

**OUR LADY
OF LOURDES**
CATHOLIC CHURCH
AND SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 1, 2026
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**



RECONCILIATION

Wed. 12:00-12:30pm Sat. 3:00-3:45pm
& after 8:30am Mass
Also available by appointment.
Call: 919-861-4600

MASS TIMES

Sat. 8:30am, 5:00pm Sun. 9:00am, 11:30am,
1:30pm (Español), 5:00pm
Mon-Fri. 8:30am 1st Fri. 6:00pm
Jueves. 6:30pm (Español)

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is open 24/7

For Baptism, Matrimony and
Anointing, please call the
parish office.

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of time, talent and treasure.

Parish Feast Day Upcoming: February 11th The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

You are invited to join your parish family in praying the Nine Day Novena of Our Lady of Lourdes, which begins this Monday, February 2nd.

This QR code will take you directly to the Novena with the prayers for all nine days on the America Needs Fatima website.



CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

8:30am - † Diane Walsh
5:00pm - † John Monk

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00am - † Beatrice Hamilton
11:30am - † Ed Macko
(Español) 1:30pm - *Pro Populo*
5:00pm - † Broderick Bello

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:30am - † Pete Floyd

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:30am - † Diego Barrera Martinez
& Rosemary Pizzolato & family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30am - † Broderick Bello
& for an end to abortion and the culture of death in our country

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:30am - † Dcn. Tom Mack
(Español) 6:30pm - † Alejo Jaimes Gonzales

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

FIRST FRIDAY

8:30am - † Paul Verderber
& † Broderick Bello
6:00pm - *First Friday Mass*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

FIRST SATURDAY

8:30am - † Greg Hobbs
5:00pm - † Frank Bonavita

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00am - † Frank Clark
11:30am - Sloane Griffin
(Español) 1:30pm - *Pro Populo*
5:00pm - † Bobby Warren

Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4pm

Website

ourladyoflourdescc.org

OLL Flocknote

ollraleigh.flocknote.com

Adoration Chapel

oll.weadorehim.com

THE MISSION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH
is to invite and lead all people to know and love Jesus Christ and to live their Catholic faith through word, sacrament, community, evangelization and service.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

SANCTUARY CANDLES

A 14-day
CHURCH SANCTUARY
CANDLE
will burn
for the repose of the
souls of all the faithful
departed

A 14-day
CHAPEL SANCTUARY
CANDLE
will burn
for the personal
intentions of Dennis &
Linda Redoblado

Pro-Life Corner

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2018-19 Respect Life Reflection



10th
Annual
Cinderella's
DADDY-DAUGHTER
DANCE
in memory of Ella Newmiller

FRI, FEB 6, 2026 6:00-8:00PM



in the Fallon Center at OLL
for Pre-K-8th GRADE GIRLS

SPACE
IS LIMITED



Scan here
to RSVP
by February 2



Project Rachel Support Group

Abortion is experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find healing and peace. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in Mid March 2026. If you have experienced an abortion and would like (confidential) information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email:

project.rachel@raldioc.org, or go to the website:
<https://rachelinc.org>

Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

“I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the first Friday for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment.” – Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary

The First Friday and First Saturday devotions are remedies for our time provided to us by heaven itself: Our Lady of Fatima requested the First Saturday devotion and Our Lord requested the First Friday devotion, each in reparation for the wounds inflicted by the world and ourselves upon the Sacred Heart of Our Lord and the Immaculate Heart of his Mother.

Upcoming First Friday: February 6
Mass at **8:30am** (regular daily Mass time)
& **6:00pm** (First Fridays only)

Upcoming First Saturday: February 7
Mass at **8:30am** (weekly on Saturday)



**Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Church**

“Have A Heart”

MINISTRY FAIR

FEB 8, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
FALLON CENTER HALL

- Feeling called to do something more with your Catholic faith?
- Curious about what different ministries do here at Lourdes?

Stop by and check out the displays, chat with Ministry Leaders and volunteers. Enjoy some refreshments!

Let us open our hearts to the Heart of Christ, source of love and mercy

*Please Pray
for our Sick,
Suffering &
Deployed*

GARY ADLER
STEPHEN ADLER
KATHLEEN CHARLESWORTH
MYLES CHARLESWORTH
DANA CASH
ELEANORA CEFALU
ANDREW DILILLO
BARBARA GRANT
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LIZ LORSCHIEDER
BOB & JAN JOYCE
NORMA KLEITSCH
HELVI LARSON
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ED RIVEGLIA, JR.
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JOHNNY GARCIA ROJAS
JANINE SEDORE
ALLISEN SCHULT
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ANNE SUBER
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NANCY URBEN
HARRY VINCENT
SHARON WILKINSON



SACRED HEART OF JESUS
FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
February 6th

Join us for the First Friday Devotion to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to pray to defend the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

6:00 pm Holy Mass to Honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus
7:00 pm Holy Hour in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary to defend the Sanctity of Life

“Everywhere this holy image was exposed to be honored, He would pour forth His graces and blessing.” ~ St. Margaret Mary

‘Behold this Heart which has so loved men that It spared nothing, even going so far as to exhaust and consume Itself, to prove to them Its love.’

