

Assumption Catholic Church

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021

Speak Lord
for your servant is listening.

1 Samuel



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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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who is Jesus for us? John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

It is significant that John was the son of the priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). In Jesus, John saw the true and only sacrifice which could deliver us from bondage to sin, death, and the powers of hell. How did John know the true identity of Jesus, as the Son of God and Savior of the world (John 1:29)? The Holy Spirit revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us freely of his Spirit that we may comprehend - with enlightened minds and eyes of faith - the great mystery and plan of God to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may joyfully seek to do your will in all things.

Readings for Sunday, January 24, 2021

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20



Saint of the Week...

St. Agnes (also called Saint Agnes of Rome) is one of the most celebrated Roman martyrs.

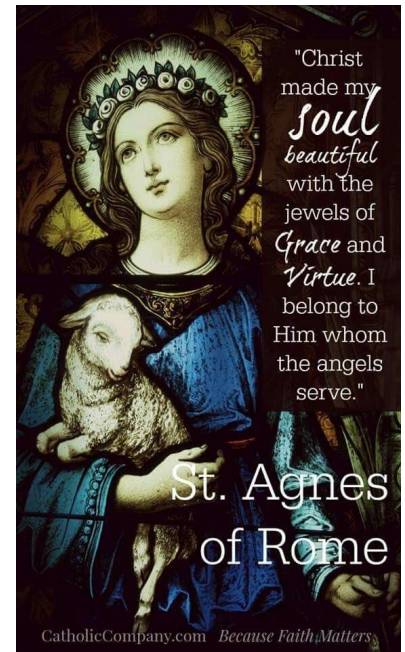
According to tradition, Agnes was a beautiful girl who refused marriage, stating that she could have no spouse but Jesus Christ. Her suitors revealed her Christianity, which was then condemned as a cult, and in punishment she was exposed in a brothel.

Awed by her purity and presence, all but one of the Roman youths left her untouched; in his attempt to violate her, the sole attacker was miraculously struck blind, whereupon Agnes healed him with prayer.

Later, after refusing to renounce her faith, she was sentenced to death. At first, Agnes was tied to a stake, but either the wood would not burn or the flames parted away from her. This prompted an officer to draw his sword and behead the girl. It is believed that her blood, which poured out to the stadium, was soaked up with cloths by Christians.

She died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 or 13 on January 21, 304 and was buried beside the Via Nomentana. St. Agnes is known as the patron saint of young girls, chastity, rape survivors and the Children of Mary. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs.

Sources: catholic.org and franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: January 21



January 22
Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of
Unborn Children

The Catholic bishops of the United States have designated January 22 as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

“9 Days for Life” is a novena prayed from January 21-29 for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection. To view the novena or receive daily emails or text messages, visit respectlife.org/9-days-for-life.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 16	4:00 p.m.	Mick Greco †	Kelli & Harry Wittman
Sunday, January 17	8:30 a.m.	Susie Maynard †	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Monday, January 18	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 19	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 20	6:00 p.m.	The Martin Brothers †	Lynn McQuinn
Thursday, January 21	12 noon	Viola Huffman †	Mitch & Carol Durst
Friday, January 22	9:00 a.m.	James Willis †	Mary Alexander
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

Here am I, LORD;
I come to do your will.

**Collections & Attendance:
Week Ending January 10, 2021**

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes \$4,105
Loose Donations \$1,286
Total \$5,391

Diocesan Collections \$10

Attendance

Saturday Attendance 34
Sunday Attendance 37
Total 71

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 23 ... Celia Cole (L)
Linda Marsh (C)
Dena Turner (U)
Mary Shannon (U)

Sunday, January 24 Kelley Kuhn (L)
Julie Alt (C)
Michael & Sonja
Stanislawczyk (U)

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)

*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. Thank you!

Medical Equipment Available

Our parish has available several pieces of medical equipment (walkers, raisers for toilets, etc.). If you are in need of these aids or know someone who is, please contact Den Dolechek at 304-813-0236.

We also have a hospital bed that is available to be borrowed. If you know someone who can use it, contact Denny.



Prayer List

- Jennifer Boling
- Bobby Dorsey
- Joe & Barbara Gratto
- Sue Greco
- Helen Holder
- Dennis McGann
- Esther Shockey
- Sue Spotts
- Bill Stine
- Maleigha Taylor
- Bonnie Whetzel

To have a name added to the prayer list, please call or email the Parish Office, or drop a note in the offertory basket.

