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Weekend Magazine

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January 22, 2023 ▪ The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Catholic solution for when those resolutions aren't working out



Let the New Year become even more meaningful by being less inward-focused.

With the beginning of the New Year a few weeks ago, some of you may be feeling slightly frustrated by your resolutions already falling by the wayside, or you may not even made any. However, don't feel too despondent. There's a solution that you might find far more satisfying.

When we talk of resolutions, we might resolve to reduce sugar, give up alcohol, or the oh-so-popular, do more exercise. While these grand plans are all very worthy, they can be mostly self-serving. And perhaps that's why they're hard to maintain.

What if you decided to shift the focus of your resolutions to what you can do for others? You could decide to dedicate a certain amount of time each week to visiting the elderly, or lend a helping hand at your local parish.

If time is an issue for you and you have a little money to spare, you could decide to join a sponsorship pro-

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
website, btsp.org.

Confessions will be held
Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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gram and help someone in a vulnerable position gain an education, or even have a healthy meal now and again. There are many worthy foundations helping youngsters in poor countries, such as Uganda, receive a much-needed education, with a focus on faith.

As Catholics, even if we don't have lots of free time or money, there's a resolution that we can make that doesn't cost a penny and doesn't even have to take up much of your precious time — and that is prayer.

We could say a weekly Rosary for world peace, or offer prayers for strangers going through hard times. There are so many people who need our prayers for endless reasons. Let your prayer intentions be a force for good for others.

Thankfully, the year has just started and there's still plenty of time to embrace 2023 by serving others. All you have to do is decide on a realistic plan that you can keep, and then get started. Don't forget, if you have kids, they can join in, too! Reprinted with permission from Aleteia.org



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**CATHOLIC
MINISTRY**
Appeal

What would it have been like for Jesus to hear that his cousin John had been imprisoned? Bravely, John called the Pharisees, Israelites, and Herod alike to repentance. Even before his birth, John showed that he was wholly given to proclaiming Christ's coming—even leaping in the womb.

Such tenacity could not have been lost on Jesus. John's total commitment to preaching repentance must have moved Jesus. Just as Jesus wept at the death of his friend Lazarus, Certainly, he must have been deeply grieved by his cousin John's arrest and eventual murder.

Through such trials, Jesus saw his heavenly Father moving. Today's Gospel implies that Jesus may have viewed John's incarceration as the "hour" to begin preaching the message of repentance himself. Jesus "picked up the baton" in Matthew 4:17. This included both a message of love for the lost and condemnation for the wicked in power. It also began the chain of events that would end in his execution. Yet, he didn't do it alone. He asked many to join him. Today, he invites our parish community into the same mission: to preach the good news and repentance.

Please support our Catholic Ministry Appeal as one way of helping our parish preach his word. The resistance is mighty, and the audience is hungry for it. Pray for the Catholic Ministry Appeal and join in whatever way God asks you!



January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23–9:3 | 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 | Mt 4:12-23 or Mt. 4:12-17

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Since the Fall, the world has been riddled with strife and divisiveness. From the disobedience in the Garden, to Cain and Abel, to conflicts and wars throughout the centuries, it's clear that we humans are prone to picking sides and fighting over them. We hear about this even within the early Church from St. Paul in today's second reading. There were rivalries, and Christians were saying things such as, "I belong to Paul" or "I belong to Cephas." But Paul wisely asks: "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" Clearly not. There is only one source of Truth – Jesus Christ – and Paul never hesitated to refuse credit for himself, and to instead glorify the Lord in his word and deed. This is the model set for us – to refuse to set ourselves or God-made-in-our-own-image over and against the Triune God who created us. Christ came to unite us with himself and to one another, in reconciliation with the Father. His words are now our words: Repent and believe in the Gospel. Pray for the grace to come together as the body of Christ so that we can be his hands and feet in the world and carry out the work he began.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In Jesus Christ the kingdom of God enters into human history, fulfilling God's promise of salvation for his people. Christ inaugurated the kingdom on earth, and as members of his Church we are responsible for continuing to build it – here and now. As Christ called his first disciples and made them "fishers of men," so he calls us, that we might go forth "proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

PRAY The Lord has commissioned us to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Where we cannot go physically or in person, we can go in prayer. Bring before the Lord all who yet need to hear his voice and repent and believe. Pray for those who are persecuted for their belief in Jesus Christ.