~ Jesus to St. Margaret Mary





Please join us for a



CLOW MINISTRY

social

FEB 6TH | AT 6:30 PM

Raleigh Country Club

Please join us for a fun painting night and
dinner with CLOW Ministry!

Open to all — bring a friend and enjoy a fun
evening together!

*Please RSVP using the link so we can plan
accordingly.*





THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! Seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

Companions on the Journey

Many people say there is a “crisis of male loneliness” or that we live in an era of “social isolation.” Perhaps this is true, but we can do something about it!

We are all travelers, on a journey toward our heavenly home. On this journey we all experience ups and downs, opportunities and obstacles, easy days and hard days. We are all heading toward the same destination... why go it alone? Life is easier and more joyful when you have companions on the journey.

Would you like to find some companions to accompany you on your journey?

If you are looking for fellowship with Catholic men, consider this invitation:

Join us at TMIY for six Fridays this Lent. Just six Fridays. We'll provide coffee, a light breakfast, and fellowship with men of all ages and backgrounds who share a desire to grow in their faith and strengthen each other.

Friday mornings in the Fallon Center

- 6:00am - Light breakfast and fellowship
- 6:30am - Video
- 7:00am - Small group discussion
- 7:30am - Wrap up and head to work

ALL ADULT MEN ARE WELCOME!



For more information, contact Domenic Coletti: domenic.coletti6@gmail.com



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Join us during every Friday,
to pray for the Church that Jesus gave us.

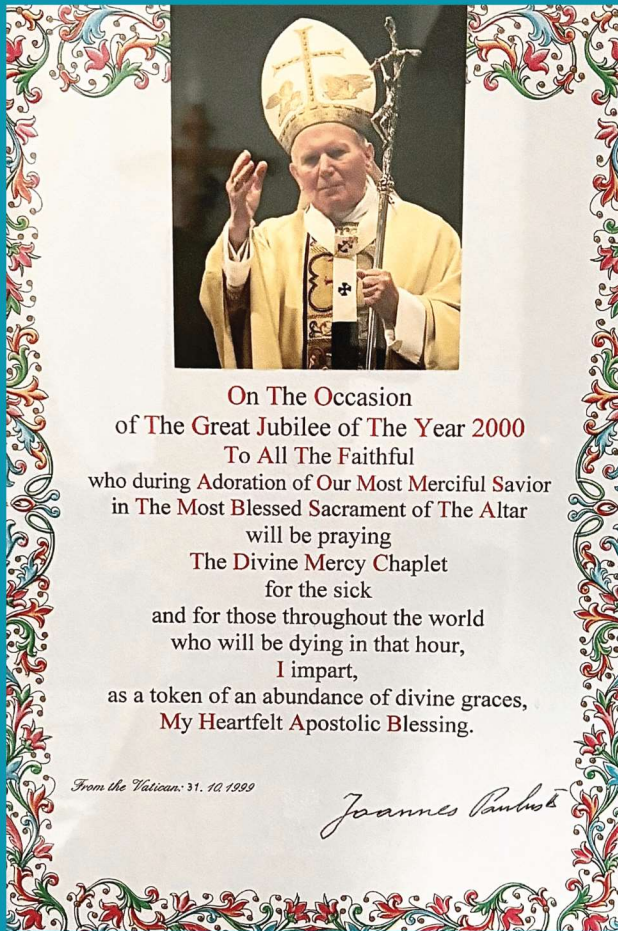
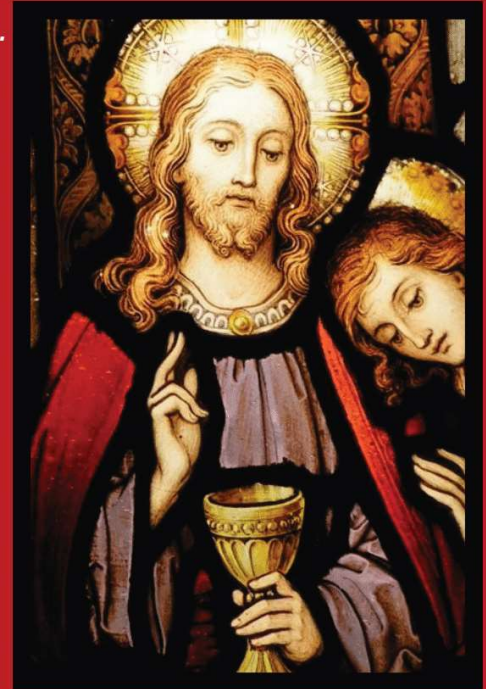


REPARATION HOLY HOUR

hope and healing for our world

Vocal prayers will be said including the Rosary,
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany to Sacred Heart of
Jesus, Precious Blood reparation prayer, Little
Chaplet of the Holy Face and more.

