



# ST. PHILIP BENIZI CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 23, 2022  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm Mass

Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am Mass

Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri - 8am Mass

Tuesday - 6:30pm Mass

## **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays – 4:00-5:00pm or by Appointment

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Thursdays – 8:30am-10pm (*ends with Benediction*)

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***God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!***

Dear friends in Christ, the church fed us with solid food to strengthen and fortify us on our faith journey on the second Sunday of this season. The readings assured us that God has not forsaken or abandoned us; instead, God loves and cares for us beyond our finite minds. St. Paul reminded us that each one had received a unique gift(s) from God. To that effect, we should direct the gifts not for selfish undertakings but for service to humanity and God's glory. Last Sunday's Gospel focused our attention on the little drama that ensued during the marriage ceremony at the city of Cana in Galilee between Jesus and his mother. On this occasion, the Blessed Virgin Mary politely manifested the efficacy of her intercession on our behalf. She told Jesus that the newly married couple ran out of wine during the marriage celebration; after instructing him on what to do, she ordered the servers to "do whatever he tells you." Reflecting on the gospel passage, we encouraged God's children to appreciate the role of Mary in the journey of faith and her powerful intercession. Also, to develop a sincere and robust devotion with the mother of Jesus.

As we gradually explore and fully integrate ourselves into the regular season of the year, we assemble to thank God for his wondrous deeds and unquantifiable love for us. To ask for the forgiveness of our sins, for if God marks our iniquities, no one should see the light of a new day. At the same time, we are in his presence to listen to his inspired words which are alive and active. Words richer than gold, more potent than death, sweeter than honey and bring fulfillment and joy to the soul. Also, we are ready to be fed with the body and blood of Christ, to fortify us for the journey ahead.

On this third Sunday, the liturgy of the word focuses on reading, listening, and explaining the words from the Scriptures. In the book of Nehemiah, Ezra, the priest, brought the law and read before the congregation, who patiently and attentively listened from daybreak till midday. Ezra interpreted the book of the law to the understanding of all. Nehemiah, Ezra, and the Levites instructing the congregation said to them, "Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep." Thanks to the law that brought hope to the faithful followers, rejoicing in the Lord and his word must be your strength. For the first time after their return from the Babylonian captivity, Israel gathers as a people, celebrates the proclamation of the word, and shares in the festival meal. The responsorial psalm testifies to the power of the word by affirming that God's words are Spirit and life. It is perfect and refreshes the soul, giving wisdom to the simple. The Lord's ordinances are true, just, transparent, and enlightening the eyes.

Paul explains how the word of God shapes the body of Christ: the church. It is seen in the different gifts granted by God for the welfare of the community of believers. He used the analogy of the body to drive home his points, "As the body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." (I Cor 12:12). Paul stresses that we are baptized into one body, though different people, as the human body is one, even though it is made up of various members. But with our baptism, we all become one in Christ in his resurrected and glorious body, the church. Therefore, the multiple gifts and diverse functions do not hinder Christians' unity; instead, they manifest the church's ineffable wealth. Since we are one in Christ with different talents, we should effectively use our anointing/blessings to work for the welfare of the entire Christ's body by spreading the good news to all. In the words of Paul, "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy." (I Corinthians 12: 30).

Luke begins by introducing his Gospel. He explains how and why he wrote it. As the other evangelists wrote for different audiences, Luke indicates that he wrote for the Greeks in the introit. He offered the Gospel to the most excellent Theophilus – a Greek name which means, 'lover of God/friend of God.

In the second part of Today's Gospel, Luke records how Jesus began his public ministry by commenting on sacred Scripture. Jesus returned to Nazareth, where he was raised and went to the synagogue on Sabbath and read from the scroll. He read the prophecy of Isaiah that articulated his public manifesto. The prophecy that the Spirit of God is upon him and has anointed him to bring glad tidings to the poor, free captives, restore the sight of the blind, release those who are oppressed and proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. After reading the scroll, Jesus announces to the anxious congregation that Isaiah's prophecies are fulfilled in him. He is the one who will lead this mission of fulfilling the glad tidings. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:21). The Old Testament promises are fulfilled in the New Testament - in the entire life of Jesus, the Only Begotten Son of God. Indeed, Jesus' name is synonymous with this prophecy of Isaiah. With his anointing by the Spirit, he went to every nook and cranny doing good in all ramifications.

Shortly before his ascension, he gave us, his followers under the representation of the apostles, the mandate to continue from where he stopped. Most importantly, he promised to be with us till the end of time. The Son of God empowered us to share in his divine message of spreading the good news and releasing fellow pilgrims from the bonds of oppression, tyranny, and intimidation; also, freeing them from the shackles of mental slavery, economic exploitation, and any form of dehumanization which still trend in the 21st century. Authentic protagonists of the Gospel should be at the helm of this campaign; though, it is regrettable to say that most Christians and lovers of the Gospel are architects of spreading demeaning messages and enforcing ungodly acts on others. Sadly, they still profess their sham loyalty to Jesus Christ amid these unchristian actions.

