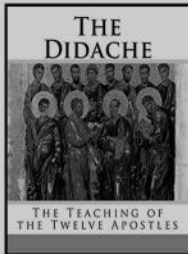




# WHAT DID THE FIRST CHRISTIANS BELIEVE?



## THE MASS IN THE FIRST CENTURIES



### DIDACHE - THE WRITINGS OF THE TWELVE (70 AD)

“Assemble on the Lord’s day, and break bread and offer the Eucharist; but first make confession of your faults, so that your sacrifice may be a pure one... For this is the offering of which the Lord has said, ‘Everywhere and always bring me a sacrifice that is undefiled, for I am a great king, says the Lord.’”

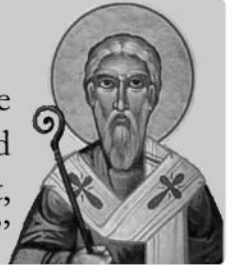


### St. Ignatius of Antioch Letter to the Philadelphians 4 (110 AD)

“Make certain, therefore, that you all observe one common Eucharist; for there is but one Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and but one cup of union with his Blood, and one single altar of sacrifice... This will ensure that all your doings are in full accord with the will of God.”

### St. Cyprian of Carthage Epistle 63 - To Caecilius about the Eucharist (253 AD)

“If Christ Jesus, our Lord and God, is himself the high priest of God the Father; and offered himself as a sacrifice to the Father; and commanded that this be done in commemoration of himself, then certainly the priest, who imitates that which Christ did, truly functions in place of Christ.”

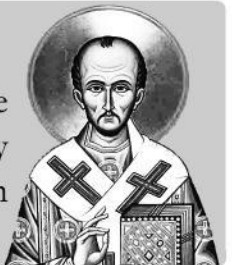


### St. Cyril of Jerusalem Catechetical Lectures 23 - On the Sacred Liturgy (350 AD)

“We beseech the merciful God to send forth his Holy Spirit upon the gifts lying before the Priest, that he may make the bread the Body of Christ and the wine the Blood of Christ, for whatsoever the Holy Spirit has touched is surely sanctified and changed.”

### St. John Chrysostom The Priesthood (387 AD)

“When you see the Lord immolated and lying upon the altar, and the priest bent over that sacrifice praying, and all the people empurpled by that precious blood, can you think that you are still among men and on earth? Or are you not lifted up to heaven?”



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Andrea Grover +

### Sunday, January 16

#### - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Kelly Burns +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

### Monday, January 17

No Public Mass

### Tuesday, January 18

Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. Greg Mayer +  
8:30 a.m. Confessions

### Wednesday, January 19

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Dorothy Witwer +

### Thursday, January 20

8:00 a.m. Al Porrata

### Friday, January 21

8:30 a.m. Pete Geels +

### Saturday, January 22

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Paris Family

### Sunday, January 23

#### - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Mike & Jill Morrissey Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of  
Monica Harris Family



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, January 17 - Second Week in Ordinary Time - St. Anthony, Abbot** - 1 Sm 15:16-23/ Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 18** - 1 Sm 16:1-13/ Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday, January 19** - 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/ Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 20 - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr - St. Sebastian, Martyr** - 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/ Mk 3:7-12

**Friday, January 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr** - 1 Sm 24:3-21/ Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday, January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr** - 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday, January 23 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 16, 2022

This weekend (January 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>), the Church enters the **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Entering into this new **Season of Ordinary Time**, our liturgical color, as reflected in both the priest's vestments and the chalice veil, returns to green. Green is a color that reflects growth. These next few weeks of **Ordinary Time** are meant to help us focus on growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Though we enter a new season, our Gospel this weekend continues the theme of the **Epiphany**, or Jesus' manifestation to the world. In the Magi, Jesus is manifested to the Gentiles; In His Baptism, His divine sonship is manifested; In the Wedding Feast of Cana, we see the manifestation of His divine power and the beginning of His public ministry to the world. This continuation serves to remind us that, even as we enter into the ordinary and the everyday, Jesus Christ still touches every aspect of our lives.

### DID YOU KNOW? THE CATHOLIC MASS IS ANCIENT

"At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, Para. 47)

This explanation, proclaimed in the Second Vatican Council, shows forth the historical reality of the Mass. Instituted at the Last Supper by our Lord Jesus Christ, the same Mass has continued to be offered ever since. In every Mass, Jesus Himself is present, both in the person of His priest and under the accidents of bread and wine; In every Mass, His death becomes a present reality, offered as our sacrifice to God in an unbloody and sacramental way. As often as we assist at the Sacrifice of the Cross on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried on.

