

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*January 24, 2021*

## Sunday of the Word of God



***May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

*Registration suggested  
for weekend Masses.*

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**Linda Davis-Kyle, Organist & Choir Director**

**Angela Bowers, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for Sunday,  
January 31, 2021

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

What is the kingdom of God? The word "kingdom" means something more than a territory or an area of land. It literally means "sovereignty" or "reign" and the power to "rule" and exercise authority. The prophets announced that God would establish a kingdom not just for one nation or people but for the whole world. His kingdom is bigger and more powerful than anything we can imagine because it is universal and everlasting (Daniel 4:3). His kingdom is full of glory, power, and splendor (Psalm 145:11-13). God sent us his Son not to establish an earthly kingdom but to bring us into his heavenly kingdom - a kingdom ruled by truth, justice, peace, and holiness. The kingdom of God is the central theme of Jesus' mission. It's the core of his gospel message.

How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news, Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do in order to receive the kingdom of God: repent and believe.

Repentance means to change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, disposition, and life choices so that Christ can be the Lord and Master of my heart rather than sin, selfishness, and greed. True repentance requires a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17) and sorrow for sin and a firm resolution to avoid it in the future. To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. Do we believe that the gospel - the good news of Jesus - has power to free us from bondage to sin and fear?

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### Saint of the Week ...

St. Thomas Aquinas is considered the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

Thomas was born in 1225 in what is now known as the Lazio region of Italy. His parents were well-off, but as the youngest son he was expected to enter the monastery.

At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

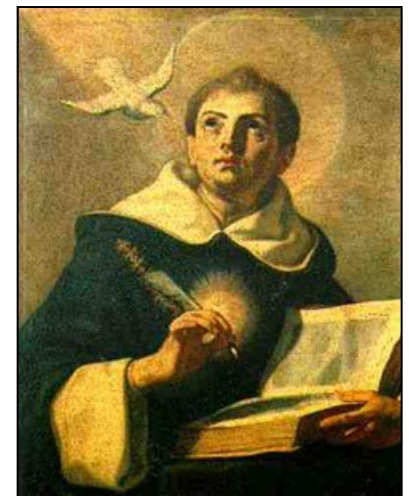
By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he studied with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason pervade his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

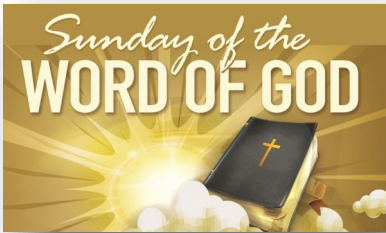
St. Thomas Aquinas died on March 7, 1274. He is the patron saint of Catholic schools and students.

Sources: [catholic.org](http://catholic.org) and [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)

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Feast Day: January 28



Pope Francis has declared the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.

Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God "can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us

the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world."

The Sunday of the Word of God is also a most appropriate time to celebrate and thank our lectors who proclaim the Word at each Mass. May God bless them in their calling of service to our Church and continue to strengthen their faith.

*Thank you to our lectors*

- Paul Bogdan
- John Bogdan
- Kenny Brant
- Celia Cole
- Sue Harber
- Kelley Kuhn
- Mike Landis
- Doug Minnich
- Geoff Newlin
- Derek Stephen
- Alan Taylor
- Anita Tetreault
- Pam Williams
- Karen Yowler

**Bishop Brennan to Visit!**

Bishop Mark Brennan, who was named Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in 2019, will be visiting our parish next weekend. This is his first visit to our church.

Bishop Brennan will celebrate both the Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 30, and Sunday Mass on January 31.

In anticipation of possible higher attendance at these Masses, we ask that you **please register for the Mass you plan to attend.**

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Brennan to our beautiful church!

**Mass Registration**

**Online**

<https://signup.com/go/LNZufWb>

**Email**

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**Phone**

304-788-2488

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Offered by</b>
Saturday, January 23	4:00 p.m.	Wanda Bruno †	Jim & Mary Lambert
Sunday, January 24	8:30 a.m.	Howard Barrick's intentions	The Barrick Family
Monday, January 25	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 26	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 27	6:00 p.m.	Ruth & Al Martin †	Lynn McQuinn
Thursday, January 28	12 noon	Martin Willis † Members of the Harber Family	Mary Alexander Rita Jean Harber
Friday, January 29	9:00 a.m.	Tom Melody † and Deceased Members of the Melody Family	Sharon Melody
Saturday, January 30	4:00 p.m.	Tim & Ginny Newlin †	The Nield Family
Sunday, January 31	8:30 a.m.	Marianna Daskal †	Jim Daskal



This year the annual March for Life is being held virtually. To sign

up to watch the livestream event on Friday, January 29, at 11 a.m., visit [marchforlife.org/2021-virtual-events/](http://marchforlife.org/2021-virtual-events/).

Also on January 29 at 5 a.m., a series of virtual Holy Hours will be led by our nation's bishops, including Bishop Mark Brennan from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

**Together we stand for the unborn.**

### Prayer for the Helpless Unborn

Heavenly Father, in your love for us, protect us against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom you have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.



## Collections & Attendance: Week Ending January 17, 2021

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$1,655
Loose Donations .....	\$1,805
Poor Box.....	\$500
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,960</b>

### Attendance

Saturday Attendance .....	35
Sunday Attendance .....	35
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>70</b>

*Note: A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next Sunday, January 31, for the Church in Latin America. If you do not use offertory envelopes but would like to contribute, there will be a separate basket on the table next to the bulletins. Thank you!*

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

- Saturday, January 30.... Kenny Brant (L)  
Anita Tetreault (C)  
Jean Harber (U)  
Doug Minnich (U)
- Sunday, January 31..... Paul Bogdan (L)  
Julie Alt (C)  
Jeff & Kelley Kuhn (U)
- Saturday, February 6.... Doug Minnich (L)  
Linda Marsh (C)  
Bob & Karen Yowler (U)
- Sunday, February 7..... John Bogdan (L)  
Anita Tetreault (C)  
Denny Dolechek (U)  
Tina Stephen (U)

*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement.*

## Cemetery Flowers

If you have Christmas or other flowers currently at St. Thomas Cemetery that you would like to keep, please remove them by January 31.

