

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 15, 2023

## INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY, January 15, 2023**

**9:00 am** Ray & Margie Glaser (d)

**11:00 am** Jennifer Seckinger (d)

**MONDAY, January 16, 2023**

**8:30 am** Melissa Ronan (d)

**TUESDAY, January 17, 2023**

*St. Anthony, Abbot*

**8:30 am** Marcelino (d)

**WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2023**

**8:30 am** John Young (d)

**THURSDAY, January 19, 2023**

**8:30 am** Arleen Herron (d)

**3:00 pm-5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**FRIDAY, January 20, 2023**

*St. Fabian, pope, martyr*

*St. Sebastian, martyr*

**8:30 am** Jerry Langen (d)

**SATURDAY, January 21, 2023**

*St. Agnes, virgin, martyr*

**8:30 am** Rose Ashcraft (d)

**4:30 pm** Amy Irwin (l)

**SUNDAY, January 22, 2023**

**9:00 am** Dan Watkins (d)

**11:00 am** Don Hulsman (d)

**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

## SERVERS

**January 21/22**

To Be Determined

## LECTORS

**January 21/22**

To Be Determined

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**January 21/22**

To Be Determined

January 8, 2023

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*Thank You for your Generosity!*

***Thought for the Day:*** “Nothing can happen to me that God doesn’t want. And all that he wants, no matter how bad it may appear to us, is really for the best.”

*By St. Thomas More*



### ***Deepen your understanding of the Mass***

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr invites you to join him for a special study of The Mass video series from Bishop Robert Barron’s Word on Fire Ministries. Each Sunday from January 8 through February 12, Archbishop Schnurr will email you one episode of the series along with his own brief insights, which you can watch on your own time and at your own pace, to explore the wonder of the Mass. Each episode of the series is only about 25 minutes. This is a great way to join fellow Catholics across the archdiocese to deepen your understanding of the Mass and experience it in a whole new way. Visit [catholicaoc.org/theMass](http://catholicaoc.org/theMass) to sign up for free.

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# The Laurentian



## Fr. Watkins' Desk

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Eucharistic Adoration is on Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 pm. During Eucharistic Adoration, I hear confessions from about 3:15 pm-3:45 pm.

**Vacation:** On Sunday, January 8, 2023 I will leave for Oklahoma City. I will be back for Masses on the weekend of January 21 and 22, 2023. While I am away, Fr. Westerhoff will have most of the Masses and Deacon Tracy Jamison will take care of Eucharistic Adoration.

### **2023 E6 Catholic Men's Conference:**

Mark your calendar for the 2023 E6 Catholic Men's Conference, which will be taking place on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2023, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN (80 miles southeast of Indianapolis and 35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). We cordially invite every man to attend this 8<sup>th</sup> annual event. Please join us for inspiring talks, confession (available all day), celebration of the Holy Mass and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. We pride ourselves on presenting a quality, substance-driven, inspirational and faith-filled event that will change men's lives and help equip them to be the men Christ calls them to be. **Do not miss this!** More details and tickets are on sale now at [www.e6cmc.com](http://www.e6cmc.com).

**Vocation night January 25 at St. Mary's School of Theology** - Single men aged 18-35 are invited to come to a Vocation Night at the seminary, 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. The evening includes Mass, dinner, talks, a tour and an opportunity to interact with the seminarians. Register at [www.catholicaoc.org/vocations](http://www.catholicaoc.org/vocations).

### **First Semester Honr Roll for Mt. Notre Dame**

Cara Sweeney  
Maureen Burns

First Honor  
Second Honor



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*Put Christ before everything*

Whenever you begin any good work you should first of all make a most pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection; that he, who has honored us by counting us among his children, may never be grieved by our evil deeds. For we must always serve him with the good things he has given us in such a way that he may never – as an angry father disinherits his sons or even like a master who inspires fear – grow impatient with our sins and consign us to everlasting punishment, like wicked servants who would not follow him to glory.

