

**LITURGIES FOR THE SECOND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME AND THE THIRD
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

January 20 - 26, 2025

**Monday, 1/20 † Weekday, Saint Fabian, Pope
& Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

6 pm: Bob Okeley by Wife, Peg

Tuesday, 1/21 † Saint Agnes, virgin & Martyr

8am: Michelle Havens by Frank & Evelyn Skronski

9am: A.S. Peg Daly by Mary Serge

Wednesday, 1/22 † Weekday

9am: A.S. Joann Scamerhorn by Jerry & Mindy
Okeley

6pm: Milo

**Thursday, 1/23 † Weekday, Saint Vincent,
Deacon & Martyr; Saint Marianne
Cope, Virgin**

8am: Michelle Havens by Donna Kida

9am: A.S. Sharon Duttlinger by Jan Duttlinger

**Friday, 1/24 † Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop
& Doctor of the Church**

8am: Noelle

9am: A.S. Tim & Bonnie Sickler by Mom, Joan

**Saturday, 1/25 † Conversion of Saint Paul,
Apostle**

8:30am: Willa

**Saturday, 1/25 † Vigil, Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

4:30pm: Phyllis Logan by Don & Sharon Barker

**Sunday, 1/26 † Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

7:30am: Bob Patterson by Bob & Kim Alva

9am: A. S. Annabeth Duttlinger by Jan Duttlinger

11am: Parishioners

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the
office will be closed on Monday, January 20th.

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Tuesday, Jan. 21 – 7pm – All Saints Finance &
Pastoral Council Mtng.

Thurs., Jan. 23 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., Jan 23– 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sun., Jan 26 – 9:30am – Religious Education,
Rectory

Former U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., introduced legislation to create a federal holiday honoring King on April 8, 1968, just four days after the civil rights leader's assassination. Over the next decade, support for the holiday would swell across the country, and several states, including Illinois, Massachusetts and Connecticut, would enact statewide holidays honoring King.

Conyers spent years reintroducing the federal legislation, with support from lawmakers in the Congressional Black Caucus. And in 1979, on what would have been King's 50th birthday, the bill came up in the House, but it failed by five votes.

The fight to create the holiday didn't stop at the narrow vote. Coretta Scott King and others campaigned for the holiday and rallied the public. King would testify before Congress multiple times. She and singer Stevie Wonder, who released his song "Happy Birthday" in support of enacting the holiday, delivered a petition in favor of the holiday with over 6 million signatures in 1982.

The House ultimately approved the holiday in 1983, and though the push to create the commemoration faced some opposition in the Senate, former President Ronald Reagan signed it into law later that year.

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” - 1 Corinthians 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan? How are you helping to build God’s kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

Dear Padre

January 19, 2025

Is there a year of John? I know we’re now in the year of Luke, next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be the year of Mark. Then the cycle starts over with Luke. Why doesn’t John have a year?

Matthew, Mark, and Luke, collectively known as the synoptic gospels, are narrative gospels. Together, they tell the story of Jesus of Nazareth. Although in some ways they might be understood synoptically, “the same,” each narrative is unique in its emphasis. The Church desires that we hear these narratives and be nourished through the proclamation of the early memories of the Christian community.

John’s Gospel, on the other hand, is not primarily a narrative, but is best understood as theological. As such, it is highly dependent on the use of symbolic representations to make the point it intends. For example, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me...will have the light of life” (John 8:12). The interplay between light and darkness illustrates the point. John’s Gospel is intended to be experienced and engaged in as “bigger than life,” proposing and celebrating Christian themes that are life-giving and inviting. Therefore, we hear John’s Gospel when the Church celebrates the mystery of the saving life and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, the Gospel of John is proclaimed on Good Friday, during the Easter season, and on other major feasts. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

Good News!

