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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | FEBRUARY 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HE WENT UP THE
MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN
TO TEACH.

— MATTHEW 5:1 —



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Readings for today extol the many blessings that God wants to shower on those who are humble and faithful to Him, not out of fear of punishment or servitude, but out of love. Those who do so are called "disciples" (at least in the New Testament). This designates a certain loyalty. WE are the disciples of today, and it behooves us to listen and take note. Let us see how this is illustrated in all of the readings.

In the 1st Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah (2:3, 3:12-13), the Prophet is preaching to the people of Judah during the last years of the Jewish monarchy (late 7th century BC) imploring them to "*seek the Lord in humility and obedience.*" Otherwise, there will be only a small "*remnant*" left to carry on their heritage. Unfortunately, the Prophet's words fell on deaf ears, and the country was exiled to Babylon. After fifty years in exile, a small remnant (of Jews) did return, humbled and contrite. They had no recourse but to "*take refuge in the name of the Lord.*"

The Responsorial Psalm (146:6-10) is a prayer that appears to be answers to prayers. Essentially, they are promises of what God will do for those who are humble and faithful to Him. We have learned that God's love is eternal, but mankind has difficulty in taming his own nature, his desires and his wants, to conform to the Lord's ways of doing things. However, that is what we are being asked to do. Lent (which is coming soon) is the perfect time to review and adjust our wayward journey through life.

In the 2nd Reading, from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:26-31), Paul is addressing new converts who have come from a pagan background and have found new life in Jesus Christ. Paul is saying that it is not necessary to be rich or famous or highly educated to be a true disciple of Christ. All it takes is sincerity, honesty and most of all humility.

In the Gospel Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (5:1-12a), we hear the familiar list of Beatitudes or blessings. Because they are so familiar, we often let them slip over our ears without really taking them in or trying to understand them. However, if we were to change the first few words from "*Blessed are...*" (or, in some Bibles it reads, "*Happy are...*") to something more common such as "*The reward of a disciple is.....*" and then go on, we would get a better idea of what Jesus is saying and promising to His disciples. Let me demonstrate:

The reward of a true disciple who is poor in spirit, his (or hers) is the kingdom of heaven.

The reward of a true disciple who mourns or suffers, he (or she) will be comforted.

The reward of a true disciple who is meek and humble, he (or she) will inherit the land.

I am sure that you get the idea now. Jesus is ready to give all that we need in this life for entry into eternal life if we are true and faithful to Him, His teachings and His Church. There is so much more that we can learn about Jesus Christ and what better time to begin than **NOW!**

Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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FEBRUARY 1, 2026 | 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling.

Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling. No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

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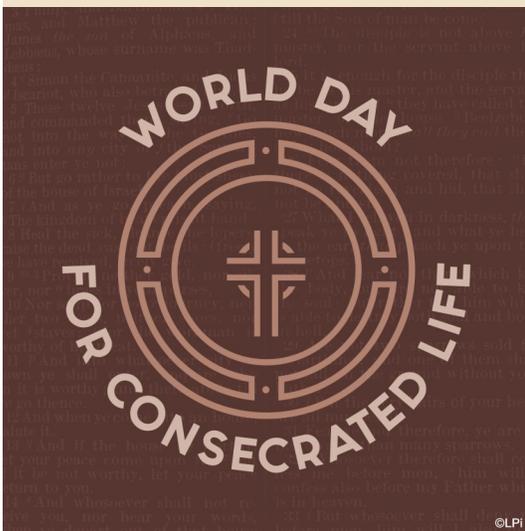
FIRST READING: But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

PSALM: Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Ps 146)

SECOND READING: Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. (1 Cor 1:27)

GOSPEL: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

February

Sunday - February 1st - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Bob Parker

Requested by: Laura Parker

Monday - February 2nd - The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

8:30 am - †Leonard Findish

Requested by: Bosse Family

Tuesday - February 3rd - St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased of the Parish

Saturday - February 7th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †Chris Sadodowski

Requested by: Marilyn Mercurio

Sunday - February 8th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

10:00 am - †Marceline (Marcie) Downie

Requested by: Sue & Jim Jesko

Calendar of EVENTS

February 3rd & 5th - Pierogi Production from 9am - 2 pm

February 6th - Parish Events Team Meeting at 3:30 pm in the Social Hall

February 7th & 8th - Weekend for World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2nd, & in parishes next weekend. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, & be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ & respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

February 14th - Tickets on Sale Now! Get them after weekend Masses!

Join us for our **Reverse Raffle and Valentine Feast by Pogie** immediately following Mass in the Social Hall. Elevator is available. Get your tickets **before February 6th. Don't miss this fun time!**

(See page 6 for more details)

March 7th - 1st Saturday of the Monday Dinners are Back! Dine in or

Carry out **Spaghetti Dinner** in the Social Hall from 4:45-6:30 pm

(More info in next week's bulletin)



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 7th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty R., Jerry D., Pam W.

Sunday, February 8th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Steve B., Karen B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., David L.

OFFERTORY REPORT

NEW FISCIAL YEAR & BUDGET (7/1/25-6/30/26)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$ 6,347.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (1/4/2025) \$ 5,561.20
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (1/11/2025) \$ 4,300.00
 7/1/2025 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - (\$29,877.92)

THE CROSS
OF JESUS
IS NEAR

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.

NEED A MASS INTENTION?

