

**SAINT MARY MOTHER OF MERCY**



**CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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## LEX ORANDI, LEX CREDENDI, LEX VIVENDI

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**JAN 21, 2024 ✉ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY ✓ JON 3:1-5, 10 ✓ PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ✓ 1 COR 7:29-31 ✓ MK 1:14-20**

### ADORATION ★ CHAPLET ★ ROSARY

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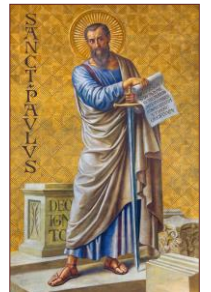
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### SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE (C.5 AD–64 OR 65 AD)

On January 25, we celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul. It is one of the great events of the early Church. As Saul he had persecuted Christians, but was converted when our Lord appeared to him in His resurrected glory (Acts 9:1-9). From that point, he took the name Paul, and became the Apostle to the Gentiles, and labored and suffered a great deal to bring all peoples to *CHRIST THE LORD!*

The sufferings of Saint Paul endured *for Christ's and our sake* in his own words: "*Are they ministers of Christ? (I am talking like an insane person.) I am still more, with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, far worse beatings, and numerous brushes with death. Five times at the hands of the Jews I received forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I passed a night and a day on the deep; on frequent journeys, in dangers*



from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own race, dangers from Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers at sea, dangers among false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many sleepless nights, through hunger and thirst, through frequent fastings, through cold and exposure. And apart from these things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches (CORINTHIANS 11:23-28).

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#### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

[CASH & CHECKS \$ 2,344 ✕ E-GIVING \$590]

**\$ 2,934.00**



**HALL RENOVATION ✕ \$1,500,000.00**

**FUNDS RAISED SO FAR ✕ \$ 534,010.00**

**LAST WEEK CONTRIBUTION ✕ \$ 405.00**

**FROM BINGO ✕ \$ 10,000.00**

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## DIVINE LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

JAN.20	<i>Vigil</i>	OF THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	I	✠. JOSEPH DEYORIO
JAN.21	SUN.	<i>Of The Third Week</i>	N	✠. COLUMBAN & THERESE FAMILY
JAN.22	MON.	DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN	T	✠. MARY & STEPHEN
JAN.23	TUE.	ST. MARIANNE COPE, MEMORIAL	E	✠. JEANNE HUNEKE
JAN.24	WED.	ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, MEMORIAL	N	✠. JULIA (THANKSGIVING)
JAN.25	THU.	CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, FEAST	T	✠. ANN SHEWMAKER
JAN.26	FRI.	SS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS, MEMORIAL	I	✠. FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD
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**DID YOU KNOW? THE MONTH OF JANUARY DEDICATED TO HOLY NAME OF JESUS!**

LECTORS	GOD Bless us all!	ALTAR SERVERS
B. PALLESCHI, J. GAUTHIER & M. WILLEY	SAT.JAN.20	A. GAUTHIER & B. LANCHO
JOSH CHICK, K. WHITE & C. CHICK	SUN.JAN.21	R. CHICK, L. RODRIGUEZ & L. CHICK
M. & K. DOUGHERTY, & J. GAUTHIER	SAT.JAN.27	A. GAUTHIER & B. LANCHO
S. & T. HUDSON, & J. MACKEY	SUN.JAN.28	L. CHICK , D. CHICK & J. SMITH

“I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen ones, whose privilege it will be, *to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls* of the poor Islanders.... I am not afraid of any disease; hence it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned lepers.” *St. Marianne Cope (Jan 23, 1838–Aug 9, 1918).*

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## A DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE

### FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF PRE-BORN CHILDREN

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.



The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children” and states: *In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed 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.*

**PLEASE COME TO ADORE THE LORD JESUS IN THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR,**

**and TO PRAY and OFFER THE CHAPLET OF MERCY and THE HOLY ROSARY**

**and THE SACRIFICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**ON JANUARY 22 ✓ MONDAY ✓ 4.30 PM TO 6 PM**



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL SERVE (*Sell*) BREAKFAST (THIS SUNDAY) AFTER HOLY MASS TO PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP AMONG OUR PARISHIONERS. THE BREAKFAST IS \$5 PER PLATE, AND \$20 FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR OR MORE MEMBERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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## THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

*Pray continually,*” Paul urged the Thessalonians. The early church took this one step further: continually make the sign of the cross because at its heart, the sign of the cross is a prayer.