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Isaiah 62:1-5 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 / John 2:1-11

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For all of us, at one time or another, life seems to run out of wine. We look at our relationships and find ourselves saying, “There’s no more wine.” It may be a friendship of five years or a marriage of twenty-five years, but, for some, the wine runs out. For others, it is the job that loses its challenge. Or, one day, the foreman gathers everyone to announce that the plant is closing. In a moment, all has turned into vinegar; there is no more wine. For others still, it is when retirement suffocates the future, choking all that once gave meaning.

However, there are also those times when hope is reborn, when we feel “espoused” not only by life but also by God, when the ordinary turns extraordinary—and the water becomes wine. It is the phone call offering a new job after we have collected unemployment checks for months. It is falling in love when we have given up on the notion. It is conceiving a child after years of barren waiting. It is someone who listens, finally, when no one else would. It is at times like these—and many others as well—when we are caught off-balance and trip into God unwittingly, saved from drudgery and redeemed to live a life enriched, when water is turned into wine. It is a deeply felt joy that reveals God’s presence. ●

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Abortion was the leading cause of death worldwide in 2024. And it wasn't even close

(LifeSiteNews) Jan 2, 2025— Throughout 2024, the mainstream press woke up to a brutal reality: Despite decades of sinister fearmongering about “overpopulation,” the world is experiencing a critical shortage of babies that will threaten our way of life in every way imaginable.

From *The Guardian*: “Birthrates are plummeting worldwide. Can governments turn the tide?” From the *Globe and Mail*: “Fewer babies are being born around the world, and not only in the places you'd expect.” From Euronews: “Greece confronts disastrously low birthrates in Aegean Islands.” From *Politico*: “The political shockwaves of America's falling birthrates.”

The demographic crisis, which Mark Steyn warned about over a decade ago in his prophetic book *America Alone: The End of the World As We Know It*, is now recognized as a fact by virtually everyone. Despite this, there has been little introspection on the part of those who have been championing birth control and abortion for decades both at home and as a form of aggressive neo-colonialism in developing countries. And despite the fact that the abortion wars defined the presidential election in the U.S., and political debates across the West, the elites studiously avoid making the obvious connection between the dearth of babies and the abortion death rate.

But as Breitbart reported yesterday, abortion was the leading cause of death globally in 2024, “with a record 45 million unborn babies killed in the womb, according to data provided by Worldometer.” The numbers are excruciating and impossible to fathom: As of 12 p.m. on December 31, 2024, an estimated 45.1 million abortions were perpetrated throughout the year. For context, Canada's entire population is 40.1 million.

The abortion death rate – or, more accurately, kill count – dwarfs every other number, including 8.2 million dying from cancer, 5 million from smoking, 1.7 million from HIV/AIDS, 1.46 million from traffic accidents, and 1.1 million from suicide. As Breitbart pointed out, the total of all non-abortion deaths is 62.5 million, “meaning that abortions accounted for just over 42 percent of all human deaths in 2024.”

Based on an overview of the world's 196 countries, the average population of a country is 40.96 million. This means that every year the equivalent of an entire country is killed by abortion. To report on the birthrate without acknowledging this fact is simply ludicrous – because the truth is that tens of millions of children are conceived but are never born. Tens of millions of children who physically existed were physically destroyed, yet that fact almost never surfaces in the now almost incessant coverage of the population implosion underway in every Western country and many non-Western countries as well.

In fact, in some countries this information is being actively suppressed. In France, ARCOM, the French media regulator, recently fined the conservative TV channel CNews a staggering €100,000 after presenter Aymeric Pourbaix observed in February that abortion is the leading cause of death worldwide, according to the WHO's estimate of 73 million deaths per annum. Why? Because according to the regulator, the channel failed in its “obligation of honesty and rigour in the presentation and processing of information” because “Abortion cannot be presented as a cause of death.” A factual statement was banned in the media because it conflicts with the suicidal ideology that is contributing to France's cratering birthrate to begin with.

We are killing at least a country's worth of people every single year. No other single fact explains so much about the upheaval taking place around the world. You cannot have war in the womb and peace in the streets.