**This week at SPB and Upcoming Parish/Archdiocesan Events (continued on pg. 7)**

**Sunday, 1/23/2022**

8:00am Mass: All Parishioners  
 10:30am Mass: +Bernice Hobbs (Lois Celorie)

**Monday, 1/24/2022 Memorial of St. Francis De Sales**

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church  
 8:00am Mass: +Jean Marie VanDyke (Jan Alderman)

**Tuesday, 1/25/2022 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

6:30pm Mass: +Lila McLain (Sherrie Havens)  
 7:00pm: RICA/Hall

**Wednesday, 1/26/2022 Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus**

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church  
 8:00am Mass: +Henry Planton Family  
 (David & Rosalie Swanson)

**Thursday, 1/27/2022**

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church  
 8:00am Mass: +Zofia Misiaszek  
 (Anna & Jacek Wiktorowicz)  
 7:00pm: Faith Sharing via Zoom

8:30am-10:00pm:  
 Eucharistic Adoration



**Friday, 1/28/2022 Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas**

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church  
 8:00am Mass: +Stanley Planton Family  
 (David & Rosalie Swanson)

**Saturday, 1/29/2022**

4:00-5:00pm: Reconciliation/Church  
 5:30pm Mass: +Denise Shields (Marc & Carol Jenquin)

**Sunday, 1/30/2022**

8:00am Mass: +Charles Evers  
 (Claudia Evers & Paul Lowry)  
 10:30am Mass: All Parishioners

Each year on 1/22, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.



Our condolences go out to family of Charles Baggs who passed into God's loving arms. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Statewide Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration 1/29/22.

Archbishop Sample will lead a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. The primary focus of the event is for divine guidance for the Synodal process called for by Pope Francis. We also pray for a deeper appreciation of the dignity and sacredness of human life, an end to abortion, and a renewed spirit and light for all parishes and parishioners in the Portland and Baker Dioceses.

Oregon March for Life January 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm at the Capitol steps, 900 Court St. NE, Salem. Join hundreds of Oregonians at the steps of the Oregon Capitol. The band will begin playing at 2:15pm with speakers starting at 2:30pm. The March for Life will begin immediately following.

January 30<sup>th</sup> is the voluntary Catholic School Collection. Donate to a Catholic School of your choice. There is a page in the new Catholic Sentinel with a list of Catholic Schools.

Your 2021 donation statement is available at the side door of the Church.

**Finance Corner**

Registered Household 218	WEEK OF 1/16/2022 Actual	Budget
Donors 57	\$3,818 (online: \$1,250)	\$6,611
Fiscal Year	\$140,785	\$135,404

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**Ushers**

1/29~5:30pm: Tom Muldoon  
 1/30~8:00am: Paul Lowry  
 1/30~10:30am: Kevin Horace

**January Church Cleaners:** Karen Henry (971-409-0679)  
**January Altar Linens:** Vicky McGaughey (503-730-3077)



1/30 9:00: Paul & Claudia  
 11:30:

**Next Weeks Assignments**

**Lector/Commentator**

Heather Hannam  
 Kristine Bible  
 Jerry Siler



# Dear Padre,

**In your previous column you wrote that the Mass commemorates Jesus' Last Supper and is a thanksgiving for God's gifts to us. Are there other reasons to get out of bed early and attend Sunday Mass?**

**T**he Mass is all about giving thanks for God's forgiveness of sins and His plan for eternal life. In fact, *Eucharist* is derived from the Greek word meaning "gratitude" or "thanksgiving." But there are many other reasons to participate in the Mass.

The Mass is our opportunity to be present with our Lord in the forms of bread and wine. God doesn't usually make frightening appearances to us



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accompanied by crashing thunder and lightning. Rather, he makes himself accessible to us in the humble form of food. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

As St. Augustine put it, when we receive Christ in

these forms, we become what we receive. We are the body of Christ, not as individuals but as his Church. His Church is his physical presence on earth today, the way people come into contact with Christ.

When we participate in the Mass, we become witnesses to all of this: our liberation from sin and death; our Lord's Real Presence to us in the forms of bread and wine; and we, as Church, becoming what we receive—the body of Christ. Can there be better reasons for waking up on a Sunday morning and attending Mass?

*Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason, we Christians go to encounter the Lord...in the Eucharistic celebration.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, DECEMBER 13, 2017

## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 24

*St. Francis de Sales,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church*  
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10  
Mk 3:22–30

### Tuesday

JANUARY 25

*The Conversion of  
St. Paul the Apostle*  
Acts 22:3–16  
or Acts 9:1–22  
Mk 16:15–18

### Wednesday

JANUARY 26

*Sts. Timothy and Titus,  
Bishops*  
2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5  
Mk 4:1–20

### Thursday

JANUARY 27

*Weekday*  
2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29  
Mk 4:21–25

### Friday

JANUARY 28

*St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church*  
2 Sm 11:1–4a,  
5–10a, 13–17  
Mk 4:26–34

### Saturday

JANUARY 29

*Weekday*  
2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17  
Mk 4:35–41

### Sunday

JANUARY 30

*Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Jer 1:4–5, 17–19  
1 Cor 12:31–13:13  
or 13:4–13  
Lk 4:21–30

## Fulfilled in Your Hearing

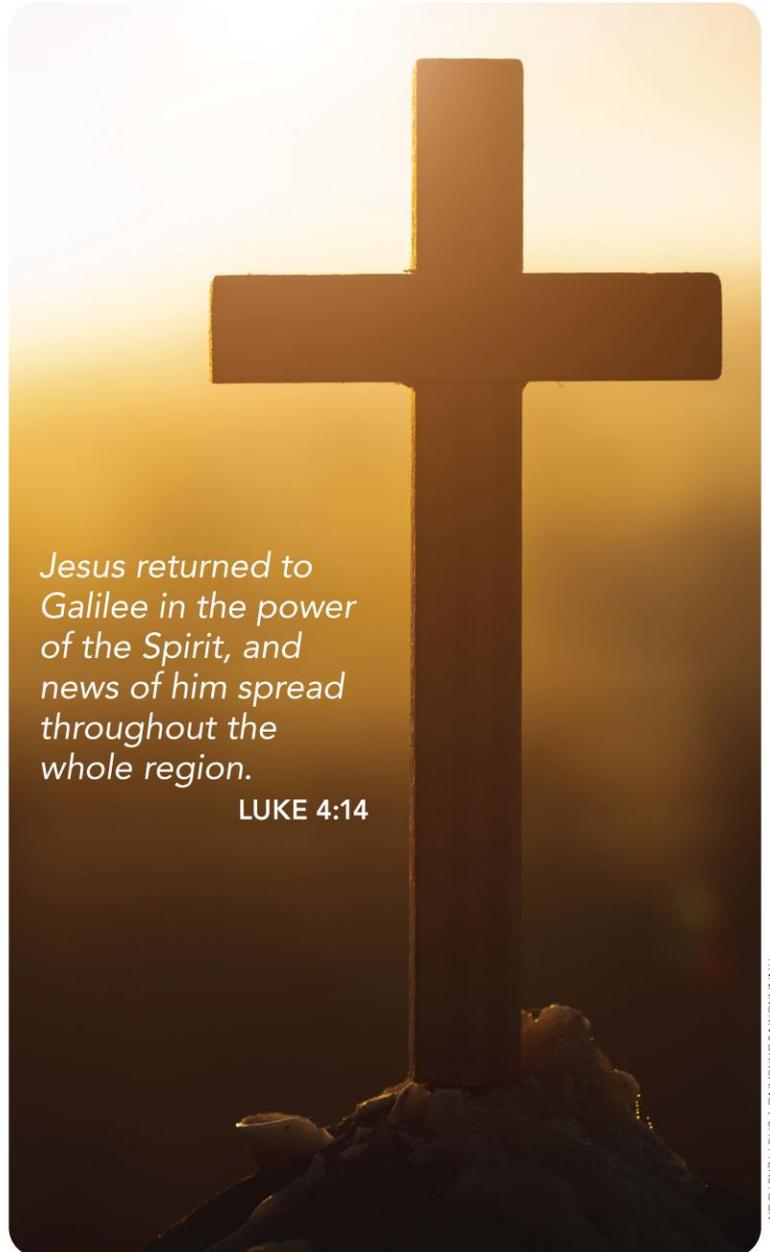
**W**hen we hear that phrase, we might be inclined to think of prophecy.

However, today's readings suggest something a bit different. True, in today's Gospel, Jesus states that he is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah. However, the way that passage was fulfilled by Jesus was not the way his hearers expected. The passage seems to promise a change in society where there will be no more poor or prisoners. The people expected a political change which would overthrow Roman control. Jesus' application was quite different. The fulfillment of that prophecy included a new and often radical way of understanding society. In other words, Jesus revealed the true meaning of the prophecy.

Such reapplication is even clearer in the first reading. Nehemiah, the Jewish leader of those who had returned from Babylonian exile, gathered all the community together, read the Law, and then reapplied it for them.