So we should at long last rouse ourselves, prompted by the words of Scripture: *Now is the time for us to rise from sleep.* Our eyes should be open to the God-given light, and we should listen in wonderment to the message of the divine voice as it daily cries out: *Today, if you shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts;* and again: *If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.* And what does the Spirit say? *Come my sons, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Hurry, while you have the light of life, so that death's darkness may not overtake you.*

And the Lord as he seeks the one who will do his work among the throng of people to whom he makes that appeal, says again: *which of you wants to live to the full; who loves long life and the enjoyment of prosperity?* And, if when you hear this you say, I do, God says to you: *If you desire true and everlasting life, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from deceit; turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.* And

when you have done these things my eyes will be upon you and my ears will be attentive to your prayers; and before you call upon my name I shall say to you: *Behold, I am here.* What could be more delightful, dearest brothers, than the voice of our Lord's invitation to us?

And so, girded with faith and the performance of good works, let us follow in his paths by the guidance of the Gospel; then we shall deserve to see him *who has called us into his kingdom.* If we wish to attain a dwelling-place in his kingdom we shall not reach it unless we hasten there by our good deeds.

Just as there exists an evil fervor, a bitter spirit, which divides us from God and leads us to hell, so there is a good fervor which sets us apart from evil inclinations and leads us toward God and eternal life. Monks should put this fervor into practice with an overflowing love: that is, they should *surpass each other in mutual esteem,* accept their weaknesses, either of body or of behavior, with the utmost patience; and vie with each other in acceding to requests. No one should follow what he considers to be good for himself, but rather what seems good for another. They should display brotherly love in a chaste manner; fear God in a spirit of love; revere their abbot with a genuine and submissive affection. Let them put Christ before all else; and may he lead us all to everlasting life.

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Dearly beloved, when our Lord Jesus Christ was preaching the Gospel of the kingdom and healing various illnesses throughout the whole of Galilee, the fame of his mighty works spread into all of Syria, and great crowds from all parts of Judea flocked to the heavenly physician. Because human ignorance is slow to believe what it does not see, and equally slow to hope for what it does not know, those who were to be instructed in the divine teaching had first to be aroused by bodily benefits and visible miracles so that, once they had experienced his gracious power, they would no longer doubt the wholesome effect of his doctrine.

In order, therefore, to transform outward healings into inward remedies, and to cure men's souls now that he had healed their bodies, our Lord separated himself from the surrounding crowds, climbed to the solitude of a neighboring mountain, and called the apostles to himself. From the height of this mystical site he then instructed them in the most lofty doctrines, suggesting both by the very nature of the place and by what he was doing that it was he who long ago had honored Moses by speaking to him. Then his words evidenced a terrifying justice, but now they reveal a sacred compassion, in order to fulfill what was promised in the words of the prophet Jeremiah: *Behold the days are coming, says the Lord, when I shall establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. After those days, says the Lord, I shall put my laws within them and write them on their hearts.*

And so it was that he who had spoken to Moses spoke also to the apostles. Writing in the hearts of his disciples, the swift hand of the Word composed the ordinances of the new covenant. And this was not done as formally, in the midst of dense clouds, amid terrifying sounds and lightning, so that the people were frightened away from approaching the mountain. Instead, there was a tranquil discourse which clearly reached the ears of all who stood nearby so that the harshness of the law might be softened by the gentleness of grace, and the spirit of adoption might dispel the terror of slavery.

Concerning the content of Christ's teaching, his own sacred words bear witness; thus whoever longs to attain eternal blessedness can now recognize the steps that lead to that high happiness. *Blessed*, he says, *are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* It might have been unclear to which poor he was referring, if after the words *Blessed are the poor*, he had not added anything about the kind of poor he had in mind. For then the poverty that many suffer because of grave and harsh necessity might seem sufficient to merit the kingdom of heaven. But when he says: *Blessed are the poor in spirit*, he shows that the kingdom of heavens to be given to those who are distinguished by their humility of soul rather than by their lack of worldly goods.

*by St. Leo the Great*