

**MASSES FOR JANUARY 18-24**

Monday, 18	8:30 am	(SF)	<b>No Mass</b> Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110: 1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday, 19	8:30 am	(SJ)	<b>Rob Gibas (Rick, Marian, &amp; Nate Barker)</b> Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111: 1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday, 20	8:30 am	(SF)	<b>For the People</b> Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday, 21	8:30 am	(SJ)	<b>John Abdalla (Family Friend)</b> Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday, 22	8:30 am	(SF)	<b>Matthew Barcus (Janice McClain)</b> Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday, 23	5:00 pm	(SF)	<b>Judith Papandrea (Wanda Hughes)</b> Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21 (Daily Readings)
Sunday, 24	9:00 am	(SJ)	<b>Mary Smurda (CWC of Toronto)</b>
	11:00 am	(SF)	<b>Mary Petras (Tom &amp; Judy Koehnlein)</b> Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

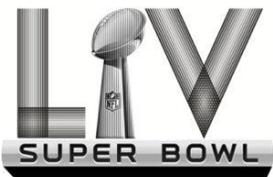
**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**WEDNESDAY:** Parish School of Religion – 6:00pm (SJH)  
**SATURDAY:** Confessions – 10:30am (SJ)

**As of 12/30/2021:** Due to COVID-19, hospitals have restricted visitation, except for anointing the sick. Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. If you or a family member becomes hospitalized, please be sure to contact the rectory.



**Respect Life Mass And Candlelight Rosary:** Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will be offering a Respect Life Mass and Candlelight Rosary at Holy Family Church in Steubenville on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 6:00 PM. All are invited to join in praying for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. Please contact Joseph Schmidt, Director of the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life with any questions ([jschmidt@diosteub.org](mailto:jschmidt@diosteub.org) or 740-516-9270).



**Super Bowl LV (55) will be held on Sunday, Feb. 7th!** Please remember to pick out your squares for the **Super Bowl Pool** this weekend. The cost is \$20 a square and 8 prizes of various amounts will be awarded. The squares sell fast. If you are getting a square for a non-parishioner, please put your name in the **Sold By** column on the contact information sheet. If you are unable to get a square after Mass, the list is at the Rectory during the week, feel free to purchase one there.

**Thought for the Week:**

*We need more peace, to stay in harmony with our brethren*  
*-We need more smiles,*  
*to brighten up our day,*  
*-We need more hero's, and not zero's,*  
*-We need more change of ourselves, to change the lives of others*  
 ~ **Michael Bassey Johnson**



**CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis:** Adult: \$2,835.00; Loose: \$50.00; Candles: \$57.00; Building: \$550.00; Solemnity of Mary: \$52.00; Christmas: \$40.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: \$1,920.00; Loose: \$40.00; Candles: \$20.00; Christmas: \$70.00; Immaculate Conception: \$35.00; Solemnity of Mary: \$40.00; Building: \$188.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for January 10<sup>th</sup>:** Saturday 5:00pm: 61; Sunday: 9:00am – 53; 11:00am – 58.

**MASSES:** For Fr. Mario Tizziani by Tom & Judy Koehnlein; Greg & Gloria Zamborsky.

**MEMORIALS:** To St. Joseph Church in memory of Fr. Mario Tizziani by Jerry & Ginny Popson; Linda Burkey; to St. Francis Church in memory of Dick Carter, Dee Fouts, Theresa Demko, & Fr. Mario Tizziani by Anka Buratynski.

 Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine “Katie” Tizziani. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Tizziani family. May Katie live in the eternal light of Christ.

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
By The Faithful Disciple*

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

**GROW:** Have you ever seen *The Good Place*? While clearly not theologically accurate, it is a thought-provoking Netflix comedy that focuses on four good but flawed characters who meet in the afterlife. I can relate to the character of Chidi, who strives to live a moral life but is crippled by indecisiveness. Do I buy the brown shoes or the black ones? Should I order the salad or the salmon? And I still can't decide on a career! So I'm amazed at John and the disciples in today's Gospel. John immediately recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God. Hearing this, do the disciples ask for a second opinion or draw up a pros and cons list? Nope. They follow him. They recognize the Messiah and act. Their response of faith challenges me to think less and do more, to worry less and pray more. We may not see Jesus in his human form walking by, but we can see his image in others, and hear him through the Scriptures and at Mass. Let us pray for the grace to respond wholeheartedly.

### **GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

**GO:** Everyone loves an invitation, though perhaps we've forgotten what those are like during these months of pandemic. Today's readings remind me that, pandemic notwithstanding, we all have a standing invitation from God; it's up to us to respond. When Samuel heard God's voice in the night, he listened. In today's responsorial psalm, we hear, "Here I am Lord; I come to do your will." And the Gospel tells us how the disciples dropped everything to follow Jesus. Through prayer, we, too can listen for God's voice and respond. And, just as Eli realized God was calling Samuel and John encouraged the disciples, we can accompany others. By sharing our experience and inviting others to share the way Jesus has spoken to them, we can encourage one another as we seek to turn our lives over to God.

**STUDY:** Many of us slow down a bit during these wintry months after the holidays. Why not use our "down time" to listen to God's word, not only by attending Mass in-person or online, but through popular apps like iMissal and Word on Fire. Invite friends to do the same and then hold each other accountable by initiating an online group to discuss each week's readings.