*“In all our travels and movements, in all our coming in and going out, in putting on our shoes, at the bath, at the table, in lighting our candles, in lying down, in sitting down, whatever employment occupies us, we mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross,”* wrote Tertullian (155–220AD). In the fourth century, St. John Chrysostom (347 –407 AD) wrote, *“Never leave home without making the sign of the cross.”*

The sign of the cross is a lesson in discipleship. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (313–386 AD), noted in his Catechetical Lectures, *“Let us then not be ashamed to confess the Crucified. Be the cross our seal, made with boldness by our fingers on our brow and in everything; over the bread*

*we eat and the cups we drink, in our comings and in our goings out; before our sleep, when we lie down and when we awake; when we are traveling, and when we are at rest.”*

The making sign of the cross is a powerful act of daily prayer, dedication, and remembrance.

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<b>JAN.14</b>	<b>SUN.</b>	<b><i>Of The Second Week</i></b>	<b>N</b>	<b>✠. THERESA'S FAMILY</b>
<b>JAN.15</b>	<b>MON.</b>	<b><i>Of The Second Week</i></b>	<b>T</b>	<b>✠. IN PRAYER FOR MYANMAR</b>
<b>JAN.16</b>	<b>TUE.</b>	<b><i>Of The Second Week</i></b>	<b>E</b>	<b>✠. MERRY FABER</b>
<b>JAN.17</b>	<b>WED.</b>	<b>SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT (MEMORIAL)</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>✠. BERNADETTE</b>
<b>JAN.18</b>	<b>THU.</b>	<b><i>Of The Second Week</i></b>	<b>T</b>	<b>✠. JOSEPH and LAWRENCE</b>
<b>JAN.19</b>	<b>FRI.</b>	<b><i>Of The Second Week</i></b>	<b>I</b>	<b>✠. SICK and SUFFERING and AFFLICTED</b>
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### SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS 12:1-2

I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

#### LECTORS

**GOD Bless us all!**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>J. MACKEY, J. GAUTHIER &amp; M. DOUGHERTY</b>	<b>SAT.JAN.13</b>	<b>A. GAUTHIER &amp; B. LANCHO</b>
<b>L. STUHR, M. ALLEN &amp; P. DECURTINS</b>	<b>SUN.JAN.14</b>	<b>J. CHICK, K. HUDSON &amp; J. SMITH K</b>
<b>J. &amp; B. PALLESCHI &amp; M. WILLEY</b>	<b>SAT.JAN.20</b>	<b>A. GAUTHIER &amp; B. LANCHO</b>
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### **ICON OF THE *SALUS POPULI ROMANI***

*(Protectress or more literally Health or Salvation of the Roman People)*



*Salus Populi Romani* is a Roman Catholic title associated with the venerated image of the Virgin Mary in Rome. This Byzantine icon of the Madonna and Christ Child holding a Gospel book is kept in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. After the Edict of Milan in 313 AD, the phrase *Salus Populi Romani* was sanctioned as a Marian title for the Blessed Virgin Mary during the time of the Constantine the great.

The image arrived in Rome in the year 590 AD during the reign of Pope Gregory I. Pope Gregory XVI granted the image a Canonical Coronation on 15 August 1838 through the Papal bull *Cælestis Regina*. Pope Pius XII crowned the image again and ordered a public religious procession during the Marian year of 1954.

The image is one of the “Luke images” believed to have been painted from real life by Saint Luke himself. According to the legend: After the Crucifixion, when Our Lady moved to the home of John the Apostle, she took with her a few personal belongings – among which was a table built by the Redeemer in the workshop of Saint Joseph. When pious virgins of Jerusalem prevailed upon St. Luke to paint a portrait of the Mother of God, it was on part of this table top that he memorialized her image. While applying his brush and paints, St. Luke listened carefully as the Mother of Jesus spoke of the life of her son, facts which the Evangelist later recorded in his Gospel. Legend also tells us that the painting remained in and around Jerusalem until it was discovered by Saint Helena in the 4th century. Together with other sacred relics, the painting was transported to Constantinople where her son, Emperor Constantine the Great, erected a church for its enthronement.

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**IS 60:1-6 • PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 • EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6 • MT 2:1-12**

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**THE LORD LOOK UPON YOU KINDLY AND GIVE YOU PEACE!**

Most glorious Christ Child, the Father in Heaven honored Your birth by placing a star over the place where you lay. Through that new star, Your divine presence was made manifest to the world in the Magi who responded with faith and worship. Please manifest Yourself to us within our own soul where You wish to be born, and give us the love and zeal we need to follow the example of the Magi, offering You our own gifts in adoration and trust.

**JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU. AMEN!**

## SAYINGS OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN MONKS

“...Nothing needs so much effort as prayer to God. If anyone wants to pray, the demons try to interrupt the prayer, for they know that prayer is the only thing that hinders them. All the other efforts in a religious life, whether they are made vehemently or gently, have room for a measure of rest. But we need to pray till our dying breath. That is the great struggle.”