President Trump: Keep your promise and set the pro-life captives free!

(LifeSiteNews) Nov 6, 2024 — To date over 14,000 people have signed a [LifeSite petition asking Donald Trump to grant a full pardon to all imprisoned pro-lifers](#), and in September 2023 the president-elect promised to “review the cases of every political prisoner ... unjustly persecuted by the Biden administration” and “sign their pardons or commutation on Day One.”

Today LifeSiteNews is calling upon President Trump to remember his promise and set the captives free.

“Marxists and Stalinists in the administration got a Washington, D.C., jury to convict five pro-life activists who are now facing up to 11 years in prison for simple acts of protest,” Trump [said](#) during a speech at the 2023 [Pray Vote Stand Summit](#) on Friday, September 15, 2023.

He was referring to pro-life activists [Lauren Handy](#), [John Hinshaw](#), [William Goodman](#), [Heather Idoni](#), and [Herb \(Rosemary\) Geraghty](#), who were charged and found guilty on August 29, 2023, of violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act and conspiracy against rights for [blocking access to the Washington Surgi-Clinic](#) abortion mill in Washington, D.C., in October 2020 in their effort to save children from abortion.

On the day of Trump’s speech, pro-life rescuers [Joan Andrews Bell](#), 74; [Jonathan Darnel](#), 40; and [Jean Marshall](#), 72, were found guilty of the same charges in connection to their involvement in the same rescue.

One of the convicted pro-lifers, Lauren Handy, had discovered the remains of roughly 100 aborted children, including [five extremely late-term babies](#), from a discarded box from Cesare Santangelo’s facility and reported it to the Washington D.C. Police homicide unit only days before she and her fellow pro-life defendants were arrested.

It was later suggested by member of the left-wing secular pro-life group to which Handy belongs (PAAU) that the Department of Justice persecution was an attempt to cover-up illegal acts by Santangelo.

During his 2023 speech, Trump alluded to the fact that pro-lifers and conservatives in general have faced a barrage of unjust prosecution under the Biden administration.

“Under Biden, others are being sentenced to 10, 15, and even 20 years in prison for retribution for their political beliefs, while Antifa and other groups burn-down cities like Portland, like Minneapolis. ... They kill people, they loot, they plunder, and they go free,” Trump said.

“To reverse these cruel travesties of justice, tonight I’m announcing that the moment I win the election, I will appoint a special task force to rapidly review the cases of every political prisoner who’s been unjustly persecuted by the Biden administration ... so that I can study the situation very quickly and sign their pardons or commutations on Day One,” Trump said.

“Never again will the federal government be used to target religious believers.”

“It was God-fearing patriots like you who built this country, and it is God-fearing patriots like you who are going to save our country,” Trump added. “Americans of faith are not a threat to our country; Americans of faith are the soul of our country.”

“The radical left is coming after all of us, because they know that our allegiance is not to them; our allegiance is to our country and to our Creator,” Trump said.

In response to the imprisonment of these pro-lifers, who are not even all the pro-lifers currently behind bars or under house arrest, and buoyed by President Trump’s promise, LifeSiteNews [published a petition](#) in March 2024 asking the then-candidate to do the following:

Grant a full pardon of all charges and convictions of the arrested pro-lifers, which will immediately release them and protect them from any attached penalties.

Pledge to de-federalize prosecution of pro-life rescuers.

Never allow any DOJ and FBI employee who had anything to do with pro-life persecutions to hold a job in Federal Law Enforcement again, including agents who conducted raids by “obeying orders” and thus showing themselves unfit to wield such power.

This week LifeSiteNews received a message from one of the pro-life prisoners, Jonathan Darnel, indicating that he would be “elated” if Donald Trump was elected again and writing that the president had promised “several times ... to release all anti-abortion rescuers incarcerated for violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act.”

“That means, God willing, I could be home by February to help my family during an especially difficult time and return to the incredibly vital work of abolishing child killing.”