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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | JANUARY 25, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HAVE SEEN
A GREAT
LIGHT.

— MATTHEW 4:16 —

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 take a turn away from some of the familiar stories and give us some background on the beginning of Jesus' teachings. Did you ever wonder why Jesus started His teachings, His public ministry, in the northern part of Israel? Jerusalem in the south was the most important city at that time. Why didn't He start there? Nazareth and Capernaum were small hill towns in the north. Even Nathaniel, one of Jesus' first disciples, said, *"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"* (See *John 1:46*) In ancient Israel, Nazareth was in the land of Zebulun and Capernaum was in the Land of Naphtali. These were major crossroads of trade at one time, and the area was full of people from all over the world. Even the Jews of that region were more cosmopolitan and open to new ideas than the people of southern Israel (in the area around Jerusalem). So, the readings for today tell us about being open to new ideas particularly when they come from the Holy Spirit.

In the First Reading, from the Prophet Isaiah (8:23-9:3), we hear how God, through the Prophet, chastised the territories of Zebulun and Naphtali for their wickedness in abandoning God in favor of riches from trade. At the same time, He promises that if they turn away from their evil ways He will again shine a *"great light upon them"* and *"they will rejoice as at the time of the harvest."* Unfortunately, this did not happen in their lifetime because they refused to open their hearts and minds to God. We might say that when Jesus lived in the region, He was *"the light."* Unfortunately, they didn't accept Him either.

The Responsorial Psalm (27:1-14) is a prayer of hope and trust in God and His ways. Left to ourselves we would surely end up as the people of Zebulun and Naphtali did, enslaved by the enemy. This is a prayer that we should all say frequently.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:10-17). In this passage, Paul tells us that there are many people *"out there"* who seem to be intelligent or important in some way, and they demand our attention to follow them to riches and happiness. However, as John the Baptist does in today's readings and as St. Paul does in the *"Second Reading,"* we should listen for the voice of God in Jesus Christ through scripture and the Holy Spirit. This is where the true *"great light"* will come from.

In the Gospel Reading, from the Gospel of Matthew (4:12-23), we hear how Jesus chose to begin His ministry by selecting men from the northern regions who were open to new ideas and discussions. The people of the south, around Jerusalem, were too set in their ways, grounded in the Law of Moses and controlled by the teachings of the Pharisees.

Are we also to set in our ways to be open to Christ's calling us to something new or different in our life? So often we hear good church-going people say: *"I'm not getting anything out of Mass,"* or *"I don't know why I go to church. It is so repetitious and boring."* Perhaps it is because they forget that worshipping means giving your time, your attention and your life to God and then listening for Him to speak to your heart. That is when it becomes exciting, and that is when you will realize that you got *"something out"* of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Just something to think about during your prayer time this week.

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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JANUARY 25, 2026 | 3RD 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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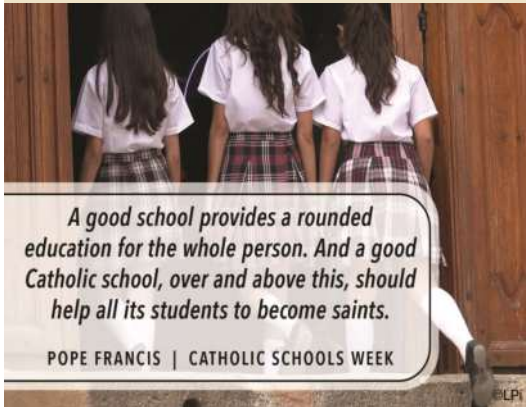
FIRST READING: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; (Is 9:1)

PSALM: The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

SECOND READING: I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

GOSPEL: He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 25, 2026

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

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



Sunday - January 25th - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

10:00 am - †Dineen Stack

Requested by: Alan & Marybeth Brailer

Monday - January 26th - Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:30 am - †OPEN INTENTION - *Call to schedule*

Tuesday - January 27th - St. Angela Merici, Virgin

8:30 am - †OPEN INTENTION - *Call to schedule*

Saturday - January 31st - St. John Bosco, Priest

4:00 pm - †Deceased Members of the Csillag Family

Requested by: Alan & Marybeth Brailer

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

10:00 am - †Bob Parker

Requested by: Laura Parker

Calendar of EVENTS

January 25th - Collection for the Church of Latin America.

Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables 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 in the special collection! **See your monthly envelopes for a Church of Latin America envelope** or to learn more visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

January 27th & 29th - Pierogi Production from 9am - 2 pm

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

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)



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 31st at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Jacob J.

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne C., Lynne K., Pam W.

Sunday, February 1st at 10:00 am

Lectors: Steve B., Karen B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., David L.

OFFERTORY REPORT

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

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$ 6,347.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (12/25/2025) \$ 5,561.20
 7/1/2025 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - (\$27,830.92)

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.



