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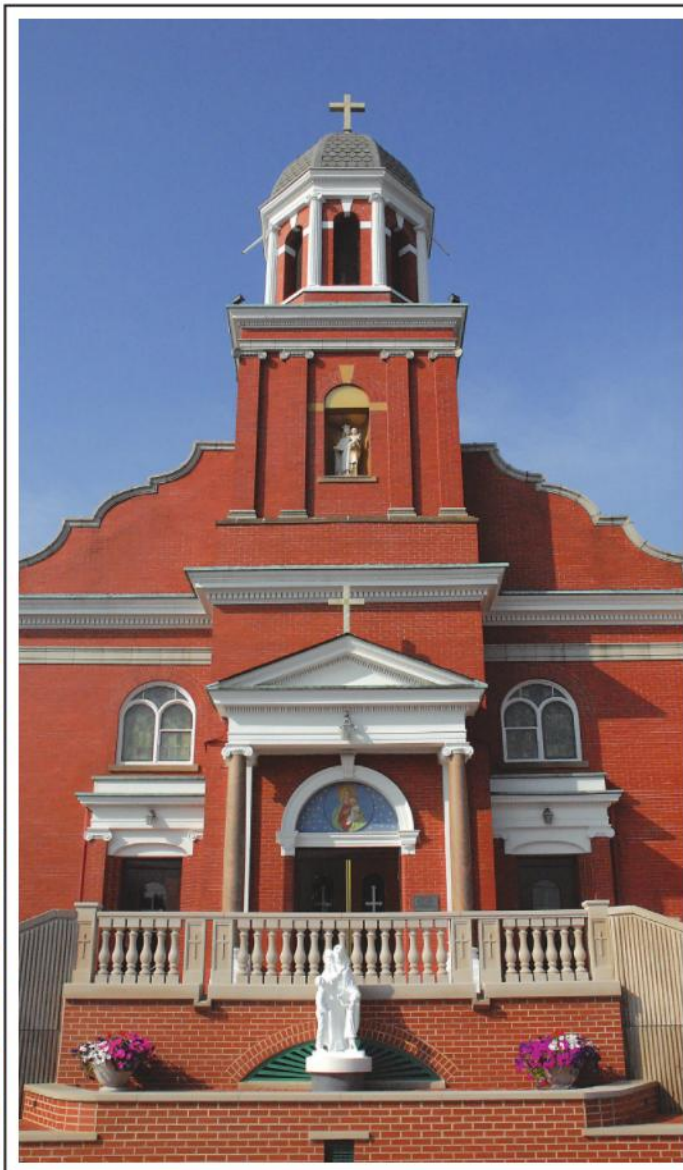
The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL BASILICA



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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Evening.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass:Daily at 12:00 noon

Baptisms: Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass
and Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
or by personal request.

Weddings: Please schedule marriage at least 6 months
in advance.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Jan. 25: *The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle*
12:00 p.m. Donna Bowell by Deacon Mark & Susan Izzo
5:00 p.m. Jimmy & Helen DeFrank (B) by daughter, Gina & Tommaso

Sun., Jan. 26: *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 a.m. Romeo Pellegrini by Cleto
11:00 a.m. Mary (Marinelli) Barrett by Granddaughter, Gina & Great Son, Tommaso

Mon., Jan. 27: *St. Angela Merici*
12:00 noon Gerardine Sherwood by Roberta Elmo

Tues., Jan. 28: *St. Thomas Aquinas*
12:00 noon Deceased Priests of the Diocese by Maria Meyer

Weds., Jan. 29:
11:00 a.m. Laura Cataro by daughter, Kim

Thurs., Jan. 30:
12:00 noon Philomena Conti by Friend

Fri., Jan. 31: *St. John Bosco*
12:00 noon Special Intention

Sat., Feb. 1: *First Saturday*
12:00 p.m. Phyllis Greco by JoAnne Diana
5:00 p.m. James A. & Grace F. Orlando by Family

