

# BULLETIN: 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

## DAILY EVENTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

- 8:15 a.m. Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Mass: Kaylee Remmich  
10:45 a.m. Confessions  
11:30 a.m. Mass: People of Our Lady of the Plains

### Monday January 25<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 a.m. Mass: + Elizabeth Sewald

### Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 a.m. Mass: + Kaylee Remmich

### Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

OFFICE CLOSED: ALL DAY

### Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 a.m. Communion Service  
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour  
7:00 p.m. RCIA & RCIC  
7:00 p.m. Catholic Biblical School

### Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:30 a.m. Mass: + Dorothy Mosbrucker

### Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

- 4:15 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Mass: + Mary Beckman  
7:00 p.m. Neo-cate Mass: + John P. Mahoney

### Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

- 8:15 a.m. Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Mass: David Fahey  
10:45 a.m. Confessions  
11:30 a.m. People of Our Lady of the Plains

**Please pray for those who are ill & in need of our continued prayer:** *Terence Sewald, David Prieur, Bob Yoder, Kaylee Remmich, Joe Kranz, Brian & Crissy Cobain, Christopher Endicott, Eddy Messer, Deborah Messer, Erin Palmer, Scott Weaver, Luke Barden, Foster Sauter, & Steve Wilmes*

## OFFERTORY

**January 10<sup>th</sup>**

\$ 2,888.00

**January 17<sup>th</sup>**

\$ 3,750.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK/REFLECTION

### **Abortion and the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Thou Shall Not Kill**

On January 22, 2021, the Catholic Church in the United States prayed for the end of abortion on the anniversary of 'Roe v. Wade' the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the U.S. Consequently, this decision has led to different movements in both political and social spheres, such as 'The Pro-Choice Movement.' While the movement seems to defend a 'basic natural human right,' which is freedom; it is implicitly trying to usurp a power that does not pertain to human beings, that is, power over life and death. Revelation tells us that God is the only one who can grant life or take it, "I have set before you life and death," (Dt 30:19) and 'When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy?"' (2 K 5:7). The 5<sup>th</sup> commandment as the *Catechism* explains, is based on the sacredness of human life, which is a gift where God is the giver and we the gifted. Therefore, any form of direct attack on an innocent human being is a rejection of God's gift and law (CCC 2258). Intentional homicide, abortion, euthanasia, and suicide fall under the category of "direct attack" on an innocent human being, which makes them all equally evil.

While it is true that there are many different circumstances that may influence someone's conscience and will to choose any of these attacks, none of these circumstances minimize the evil of the act, "the means do not justify the end." This does not mean that the Church disregards the circumstances, which may influence any women and men from choosing to directly attack an innocent life or to make them feel guilt, shame, pain, or isolation from God and others. Rather, the Church as both a Mother and Teacher, looks to comfort and form our consciences according to God's divine plan. Again, movements such as that of 'Pro-Choice,' promote a form of freedom in a "culture of death," which as St. John Paul II rightly stated, 'betrays a completely individualistic concept of freedom, which ends up by becoming the freedom of "the strong" against the weak who have no choice but to submit' (*Evangelium Vitae* 19).

Nevertheless, in a world that continues to separate itself from God and the light of faith, the Church, the visible body of Christ, is called to make present the face of God and of his light. Let us pray for the Church & humanity.

## PARISH UPDATES

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Collection for the Church in Latin America: This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



**Share YOUR Faith**

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

- ❖ **\*\*NEW\*\*** Catholic Charities Guest Speaker: On January 31<sup>st</sup> at the end of the 9 a.m. Mass, we will have a speaker to talk about Catholic Charities. This is an opportunity to help others in need or participate in the programs they offer as well.

## RELIGIOUS ED. EVENTS & UPDATES

### SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUES:

- ❖ **IMPORTANT!** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday Religious Ed. Classes: Those to be confirmed will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Pentecost.
- ❖ **IMPORTANT!** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday Religious Ed. Class: On March 11<sup>th</sup> we will have 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their parents at 11: a.m.
- ❖ **REMINDER!** NEXT RCIA & RCIC class: Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- ❖ **IMPORTANT!** RCIA & RCIC Classes: Those who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation will receive them at the Easter Vigil on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The hour is yet to be determined, but the Vigil Mass will be bilingual.
- ❖ **ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK FOR KIDS!!!** (for K- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
**See insert for pdf activity!**  
**THIS WEEK:** The Witnesses Trilogy – God With Us  
<https://watch.formed.org/the-witnesses-trilogy/season:1/videos/god-with-us>

## ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ **Next Meeting:** February 7<sup>th</sup> in the Rectory basement after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- ❖ **Election of Officers:** New officers for the Altar & Rosary society will be elected at the next meeting. To nominate someone for a position, please contact Jane at 303-882-9995 or by email at [jkranz1979@gmail.com](mailto:jkranz1979@gmail.com)
- ❖ **Annual Sock Drive:** Socks will be collected in the next couple of months for the Emergency Room at University Hospital. Please bring NEW socks — for adults only. A basket will be placed in the Hall to collect donations.



## Prayer for Solidarity

Merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask you to help us grow in unity and solidarity with the faithful around the world, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Grant us the grace to give generously of our time, treasure, and talent to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Junípero Serra, St. Rose of Lima, St. Oscar Romero, and all the saints from the Americas, and share our faith with humility and love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

# FORMED

**Lectio: Mark with Dr. Tim Gray**

**Come, Follow Behind Me**

<https://watch.formed.org/lectio-mark-with-dr-tim-gray/season:1/videos/come-follow-behind-me>