

**JANUARY 15, 2023**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY, January 16, 2023**

7:00 AM. Rev. Father Frank Gaetano, SAC.  
8:00 AM. Dominick Piccinich by Wife, Margarita

**TUESDAY, January 17, 2023**

7:00 AM. Manuel Fontaina Bravo by son, Jose Manuel Fontaina and Family  
8:00 AM. Good Health for Baby Alma Terront by Jennifer Kalebic

**WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2023**

7:00 AM. Michelle Paparella by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Mattesich  
8:00 AM. Mario Curko by Cathy & Vincent Surace

**THURSDAY, January 19, 2023**

7:00 AM. Father Frank Gaetano, SAC. by Kalebic Family  
8:00 AM. Nikolina Matesic by Jacomina Matesic

**FRIDAY, January 20, 2023**

7:00 AM. Steve Picinich by Wife, Blazenka Picinich  
8:00 AM. Maria Tarabocchia by Mr. & Mrs. Dino Tarabokija

**SATURDAY, January 21, 2023**

7:00 AM. Parents and Grandparents by Mascolo Family  
8:00 AM. Michael Russo Jr.  
5:00 PM. For Parishioners  
6:30 PM. Mass in Portuguese

**SUNDAY, January 22, 2023-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM. Mildred Bradley by Richard & Robert Bradley  
9:00 AM. Rev. Father Seamus Freeman by Pallottine Sisters  
10:30 AM. In Honor of St. Vincent Pallotti by Mascolo Fam.  
12:15 AM. In Honor of St. Vincent Pallotti by Our Lady of Grace Parish  
1:30 PM. Mass in Spanish  
2:15 PM. **Coronilla Divina Misericordia**-Exposicion del Santisimo Sacramento  
5:00 PM. Mass in Italian

**BREAD and WINE:**

For the month of **January** for **Dominick & Gerard Mascolo** by Wife and Family

**Lectors**

**Saturday, January 21, 2023**

**5:00 PM. Nicolas Lahoz**

**Sunday, January 22, 2023**

**10:30 AM. Gail Zink**  
**12:15 PM. Joe Rivera/8th Graders**

**Through the Ministry of the Ordained**

*Consideration:*

Through the ministry of the Apostles, the Bishops and the priests, Jesus communicates to us the treasures of his grace, the merits of the work of redemption. He did all this out of infinite love and mercy in order to help the misery of our poor humanity.

**Pathways to God**  
**St. Vincent Pallotti-#53**

In the next few weeks you will receive a message from Pope Francis about his *15 Steps to Happiness*: He specifies the following:

- 1. "Read inside yourself"

Pope Francis explains that "our life is the most precious book that has been given to us" and it is precisely within those pages that we can find the truth and happiness that we long and search for. The Pontiff cites Saint Augustine who said "return to within yourself; truth dwells in the inner man." He invites everyone, including himself, to read their own lives and journeys "with serenity."

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## SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

In the first reading, God speaks to his prophet Isaiah (“You are my servant”), but then God identifies the servant as Israel, who is to be a light to the nations. Scripture often contains multiple meanings; the servant is both Isaiah and Israel. The prophet represents the nation. Similarly, Christian tradition understands Jesus to be God’s servant, “through whom I show my glory,” while it also understands Jesus as representative of all Israel (and all humanity). Through Jesus, descendant of the survivors of Israel (Isaiah 49:6), God brings his salvation to the ends of the earth.

John the Baptist bears witness to these two dimensions of God’s salvation. The Baptizer declares that he came to make Jesus known to Israel (John 1:31), but he also recognizes that Jesus is the final Passover Lamb who will take away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

In 1 Corinthians, Paul identifies as coauthor his “brother” (his fellow Christian Sosthenes.) A man is named *Sosthenes* only one other time in Scripture, and he is ruler of a synagogue in Corinth. He was seized and beaten by Jews who were angered by Paul’s preaching in the synagogue and who tried to convince the Romans to arrest Paul. While most Christians in Corinth were Gentile, revealing the spread of the Gospel to the nations, Paul (a Jew) writes alongside a fellow Jew and synagogue leader, witnessing to God’s regathering of his people Israel.

In Psalm 40, King David provides the proper response to God’s saving actions toward his people Israel and the nations. It is not sacrifices or pious offerings that are desired but ears and hearts open to obey God’s will. “Behold,” says David, “I come” (Psalm 40:7). Or as Isaac Watts declared in his hymn “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” “Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.”

What does it mean that Jesus baptizes “with the Holy Spirit” (John 1:33)?

Is it your delight to do God’s will (Psalm 40:8)?

How does God show his glory through Israel (Isaiah 49:3), through Jesus, and through the Church?

## PRACTICE OF HOPE

In today’s reading, we hear about three people who were sent by God to proclaim God’s Word: Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Paul. Each of us is called to proclaim the good news, and yet we can have trouble articulating our point of view. Friends raised in the Church who no longer practice can perceive judgment, while friends from other traditions or from no tradition might respond with defensiveness. The work of God in the world is one of healing all divisions. Our proclamation of what is both true and beautiful must aim at that as well. One way in which we can live out this call is to share our joy. What about the Christian life makes you feel joyful? How can your life testify to the origin of this joy?

Read Pope Francis’ exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*.

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The Christian Community of †  
Our Lady of Grace Welcomes the Newly  
Baptized:

**Sebastian Espinosa**  
**Oliver John Picinic**

**God Bless Them!**

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### Other Insights

How do you ensure that the information you read and hear is from a trusted authority? To whom do you turn when you feel anxiety? In today’s Gospel John the Baptist declares the supreme identity of Jesus as the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,” and how God’s Spirit came upon him. In this new year, consider studying Matthew’s Gospel or begin reading the New Testament at home. Purchase a spiritual reader with the Church’s daily readings and commentary to guide your thoughts in the months ahead. As you watch the daily news try praying through it, asking for God’s help, Remembering that God is in control of the chaos.