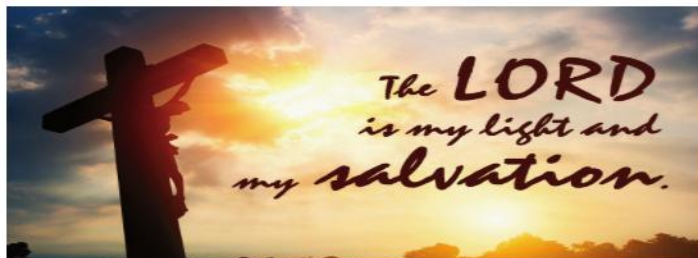
Sun., Feb. 2: *The Presentation of the Lord*
9:00 a.m. Beatrice & Florinda Massaro by Mary Ann Ricciuti
11:00 a.m. John & Mary Bacha by John & Carol Amicone



Sunday, January 19 (183 envelopes) \$6,601.69
St. Anthony Shrine/Novena \$ 260.00

**COME AND PRAY DEVOTIONS
TO THE
SACRED HEART**

First Friday of each month
12 noon Mass—Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica
1st Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—12 noon Mass only.
6:00 p.m. Mass— St. Anthony of Padua Church,
Both Masses are followed by Devotions to the Sacred Heart



WEEKEND ASSIGNMENTS (February 1/2)

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jr., Gary DiTullio, Debbie DiTullio
9:00 a.m. James DeToro, Tom DeToro, Kirk Kruezwaiser
11:00 a.m. Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jr., Patty Dawson, Nannette Jacobs, Joseph Nohra, Jr.



Lectors

5:00 p.m. Christine Piccirillo
9:00 a.m. Jenna Anness
11:00 a.m. Daniel Rossi



Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Anthony Micco, Alex Micco, Lauren Klanica, Gregory Carbon
9:00 a.m. Alex Carano, Adrianna Marsco, Luciano Marsco
11:00 a.m. Atianna Caggiano, Gabriella Weese, Thomas Amon, Nicholas Amon

IN INVITATION

Yes, I will spend ONE HOUR WEEKLY with *Jesus*, present in **THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

Please check the time you prefer:

___ MORNING (6:00 a.m. to noon)
___ AFTERNOON (12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
___ EVENING (6:00 p.m. to Midnight)
___ NIGHT (midnight to 6:00 a.m.)



NAME _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER _____

Yes, I would like to *promote* this most important prayer Apostolate

Cut & drop in collection basket or mail to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica._____

Call Maria Panozzo at 330-372-5141 or Jean at 330-758-3335 to schedule your time to be with Jesus. Come! Spend one hour per week with Jesus in Adoration, Praise and Thanksgiving for his many graces.

Hours needed:

Saturday, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Monday, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Tuesday, 9 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m., 3 a.m. - 4 a.m., & 4 a.m. - 5 a.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, 8 p.m. - 10p.m., 9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