We are scheduling Masses for March to June 2026. Schedule by calling, 440-288-0106 ext. 221. Please leave a message with your name, date of intention wanted, name of intention & your phone number. We will call you back when scheduling is complete. *Requests will be honored in the order we receive them.*

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In order to keep our bulletin prayer requests current, we will only be keeping people on the prayer list for 6 months at a time. **Beginning on February 2nd, we will begin this process.** If you have someone currently on the prayer list and you would like them to remain for the next 6 months, please call the office and let us know. Thank you for your prayers!



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Scott Barnes	Janet Baxter	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Pete Cetovich	Lynn Coscho
Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Dominic Doré	Denise Ellis	Diane Fate	Deacon Jose Flores
Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Joe Gluvna	Brian Grace
Dan George	Renee Golowenski	Carol Gonzales	Jillian Gonzalez	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley
Judy Hromada	Bob Humphrey	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson	Iris Pearl Jackson	Al Jacobs
Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Tina Lascko	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter	Dean Martin III	Rita McConley
Sandra Merkly	Frank Murphy	Jim "Daddy-o" Naugle	Mary Nazario	Joan Paterniti	Raul, Maria & Leti Patino
Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Judy Smith	Mother & Dad Spanos	Emily Stefan
Jace Tokarczyk	Nevaeh Torres	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Linda Vrbancic
Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka			

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests, Linda: 440-667-9050 or Terri, 440-320-3272

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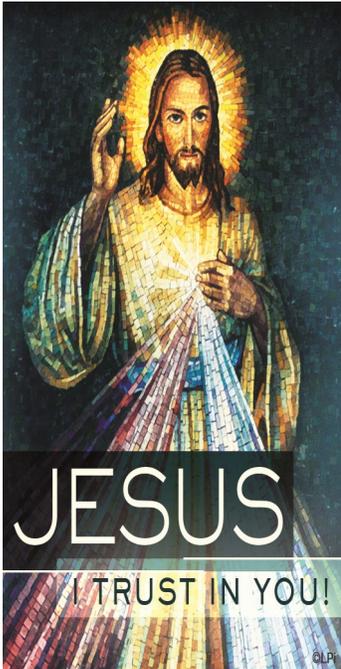
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“The Word of God permeates the Sacred Liturgy and the Word Incarnate, Jesus in the Flesh, is made present at every Mass. We might say that every word of Sacred Scripture points to what happens on the altar - Jesus Christ, the Word of God, is made present really and truly in the Blessed Sacrament. We can say that every time we come to Mass, the Lord in the Flesh is presented in the temple. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, our eyes, our ears and our hearts must be opened to His entrance to His Eucharistic Presence at Mass.” ~Most Reverend William J. Waltersfield, Bishop of Pittsburg



“Consecrated men and women called by that very consecration to more prolonged contemplation: never forget that Jesus in the tabernacle wants you to be at His side, so that He can fill your hearts with the experience of His friendship which alone gives meaning and fulfillment to your lives.”

~St. John Paul II, Mane Nobiseum Domine - Stay with us, Lord



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

My daughter, I have inclined My Heart to your requests. Your assignment and duty here on earth is to beg for mercy for the whole world. No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy, and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy. On that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy. I am making you the [dispenser] of My mercy. Tell the confessor that the Image is to be on view in the church and not within the enclosure in that convent. By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so, let every soul have access to it (Diary, 570).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus I unite myself with St. Faustina, the dispenser of Your Mercy, to beg for mercy on the whole world. May every soul have access to the image of You as the Divine Mercy and to the Feast of Mercy. Amen.

Get daily meditations emailed to you at forms.thedivinemercy.org/dmdsignup/.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM [PROLIFECORNER.COM](https://www.prolifecorner.com)

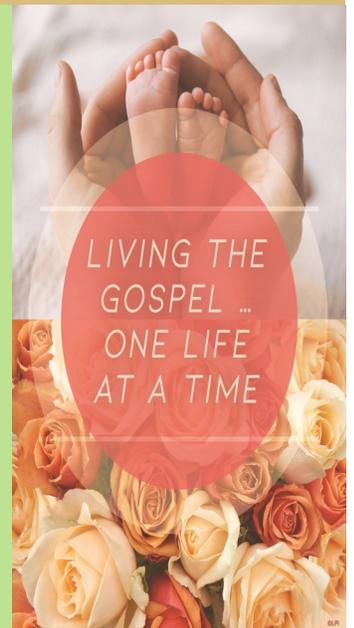
The Pro-Life Corner started in 1985 & at that time we believed that soon the atrocity of abortion on demand would no longer exist in America. **We were so very wrong.**

The sad reality is babies are still dying from abortions every day in our nation. Abortion is a popular & common form of birth control. Also the increased use of the “pill”, which is an abortifacient & causes thousands of abortions each day in America alone, is ending the lives of so many babies; the government sanctioned & taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood is another part of this ongoing war on the unborn.

Think about this:

“The right to life is the first among human rights...Every child that is born brings hope to the world and is a reminder that God is not tired of humanity.” – Pope Francis

We must continue to pray constantly for an end to this evil & for an end to euthanasia & assisted suicide since they take so many lives each year. We must not get discouraged because strides have been made so we must keep on doing everything we can to help save lives.



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Salad, Dessert & Beverages

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For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. You can view our local Grief Resources & our monthly Bereavement e-newsletter there as well. For more information or questions, call Renee at 216-930-4866.

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