



# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 26, 2025**



Today this Scripture passage  
is fulfilled in your hearing

LUKE 4:21

*May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!*

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Luke tells us in today's gospel that Jesus chose to openly announce his mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. The people there were familiar with Jesus since it was his custom to regularly attend the weekly Sabbath service. Jesus was also known by many in Nazareth as a "carpenter" (Mark 6:3) and "son of Joseph" (Luke 4:21). When the president of the synagogue called on Jesus to read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus chose to read Isaiah's description (Isaiah 61:1-2) of what the Messiah would do when he came to restore God's kingdom for the people of Israel. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord". Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would be sent by God and anointed in the power of the Holy Spirit to preach "good news" and bring healing, blessing, and freedom to all who were oppressed.

Jesus awakened their hope in God's promises when he announced that this word was now being fulfilled in his very own person. Luke tells us that the people of Nazareth spoke well of him and received his "gracious word" with amazement and wonder. But they also openly questioned how the "son of Joseph" would fulfill this Messianic mission (Luke 4:21). Jesus challenged them to believe the word God had spoken through the prophets and the word he now speaks in God's name through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus speaks this same word to each of us today - he comes to bring us healing and restoration, pardon and freedom from the oppression of sin, despair, hopelessness, and destruction. The Lord will not refuse to pour out his Spirit on all who trust in him. Ask the Lord Jesus to renew in us the joy of the Gospel and the freedom to live each day with trusting faith, joyful hope, and ardent love.

Readings for Next Sunday,  
**February 2, 2025**  
Malachi 3:1-4  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

## Saint of the Week... St. Thomas Aquinas

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 age 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)



Feast Day: January 28

*To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.*

~St. Thomas Aquinas



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Palma Devic, Cam Duncan, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman,

Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggleman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Michaela Stickley, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

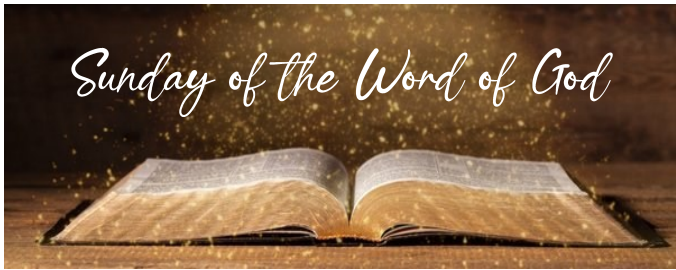
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## We Want to Hear from You!

- Help us strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future by completing the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today!
- It takes just 10 minutes!
- Every adult can complete one, even if they're not Catholic!
- All responses are anonymous!
- Not online? Paper copies are available in the Vestibule!
- Thank you!



<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/xd0ayx>



The word of God is alive, here and now! Jesus speaks to us through Scripture, right now, in this time and place. In the midst of our lives, God’s word gives each of us peace, comfort and guidance.

Established by Pope Francis in 2019, the Sunday of the Word of God designates an annual day, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, dedicated to the celebration, reflection and dissemination of the Word.

This is a perfect day to celebrate and thank those who proclaim the Word at our Masses. May God bless them in their service to our parish and continue to strengthen their faith.

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| Fr. Thomas     | Linda Marsh         |
| Fr. Giles      | Doug Minnich        |
| Deacon Larry   | Geoff Newlin        |
| Julie Alt      | Cathy Pardee        |
| Paul Bogdan    | Logan Stanislawczyk |
| Celia Cole     | Derek Stephen       |
| Patrick George | Alan Taylor         |
| Sue Harber     | Anita Tetreault     |
| Kelley Kuhn    | Pam Williams        |
| Mike Landis    | Kerri Wittman       |
| Bill Lupis     | Karen Yowler        |

**Assumption Parish**    113%  
\$17,615  
 \$0 Goal met!

We not only met our 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) goal, we surpassed it! Our parish total was \$19,872, or 113% of goal. This will result in more than \$11,000 coming back to our parish!

As you know, the first 50% of donations are used by the Diocese to support ministries and outreach efforts throughout West Virginia. One of those ministries is the CSA Grant Program which allows parishes and schools throughout the Diocese to apply for a grant for specific needs. Our parish received one of these grants to cover the cost of relocating the Parish Office to St. Joseph House!

Thank you to everyone who helped us surpass our goal in 2024!

### This Is Commitment Weekend!

As we progress from the Christmas season and the joy of Jesus’ birth to Ordinary Time and the readings of Jesus’ public ministry, we are reminded that Christ taught us that our mission is to be humble servants and to love our neighbors.

Included in the bulletin is a Ministry Commitment Card. Please complete it and drop it in the offertory basket. Be sure to include your name and contact information so that the appropriate person can reach you!

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 25	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders .....	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Howard & Karen Barrick .....	The Barrick Family
Sunday, January 26	8:30 am	Deceased Members of the Martin Family .....	Lynn McQuinn
Monday, January 27	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 28	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 29	No Mass		
Thursday, January 30	No Mass	<i>see note below</i>	
Friday, January 31	No Mass		
Saturday, February 1	4:00 pm	Soul of Sandra Calemine.....	Carole Rhodes
		Intentions of Bob Konka .....	Bob Konka
Sunday, February 2	8:30 am	Soul of Doris Tetrick .....	Rene Trezise

*Note: We will gather in the church each Thursday at 11 am while Fr. Thomas is away to pray the Rosary. Please join us!*