Though testified to at the Second Vatican Council, this understanding of the Mass is itself nothing new. Instead, it reflects the belief of the Church throughout the ages. Included in this bulletin is an insert from St. Justin Martyr, written in the middle of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century. Speaking of the ancient practices of the Church, St. Justin is offering Antoninus Pius, the Roman Emperor, an explanation of the Christian Faith. This excerpt, focusing on Christian worship, describes the Mass itself.

The testimony of St. Justin Martyr, however, does not stand alone. The early Church Fathers throughout the ages have described and reflected upon the Church's timeless worship again and again. A small collection of these descriptions are seen on the bulletin cover this weekend. I encourage you to dive even deeper into these quotes and the writings of the Church Fathers. Through the witness of our ancestors, we find the Mass to be at the center of Christian worship since the very beginning of the Church Herself.

### NATIONAL DAY OF PENANCE AND FASTING

This coming Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, our national Bishops' conference have called for a national day of penance and fasting for an end to abortion and the restoration of the legal right to life for the unborn. May we lift up our prayers for this cause and continue to work towards a protection of and an assistance for of all life.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Matt McFarren, Ryan Feedback, Dr. Doug Phillips, and Gene Keys

## BOLIVIAN MISSION

The Bolivian Mission Program was established here at St. Joseph's in 1985! For 37 years we have consistently sponsored 55 students with scholarships to attend Santa Maria Mazzarello School in Bolivia. Because the parents are not always able to pay for their children to attend school, these scholarships help with the cost of tuition, school supplies and more. The school year in Bolivia begins in February and concludes in October. Sadly some of our sponsors have moved or passed away leaving several openings needing to be filled. If you are interested in sponsoring a child or children, or learning more about this program, please call the parish office at 824-1380.

Scholarships are \$90 (\$10/month for 9 months) per child, plus an optional Christmas donation. You may pay by the month, for the year or anywhere in between. Please make your check payable to **St. Joseph Church with Bolivian Mission** on the memo line of your check. **Thank you** to all who have consistently sponsored a child or children; letters will be sent out to you the first of February.



## MARCH FOR LIFE - Annual Pro-Life Rally

Saturday, January 29, 2022

The Rally will take place at University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center, 431 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne, IN at 12pm, doors open at 11:30am. Feel free to bring signs with your Church's name on it! The March will start after the Rally; more details coming soon at [rini@ichooselife.org](mailto:rini@ichooselife.org) or by calling the office at 260-471-1849

## FORMED


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## PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., January 15, 2022 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., January 16 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., January 16 - Knights of Columbus Red Cross Blood Drive - 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., January 16 - Religious Education Class - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., January 18 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., January 19 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., January 20 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., January 22 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., January 23 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., January 23 - Religious Education Class - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., January 25 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., January 26 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., January 27 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., January 29 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., January 30 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., January 30 - Religious Education Class - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

## WEEKEND OF January 22/23, 2022

 **5:00** Larry Leitz  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**CANTORS 10:00** Jay Crisp

 **5:00** Nick Boratenski  
**7:30** Steve Wagner  
**LECTORS 10:00** Monica Harris

 **5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Doug/Janet Lehman  
**10:00** Dan/Larisa Sudhoff

 **5:00** Alex/Aubrey Mechling or Volunteers  
**7:30** Angel/Zoe Soto  
**10:00** Grant Reifsteck, Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith

### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report January 8/9 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$6,312.00  
Child Envelopes- \$0  
Loose- \$176.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$3,755.78  
Religious Ed. Fund- \$105.00  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- \$32.00  
Advent Wreath Donation- \$20.00  
Funeral Dinner Donation- \$300.00  
Memorials in Memory of Greg Mayer- \$1,785.00  
Memorials in Memory of Janet "Sue" Meyer- \$30.00  
**Total- \$12,515.78**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**  
We are \$6,736.98 ahead of our budget for the month of January.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$410.00

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In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Sharon Miller, wife of the late Wayne 'Bud' Miller, who passed away Thursday, January 6, 2022 and will be laid to rest Friday, January 14, 2022.



May God welcome Sharon home,  
fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

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