

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN

### Sunday of the Word of God 24 January 2021

In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, **Aperuit illis** Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. He had already proposed something similar at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

Here, we are reminded of the teaching of Saint Ephrem: "Who is able to understand, Lord, all the richness of even one of your words? There is more that eludes us than what we can understand. We are like the thirsty drinking from a fountain. Your word has as many aspects as the perspectives of those who study it. The Lord has coloured his word with diverse beauties, so that those who study it can contemplate what stirs them. He has hidden in his word all treasures, so that each of us may find a richness in what he or she contemplates" (Commentary on the Diatessaron, 1, 18).

### POPE FRANCIS INTENTION JANUARY 2021

Pray with Pope Francis for Human Fraternity that the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

### WEEK OF PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY 2021

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17.** We are invited to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - Psalter Week 3. 24th January 2021  
**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

### Mass Times - Webcam only

**Weekdays:** 10am only.  
**Saturday:** 10am & 7pm (Vigil)  
**Sunday:** 10am & 12 noon

### Mass Saturday, 23rd January 7.00pm Vigil:

Aubrey Mc Closkey RIP, Anniversary

**Masses Sunday 24th January**  
10.00am. Celebrants intentions  
12 noon. Jim Cooney 30th RIP Anniv.

**Remembrance / Anniversaries**  
Joan Sweeney 1st Anniv / Jim Cooney  
30th Anniv./ Aubrey Mc Closkey /  
James Mannix  
Nora, John & Martin O'Mahony / Bess,  
Christy, Davy, Gerry & Jim Healy

**May they rest in peace.**

**Thank you for your support and  
generosity.**

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**A Happy and Healthy 2021 to you and loved ones.**

Fr Alphonse Sekongo, SMA, PP.