The families of the following parishioners have requested that we remember them in prayer: Martha Aliberti, Regina Altiero, Melinda Amon, Genevieve Angelides, Peter Angelides, Sandy Battaglia, Madelyn Brudis, Tina Bury, Zayne Bryce, Isabelle Corradi, Jeanni Pesa, Carmen, Kim Bowser, Marko Calko, Dominic Calko, Lori Capone, Michael (Cal) Calipare, Carl J. Carbon, Roseann Cencia, Joseph Cencia, Bethany Maytas, Anthony, Cathy Chimento, Joseph Chimento, Stephanie Chimento, Christopher Centofanti, Damian Chordas, Joseph R.Cioffi, Mary Rose Colucci, Johnny D., Ed Derek, Joanne Desko, Michelina DiVito, Greg Diorio, Grace Ducay, Angela Elmo, JoAnn Elmo, Roberta Elmo, Dolores Elston, Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jason, Monroe, Mara Frease, Ilona Gerson, Sebastian Green, Margie, Joseph Haus, Baby Henry, John, Reese, Lisa, Joshua, David, Carl Jr., Louise Faustino, Kaylee, JoAnn George, Emily Jerome, Rose Giampetro, Donald "Duke" Girardi, Dominic Greco, Josie Greco, Jennifer Greco, Michael & Carol Gromada, Carmella Guy, Claudia Hernandez, Sean Holden, Gail Hubbert, George Iati, Loretta Julian, Mark Julian, Kerri, Glory & Family, Jeff Knorr, Dennis Kopnisky, Jackie Golden, Gerard Kopnisky, Hillary, William & Melinda Kopnisky, Agnes Kowis, Rocco Kovacs, Francine Kraiosky, John Kuzman, Jr., Leann P., Lenny & Cheryl, Lavonne, Lucille, Linda Maiorana, Baby Dominic Malachi, Bill Marcavish, Missy Marrie, John Mascardine, Jennifer McCon, Paul and Greg Medina, Jean Medina, Livia Marinelli, Ellen Monroe, Francisco Rivera-Ocasio, George Panno, Beverly Poidmore Pariza, Mary Pesa, Ronald Pesa, Phil Pillin, Sr. Brielle, Vincent, Paul III, Giovanna Pace, Isabel Pupino, Joseph Pizzola, Nicholas Poccia, Barbara Poghen, Charles Richards, Joseph Richards, Joseph Ridel, Chris Ritter, Rose Ruggieri, Marti Runyan, Mark Roberts, Ben Russo, Millie Santangelo, Patty Schuley, Carmel Scocca, Ellie Sullenberger, Chris Sultan, Betty & Dennis VanSuch, Greg VanSuch, Jodi Walters, Kathleen Wienand, Anna Mae Williams, Lilah Dovie, Todd Zamary, Skevos Zimbillas, **Mary, help of the sick, pray for us!—Please let us know when person is well.**

Prayer Petitions

It is in spirit of love, care, and support for one another that we invite you to place your prayer petitions into the Petition Box. The box and blank petition slips are available to you in the vestibule before each weekend Mass. The petitions are remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful and are brought forward during the Offertory Procession and placed at the foot of the Cross. At the conclusion of the Sunday Masses, the petitions are brought to the Little Flower Eucharistic Chapel where, throughout the week, members of the Apostolate for Perpetual Adoration unite their prayers with yours in the presence to our Eucharistic Lord. Let us unite our prayers with one another as we follow St. Paul's instruction to "pray without ceasing" and support one another through mutual prayer, solidarity, and love.

REGISTRATION: Members of the parish must be formally registered. If you are not receiving Our Lady of Mount Carmel envelopes, this means you are not registered. Call the rectory at 330-743-4144, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.—3 p.m. And we will send you a registration form. **Families who have members of our church staying with them who are shut-ins or who are in nursing homes should include them as members of their household. For a change of address or telephone number, please call the rectory as soon as possible. Thank you.**



Monday, January 27:
7:00 p.m. Cursillo/SJH

Thursday, January 30:
10:00 a.m. Legion of Mary/St. JP II Ctr.