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 21, Vigil for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Theresa Roy (Dec)

Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jeff Techler (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Aloysius & Mary Kraynak (Dec)

Monday, January 23, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 a.m. Kyle Youngman (Dec)

Tuesday, January 24, Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Janette Pikula (Dec)

Wednesday, January 25, Feast of the Conversion of Paul the Apostle

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, January 26, Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops

8:00 a.m. Hugh Terrill (Dec)

Friday, January 27, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Kyle Youngman (Dec)

Saturday, January 28, Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Ivan Beddoe (Dec)

Saturday, January 28, Vigil for Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lawrence Wohlenhaus (Dec)

Sunday, January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John P. Healy (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

01/22 • Rev. Francis H. Dionne

01/23 • Rev. Jacob Monteleone

01/24 • Deacon Christian Galvan, Seminarian

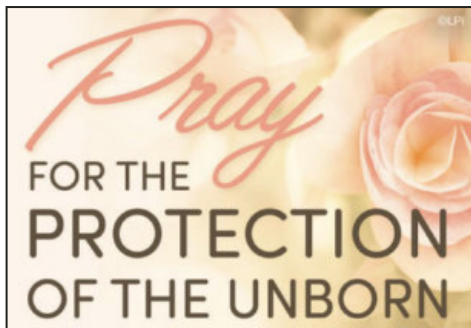
01/25 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

01/26 • Msgr. Dennis E. Hughes

01/27 • Rev. Patrick Rahil

01/28 • Rev. Eugeniusz Ganarz

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



Save the Date Saturday, February 11, 2023

"Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes"

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will present a 1½ - 2 hour Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church on **Saturday, February 11, 2023 following the 8:00 am Mass at the Church. The Virtual Pilgrimage will begin at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall.**



As part of the Virtual Pilgrimage Experience to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette you will:

Immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette

Touch the Grotto Rock and experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water

Pray the Rosary

Receive a bottle of Lourdes Water

Prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France

Encounter the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children and friends! Our Lady extends her invitation to all! The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend this Experience!

For more information, call the Parish Office at 727 867 3663.

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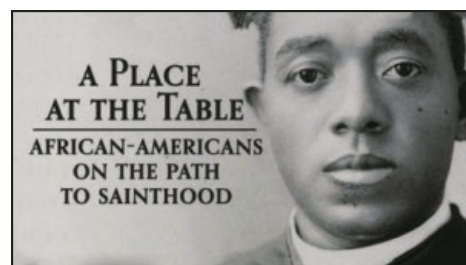
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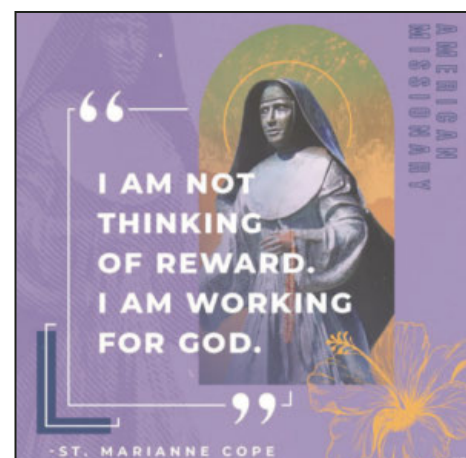
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Drop Your Nets and Be Free

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we *had* to be. There would be nothing we *had* to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. *Freedom!*

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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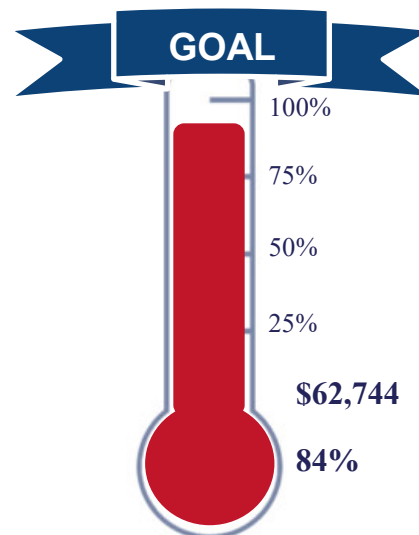
Marriage Troubles?

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others.

Our next program begins **February 10-12, 2023**. For information, visit **www.HelpOurMarriage.com**, or call 813 212-4553. *Not counseling or group therapy*. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.



2022 Goal \$74,741



Thank you for your prayerful giving!

Messa in Italiano

Our Lady's Chapel,
Cathedral of St. Jude
5815 - 5th Avenue N.

January 29, 2022 at 4:00pm

Please come to pray and sing in
ITALIANO

Celebrant:

Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, OdeM.

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We got this!

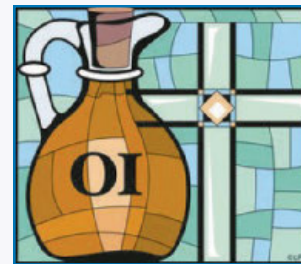
- Join our Scripture Reflection community!
- Receive a personal message each day via email or text.
- Includes a prayer intention and question of the day.
- Written by people you probably know, including priests, sisters, deacons, and parishioners.

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or text REFLECTION to 84576

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Walsh, Thomas
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To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

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