CONTRIBUTION CHECKS

When you write a contribution check in your monthly envelopes, **please be sure to make them payable to St. Anthony**. When you contribute for a special collection such as St. Vincent de Paul, we deposit the check and write them a check monthly. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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**

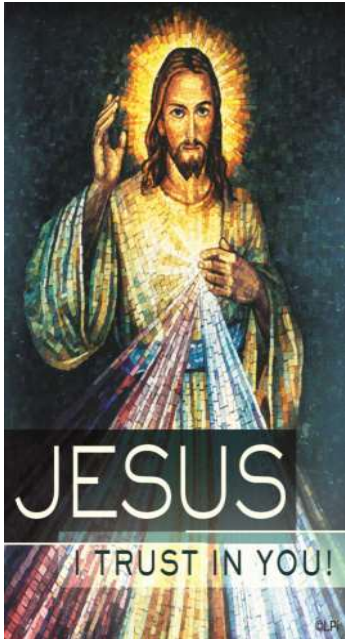
ADORATION CHAPEL

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR, FRANCE, 1567-1622 - FEAST DAY: JANUARY 24TH

'We might wonder what practical suggestions Saint Francis de Sales gives for approaching the sacramental love of God who approaches us first.

In his "Introduction to the Devout Life," de Sales describes what he calls the 'short method of meditation.' "Within this method, he suggests two primary points of preparation: (1) place yourself in the presence of God, and (2) invoke God's assistance through meditative prompts for Eucharistic Adoration."

To place yourself in the presence of God: Remember that God is not only in the place where you are but also that He is present in a most particular manner in your heart and in the very center of your spirit. Use your imagination to represent to yourself the Savior in His Sacred Humanity as if He were near us just as we sometimes imagine a friend to be present. If the most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar is present, then Christ's presence is Real and not purely imaginary.'



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - A WAY TO BEG

After Communion, I heard the voice saying, **My daughter, look into the abyss of My mercy and give praise and glory to this mercy of Mine. Do it in this way: Gather all sinners from the entire world and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. I want to give Myself to souls; I yearn for souls, My daughter. On the day of My feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of My mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them** (*Diary, 206*).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for teaching us a way to beg for Your mercy on souls. As the Church, we, Your Body, immerse them in the ocean of Your mercy — "baptizing" them in Your mercy. We plunge all fainting souls in the world into the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.

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

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM [PROLIFECORNER.COM](https://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.**

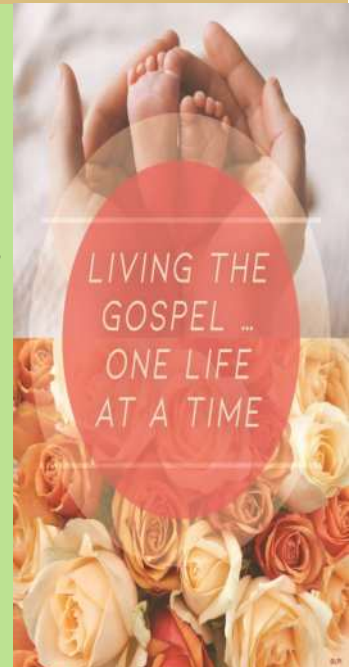
The sad reality is babies are still dying from abortions every day in our nation. Abortion is a popular & common form of birth control. Also the increased use of the "pill", which is an abortifacient & causes thousands of abortions each day in America alone, is ending the lives of so many babies; the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

Think about this:

"He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetuate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."

~Martin Luther King, Jr. Abortion is evil.

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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We urgently need to fill these dates in January & February:

Monday, January 26th, Tuesday, January 27th, Monday, February 23rd & Tuesday, February 24th

NEWS FROM THE ROCK CATHOLIC RADIO?

New Year, New Location, New Website, but the Same Rock! **The Rock has moved.** On January 2nd, we officially moved our offices next door to **155 Ken Mar Industrial Parkway.**

We ask for your prayers as we continue this transition, and we hope you will come visit us - on the radio and in person!

Our website has moved also! With the acquisition of AM 930 and FM 100.3, simulcasting to the Medina and Lorain Counties, we updated our website to rockcatholicradio.com.

Scan the QR code and give it a look!





You Are Cordially Invited To A....

♥ Reverse Raffle and Valentine Feast! ♥

50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes, Cupid & St. Valentine Stories with our own Deacon Paul!!

 **Saturday, February 14th, 2026**

 **5:00pm-8:00pm**

 **St. Anthony Social Hall – Lorain, OH**
(Elevator access available)

Advance Reservation Price

Adults: \$18

(\$20 if purchased after January 31st)

Children (12 & under): \$15

Reservation Price Includes:

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♥ **Cash bar for beer and pop** ♥

JOIN THE FUN!!!

Reverse Raffle Numbers \$10 each—winner(s) takes home or splits a portion of the pot!
Consolation prizes awarded along the way

Paid Reservation needed before FEBRUARY 6th

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