Sunday, February 2:
12:30 p.m. Mothers of the Crucifix Mtg./SJH

ST. ANTHONY LIGHT: January 26-Feb. 1

In memory of DAVE WEIKART by Ann Desimone

BLESSED SACRAMENT LIGHTS: January 26-Feb. 1

In memory of WILLIAM SANTANGELO by Vestibule Club

SANCTUARY LIGHT: January 26-Feb. 1

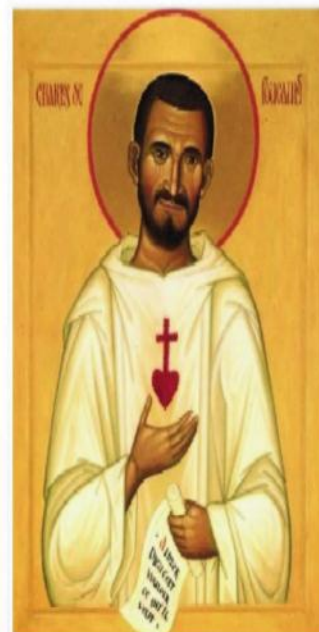
In memory of PETER CHILA by Family

SACRED HEART LIGHT: January 26-Feb. 1

In memory of DAVE WEIKART by Marie & Don Ronyak

Church Overseas Combined Collection

This weekend the Diocese of Youngstown is holding the **Church Overseas Combine Collection** for ministries of the Church around the globe. These ministries of the **Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Holy Father/Peter's Pence**, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Church in Latin America assist the Church in serving people who are hungry, refugees, victims of natural disasters, and development projects. Please give generously to this collection which combines four collections in one.



PRAYER OF ABANDONMENT

Father,
I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you:
I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me,
and in all your creatures.
I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul:
I offer it to you,
with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord,
and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands,
without reserve,
and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Father.

- Brother Charles de Foucauld



Birthdays for the week of January 26-Feb. 1

Paul Antol, Sr., Andrew Bodzak, Paula Dellick, Carolina Esposito, Andrew Faunda, Arlene Larson, Michelle Malkovits, Allan Maniccia, Christopher Ross, Mary Tufaro, JoAnne Celano, Linda Frattaroli, Jaclyn Jones, Kristi Martin, Virginia Bellino, Carmine Carrabbia, Jessica Miller, Maria Mohn, Scott Williams, John Carano, Norah Chasko, Edith DiBacco, Louise Sarno, Danilo Sebastiani, Brianna Wise, Francis Bellino, Mackenzie Herdzik, Robert Giampetro, Lynne Marie Mazzoleni, Nicole Parise, Martha Runyan, Dan Wearsch, Nicholas Amon, Thomas Amon, Edward Drennen, Michael Malkovits, Thomas Moltchan.

INTERCESSION FOR VOCATIONS:

For all men and women called by Jesus to teach the Gospel as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that the joy of the Lord will remain their strength during their discernment, formation and mission, **We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.**

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” Have you been invited by God to help others out of the darkness and into the light as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore this further contact Fr. Christopher Luoni at 330-744-8451 or email him at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Scripture Reading Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-1
We have seen a great light; Jesus, the Messiah, who heals us of our sin and who is our unity and peace.



St. Anthony Shrine and Novena

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Mrs. Dorothy Barbato

Ms. Ramona DiSchiavo

\$10.00 GIFT

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by Anita & Nickie

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Struble



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Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica, Youngstown, Ohio. Cocktail Attire, Masks to be provided. Cost: \$50.00 pp. Gondola Sponsor includes 2 reservations, \$250, Murano sponsor Level includes 4 reservations \$500, San Marco Basilica Sponsor Level \$1,000 includes 6 reservations. Reservations due by February 10th. Entertainment will include John Reese Project, strolling entertainment—jugglers, magicians, and accordion player. Venetian style carnevale/mardi gras with traditional Italian menu, and guests will be provided masks or can make/bring their own. All proceeds benefit YSU Center for Italian American Studies.

Annual White Mass for all Health Professionals including Mental Health Workers

The Annual White Mass—celebrating and recognizing the ministry and work of those in the health professions— will be held on **Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Columba located at 154 W. Wood St. in Youngstown.** Bishop George V. Murry, S.J. will preside. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. All are welcome. For more information call 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or contact dschimdt@youngstowndiocese.org.





CRAIG'S CORNER
A Note
from our Music Director

This weekend's prelude sets the tone of the location of the Gospel, on the bank of the Sea of Galilee. Handel's "Water Music Suite" was actually written to be played as entertainment along the water for a cruise that King George I was having in Great Britain in 1717. While the scene in the Gospel isn't quite a relaxing cruise, Jesus does find his first disciples on the bank of the water.