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[CASH & CHECKS \$ 1,925 ✱ E-GIVING \$ 770]

**\$ 2,695.00**



**PARISH HALL RENOVATION ✱ \$1,500,000.00**

**SO FAR RAISED \$531,910.00**

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## DIVINE LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

<b>JAN.06</b>	<b><i>Vigil</i> OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>I</b>	✠. <b>LORRAINE DEYORIO</b>
<b>JAN.07</b>	<b>SUN. THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>N</b>	✠. <b>GERRY WILKES</b>
<b>JAN.08</b>	<b>MON. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>T</b>	✠. <b>HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY</b>
<b>JAN.09</b>	<b>TUE. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>E</b>	✠. <b>ROY GONZALEZ</b>
<b>JAN.10</b>	<b>WED. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>N</b>	✠. <b>PETER MACKEY JR (B'DAY)</b>
<b>JAN.11</b>	<b>THU. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>T</b>	✠. <b>JOYCE MEYER (95TH B'DAY)</b>
<b>JAN.12</b>	<b>FRI. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>I</b>	✠. <b>MARGRET RUEDA &amp; UNBORN CHILD</b>
		<b>O</b>	
		<b>N</b>	

Christianity is not a matter of persuading people of particular ideas, but of inviting them to share in the greatness of Christ. So pray that I may never fall into the trap of impressing people with clever speech, but instead I may learn to speak with humility, desiring only to impress people with Christ himself. (*IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Died 108 or 140*)

### LECTORS

*May God bless you!*

### ALTAR SERVERS

**L. NELSON, R. LESTER & C. CRAWFORD**

**SAT.JAN.06**

**A. GAUTHIER & B. LANCHO**

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**SUN.JAN.07**

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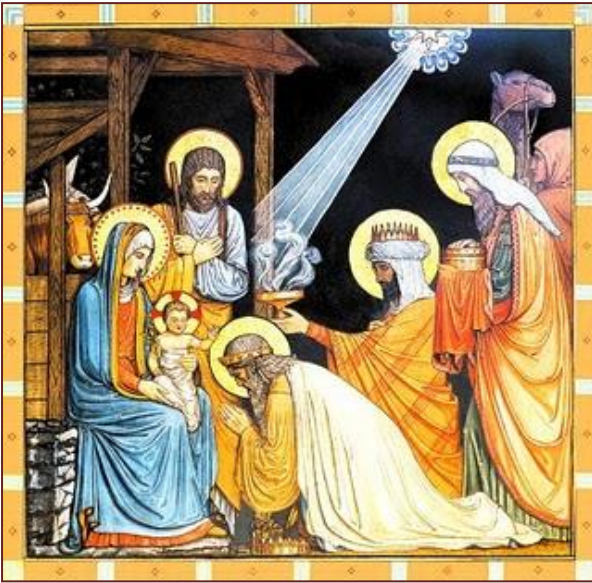
✠. **HAVE YOU A PRAYER REQUEST?** Contact Ms. Susie Taylor, 9049454327. Your request will be added to the prayer—request—text—line, and our prayer team will pray for your requests!

✠. **PLEASE PRAY FOR:** ✓ Vlad Sherman ✓ Daniel Harrigan ✓ Bonnie Palleschi ✓ Floyd DeCurtins ✓ Allan Lahoski ✓ Ann Smith ✓ Bert Kramer ✓ Bob Rozumek ✓ Christy Long ✓ Cindy Schillig ✓ Carol O'Neil ✓ Dawn Phillips ✓ Diana Rumpt ✓ Don & Sarah Zarrella ✓ Edward Robinson ✓ Gladys Page ✓ Janis Price ✓ Jeannie Hendrix ✓ Joanne Hodges ✓ John Singleton ✓ Judy Gentile ✓ Michael Akridge ✓ Marge Keller ✓ Marianne Glass ✓ Mary Ford ✓ Mary Knoche ✓ Michelle Wolfe ✓ Mifuk Huh ✓ Nago Nguyen ✓ Pat Doyle ✓ Paul Boehnke ✓ Sandra Schwarz ✓ Xavier Smith ✓ Mary Baeb.

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## BLESSING OF THE HOME ON EPIPHANY



It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year. The home blessing can be done as follows: Using the blessed chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Magi above the outside doorways of

your home. Place a cross between each of the letters. It should look something like this:

**2 0 ✕ C ✕ M ✕ B ✕ 2 4**

After completing the above markings, pray the following prayer:

**MAY ALL WHO COME TO OUR HOME THIS YEAR  
REJOICE TO FIND CHRIST LIVING AMONG US;  
AND MAY WE SEEK AND SERVE, IN EVERYONE WE MEET,  
THAT SAME JESUS WHO IS LORD OF ALL PEOPLE,  
FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.**

The legendary names of the three Magi are: ***Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar.*** The initials ***C ✕ M ✕ B*** also stand for the Latin words, "***Christus Mansionem Benedicat***" which means: "May Christ bless this house (dwelling)." The markings over the doors should be left all year round as a sign that yours is a Christian home.