Reapplication is often necessary because what might have been a helpful way of understanding something in our faith under some circumstances might be impractical, even inappropriate, in others. For example, to pray for an end to war is important, but to do nothing to work for peace changes how we understand prayer. Circumstances often change as we go through life. Reapplication of our faith acknowledges this and searches for ways that faith can continue to address those changing circumstances. Faithful reapplication always keeps our religious tradition alive and meaningful.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*



*Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.*

LUKE 4:14

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### FOR Reflection

- \* *In many ways the Second Vatican Council reapplied our faith. How has your understanding of how to apply our faith changed in your lifetime?*
- \* *Is there anything that you think still should change? Why do you think this?*

## Christ is present to his Church

Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the Eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.*

Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father.

It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man's sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members.

Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a preeminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

In the liturgy on earth, we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is *seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle.* With the whole company of heaven, we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; *we wait for the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.*

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's Day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who *has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.* The Lord's Day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.

**(From the constitution on the sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council)**

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## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

**“Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.” - Francis of Assisi**

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### St. Philip Benizi Mission Statement

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church being part of the universal church shares in its mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ who came to the world to fulfill His father's will; by proclaiming the kingdom of God, building up the parish community as a witness to God's love and care for the world, helping one another to become what God has called us to be. We are therefore encouraged to work toward God's purpose of “wanting all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Tim 2:4).

### "BODY AND SOUL BUT TRULY ONE"

The human person, created in the image of God, is a being at once corporeal and spiritual. The biblical account expresses this reality in symbolic language when it affirms that "then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. "Man, whole and entire, is therefore willed by God. CCC 362

In Sacred Scripture the term "soul" often refers to human life or the entire human person. But "soul" also refers to the innermost aspect of man, that which is of greatest value in him, that by which he is most especially in God's image: "soul" signifies the spiritual principle in man. CCC 363

The human body shares in the dignity of "the image of God": it is a human body precisely because it is animated by a spiritual soul, and it is the whole human person that is intended to become, in the body of Christ, a temple of the Spirit:

Man, though made of body and soul, is a unity. Through his very bodily condition he sums up in himself the elements of the material world. Through him they are thus brought to their highest perfection and can raise their voice in praise freely given to the Creator. For this reason man may not despise his bodily life. Rather he is obliged to regard his body as good and to hold it in honor since God has created it and will raise it up on the last day. CCC 364

The unity of soul and body is so profound that one has to consider the soul to be the "form" of the body: i.e., it is because of its spiritual soul that the body made of matter becomes a living, human body; spirit and matter, in man, are not two natures united, but rather their union forms a single nature. CCC 365

The Church teaches that every spiritual soul is created immediately by God - it is not "produced" by the parents - and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection. CCC 366

Sometimes the soul is distinguished from the spirit: St. Paul for instance prays that God may sanctify his people "wholly", with "spirit and soul and body" kept sound and blameless at the Lord's coming. The Church teaches that this distinction does not introduce a duality into the soul. "Spirit" signifies that from creation man is ordered to a supernatural end and that his soul can gratuitously be raised beyond all it deserves to communion with God. CCC 367

The spiritual tradition of the Church also emphasizes the heart, in the biblical sense of the depths of one's being, where the person decides for or against God. CCC 368

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**As those who have been washed clean in the waters of baptism and anointed with the Spirit, we must obey and follow the steps of Christ, as Jesus' mother reminded us last week to do whatever he tells us to. Jesus preached the good news to the poor; it becomes our duty to preach the Gospel to every creature without discrimination. He reconciled all men to the Father through his blood. We should work towards achieving reconciliation and not division. Jesus is pro-life to the core; he supported life from the womb to the tomb, he went the extra mile to destroy a herd of swine to save a lunatic. (Luke 8:33). He is showing us that material things cannot equal human life. As authentic followers of Christ, we should not pick and choose when saving a life. All lives matter. Only when this fundamental human right is neglected and abused, a race/group protest; therefore, all lives should be appreciated, nurtured, and protected. A pro-life means sincerely standing and courageously defending every life from womb to tomb; anything short of this is politically motivated, and a sham and is not allowed among Christ's faithful followers. The action of a sincere Christ's disciple should be abounding in good works and directed in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore, as Christ is anointed to share encouraging and uplifting good news and cheer the heart and mind, we are called and directed to do the same. Let our actions and utterances be magnetic and infectious to lure others to God and not repel them. May God's word, which we read, hear, and which is interpreted to us, help soften our hearts, make us more humane, and strongly inspire us to practicalize the excellent news as Jesus Christ did. Remember, the closer we are to God, the better for us.**

***Blessings, Your servant in Christ, Fr. Paschal Ezurike.***



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