This weekend Jesus calls his first disciples from the water as they were fishing. This is exactly what our opening and communion hymns speak of. Like the prelude, our communion hymn, "Lord, when you Came to the Seashore," paints the image of the water to us and puts us in the place of the disciples. Christ does not seek us because we're wise or wealthy; our boats don't have weapons for fighting. All he is doing is simply calling us to his shore and to follow his call. These two hymns and Gospel remind us that God calls us and still wants us to follow Him. Do we respond by saying, "I will go Lord, if you lead me?"

The offertory reflection hymn blends all of these themes together in a text going back to the early 1800s, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind." The hymn centers on that if we let our souls be quieted from the world, we can find the peace and voice of Jesus calling us, just like those disciples who, without a word, rose up to follow Christ.

The first part of the Gospel takes from what we heard in Isaiah's first reading and shows (as Matthew does quite a bit in his gospel) how Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Christ. Christ is the light that Isaiah prophesied and He has now come in flesh to preach, heal, and eventually suffer so we may attain eternal life with Him.

Pope Francis has established this weekend as the **Sunday of the Word of God**, inviting Catholics across the world to deepen their appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and his Word and to renew our commitment and understanding of the Word of God. I specifically chose this weekend's closing hymn, "Come, Our Almighty King" in honor of this celebration. Verse two reminds us that Jesus Christ *is* the **Incarnate Word** who came down from heaven and it is His word, from the Father inspired by the Spirit that we hear each weekend. If we want to truly follow Him, we must never stop our commitment to follow the Word, Jesus Christ Himself **and** His teachings. We must, silence the outside world, and listen to Him in the "still, small voice of calm."

It is my job as a director of sacred music to select hymns, solos, and organ works each weekend which enhance the Scriptures of the celebration. This is known of as Liturgical Judgement, which I studied as a theology and music student. It is my hope that you, the parishioners, understand the theological importance of the music in Mass to enhance the Word of God each weekend, especially this weekend as we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. As we continue through the Liturgical Year as it unfolds before us, we renew our commitment to Christ and His word, no matter how familiar the account we are listening to. Let us renew ourselves to the Scriptures every weekend through prayer and song.

Instrumental Music Selections for January 25-26: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude: Air from "Water Music Suite" – G.F. Handel
Postlude: Toccata in F Major, BuxWV 157 – Dietrich Buxtehude

DAILY MORNING OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. **Promotion of World Peace.** We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, or talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

On behalf of Catholic Charities Regional Agency, we want to express our sincere gratitude to you for assisting the Agency with our Christmas program. Your sponsorship make it possible to assist those families in need with gifts for their children. With the help of our sponsors, we were able to assist 162 families with a total of 490 children during the Christmas season. We appreciate your time and efforts and hope to continue our relationship with you in the future. On behalf of the staff and those we serve, thank you again for your help. Sincerely, **Nancy Voitus, LISW-S, Executive Director.**

REMEMBER US LAST:

When you are preparing your will and estate plan remember those closest to you...spouse, family members and loved ones. Then remember Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica with a residual gift that defines your Legacy of Faith as a member of our parish community. Please call 330-744-8451, ext. 325 for information.


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First Reconciliation Preparation

Reconciliation will be celebrated Sunday, February 9th following the 11am Mass. Please keep the youth and their families in prayer as the experience the mercy of God.


*****Saturday, February 8th, 9:30am to 11:30am parent(s) and their child will meet in the JPll Center.**



Are you in 5th grade or older?

Interested in attending a short meeting to learn what it means to be an Acolyte / Altar Server for Mass?

Questions or interested in learning contact:
Mrs. Ivanisin 330-743-4144



COME,
FOLLOW ME

**Jesus challenges me to repent—
to change my life.**


What changes might I need to make in order to follow Jesus today?

Discerning, "What is the Catholic Faith"


Adults: Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith and considering becoming a Catholic? Or are you an adult but never completed your Confirmation? The RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation program may be for you.

Youth Ages 8—17 years of Age

Any youth ages 8 –17yrs that have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Communion and Confirmation parents please call. There is a program to help them prepare completing their Initiation Sacraments.



