION

"Where does the Bible state that we are supposed to have priests?"

(First of all, nowhere does the Bible state that all the Church's practices have to be proved from the Bible.)

As for the question, sacrifice in religion always involves a priesthood. We see this in God's provision for the Levitical priesthood which offered sacrifice in the Jewish Temple. Jesus has offered the perfect sacrifice. He has also commanded us to share in it. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in you" (Jn 6:53). At the Last Supper, Our Lord provided the means whereby we can share in His sacrifice: "Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, 'Take and eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins'" (Mt 26:26-28). Jesus thereby empowered His successors, the apostles, to be His priests.

From Pentecost down to the present day, that sacrifice has been offered to the Father by Christ's priests. Acting in persona Christi ("the person of Christ"), priests make available to us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, under forms of bread and wine.

~ Father Ray Ryland, Ph.D., J.D.

HERE'S ANOTHER QUESTION

If God already knows our future and what we will choose, then what's the point? The question regarding God's foreknowledge and our free will is one of the most vexing to puzzle Christian theologians, and it was one of the fundamental issues leading to the breakup of Christianity during the Protestant Reformation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "To God, all moments of time are present in their immediacy. When therefore he establishes his eternal plan of 'predestination,' he includes in it each person's free response to his grace" (No. 600). In its simplest terms, this means God provides grace sufficient to save a soul, but this grace has no effect if an individual refuses to cooperate with it. We conclude this because our faith teaches (1) God has conferred a supernatural destiny upon us and (2) our first parents, before the Fall, were endowed with sanctifying grace, but they chose to disregard it.

~ Father Reginald Martin