Questions or Inquiries
Call or E-mail Therese Ivanisin / Mrs. I



The LIGHT of FAITH and FAMILY
Sunday, January 26, 2020

Grades 4, 5 & 6th will be our Lectors and Gift bearers for the 9am Mass

Topic
"Importance of Prayer for Our Self and With our Children"

Speaker Sister Regina Rogers, O.S.U.

Families continue to work with your Gospelweeklies. Resources and teaching guides are located on the following website: www.pflaumweeklies.com tab parents and catechist. Parents the Gospel reflection pages can be found in the bulletins. Bring your family Advent project / activity.

Future dates:
February 23, March 1st, March 22nd, April 3rd Communal Penance Service and April 5th begins Holy Week.


Souper Bowl Awareness of Hunger

The Annual Souper Bowl of Awareness collection will be held after all Masses on February 1st & 2nd


Souper Bowl is a National event that brings awareness to those who may not have the food to eat. Youth and organization all over the country take part in raising awareness.

Set up a soup pot or jar at home and begin to collect all those coins, money and soup cans for February 1st & 2nd. All contributions are given to our local St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

2019 Combined Totals
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel ~ St. Anthony of Padua Parish collected \$637 and collected 68 cans of soup.



See flier for details.



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Youth Ministry Team:
Nick Capone & Bobby Mangiarelli

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23 -- 9:3
 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
 Matthew 4:12-23

Monday January 27
 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10
 Ps 89:20-22,25-26
 Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas
 2 Samuel 6:12b-15,17-19
 Ps 24:7-10
 Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday January 29
 2 Samuel 7:4-17
 Ps 89:4-5,27-30
 Mark 4:1-20

Thursday January 30
 2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29
 Ps 132:1-5,11-14
 Mark 4:21-25

Friday January 31
St. John Bosco
 2 Samuel 11:1-10a,13-17
 Ps 51:3-7,10-11
 Mark 4:26-34

Saturday February 1
 2 Samuel 12:1-7a,10-17
 Ps 51:12-17
 Mark 4:35-41

Who's troubling you? In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we hear of the fulfillment of the prophecy given by Isaiah in the first reading: Because of Jesus Christ, the people you know who are living in darkness have seen the light that will heal them.

Who is making no effort to get out of their sin-induced misery? Who is overshadowed by the demons of spiritual death and destruction? Whose stubbornness is causing you great anguish?

Through your prayers and faithful love, Jesus has been revealed to them. Even as they fight against this truth and hide from him, the great light of Christ cannot be turned off. Soon or eventually this will cause great rejoicing, not only for you, but for those who are being rescued.

Elsewhere (Luke 12:49-50), Jesus expressed his feelings about people who live in darkness: "How great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" Thus, he knows your anguish and *shares* it, but more deeply and fervently. He is doing more than you know, more than you can imagine, to accomplish the victory for which you've been praying. He is doing everything possible – as well as the impossible – to bring it to fulfillment.

Pray that Divine Providence will use the bad consequences of each person's stubborn rebellion to draw them to himself. Pray that God will use others to bring them into his light. Pray that God will work in his own

way to dissolve their spiritual rebellion. Pray that after their conversion they will spread the light of Christ powerfully. And pray that their conversion will be deep, definite and permanent.



We don't pray to change God's mind; he's already working to bring the light of Christ to people who live in darkness. We pray to place these people into his arms, since they're not doing it for themselves.

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Reflect & Discuss:

† Write a list of people who are living in darkness. Will you trust in the power of Christ's great light and the victory he obtained through his death and resurrection?

† Make a commitment to feel Christ's anguish more keenly; use this pain to energize you into daily prayer on behalf of darkened souls.

† Think of those who are living in darkness. Get a large candle and etch their names into it. Light the candle and offer your prayers for these loved ones. If possible, do this with a prayer community for mutual support, and light this candle at all of your community meetings.

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