Every Friday night at 7:00PM
Our Lady of Lourdes
Adoration Chapel



On The Occasion
of The Great Jubilee of The Year 2000
To All The Faithful
who during Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior
in The Most Blessed Sacrament of The Altar
will be praying
The Divine Mercy Chaplet
for the sick
and for those throughout the world
who will be dying in that hour,
I impart,
as a token of an abundance of divine graces,
My Heartfelt Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican: 31. 10. 1999

Joannes Paulus II

A gift for our 30th
Anniversary of our
Perpetual Adoration
Chapel was given as a
reminder of the
Apostolic Blessing each
adorer can obtain during
their Holy Hour by
praying the Divine Mercy
Chaplet for the Sick and
the Dying during that
hour.

Thank-you,
Saint John Paul II

FEBRUARY 2

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

The Feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

"In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of great importance.

"The specific liturgy of this Candlemas feast, the blessing of candles, is not as widely celebrated as it should be, except of course whenever February 2 falls on a Sunday and thus takes precedence. There are two ways of celebrating the ceremony, either the Procession, which begins at a 'gathering place' outside the church, or the Solemn Entrance, celebrated within the church."

Until 1969, the ancient feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, which is of Oriental origin, was known in the West as the feast of the Purification of Our Lady, and closed the Christmas Cycle, forty days after the Lord's birth. This feast has for long been associated with many popular devotional exercises.

Popular piety is sensitive to the providential and mysterious event that is the conception and birth of new life. Christian mothers can easily identify with the maternity of Our Lady, the most pure Mother of the Head of the mystical Body—notwithstanding the notable differences in the Virgin's unique conception and birth.

These too are mothers in God's plan and are about to give birth to future members of the Church. From this intuition and a certain mimesis of the purification of Our Lady, the rite of purification after birth was developed, some of whose elements reflect negatively on birth.

The revised *Rituale Romanum* provides for the blessing of women both before and after birth, this latter only in cases where the mother could not participate at the baptism of her child.

It is a highly desirable thing for mothers and married couples to ask for these blessings which should be given in accord with the Church's prayer: in a communion of faith and charity in prayer so that pregnancy can be brought to term without difficulty (blessing before birth), and to give thanks to God for the gift of a child (blessing after birth).

In some local Churches, certain elements taken from the Gospel account of the Presentation of the Lord (Lk 2, 22-40), such as the obedience of Joseph and Mary to the Law of the Lord, the poverty of the holy spouses, the virginity of Our Lady, mark out 2 February as a special feast for those at the service of the brethren in the various forms of consecrated life.

The feast of 2 February still retains a popular character. It is necessary, however, that such should reflect the true Christian significance of the feast. It would not be proper for popular piety in its celebration of this feast to overlook its Christological significance and concentrate exclusively on its Marian aspects. The fact that this feast should be 'considered [...] a joint memorial of Son and Mother' would not support such an inversion. The candles kept by the faithful in their homes should be seen as a sign of Christ 'the light of the world' and an expression of faith.

FEbruary 3

ST. BLAISE

St. **Blaise** was a physician and Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia. He lived in a cave on Mount Argeus and was a healer of men and animals. According to legend, sick animals would come to him on their own for help, but would never disturb him at prayer.

Agricola, governor of Cappadocia, came to Sebaste to persecute Christians. His huntsmen went into the forests of Argeus to find wild animals for the arena games, and found many waiting outside Blaise's cave. Discovered in prayer, Blaise was arrested, and Agricola tried to get him to recant his faith. While in prison, Blaise ministered to and healed fellow prisoners, including saving a child who was choking on a fish bone; this led to the blessing of throats on Blaise's feast day.

Thrown into a lake to drown, Blaise stood on the surface and invited his persecutors to walk out and prove the power of their gods; they drowned. When he returned to land, he was martyred by being beaten, his flesh torn with wool combs (which led to his association with and patronage of those involved in the wool trade), and then beheading.

Blaise has been extremely popular for centuries in both the Eastern and Western Churches and many cures were attributed to him, notably that of a child who was suffocating through a fish bone being caught in his throat. In 1222 the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labour in England on his feast. He is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. He is invoked for all throat afflictions, and on his feast two candles are blessed with a prayer that God will free from all such afflictions and every ill all those who receive this blessing.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

On the Gospel of this day, Matthew 5:1-12

At the end of the Gospel of the Beatitudes, the poor appear as the privileged ones in the discourse, the definitive, true protagonists in the story.

The first recipients of the Beatitudes are, in fact, the 'poor in spirit', an expression that indicates those who have their hearts and consciences directed intimately to Our Lord. They are the expression of the just who are tried by moments of suffering and difficulties. However, they are called 'blessed' and 'happy' because God's merciful and compassionate gaze rests on them. These are the poor that the Bible text really refers to. The poor in the Bible are the humbled, the 'anawim', who bear a burden on their shoulders. They are given God's favor and because of this the Word identifies them as just, meek and humble. All kinds of attitudes are included in the eight beatitudes. This way the true significance of the 'just poor' is revealed; the ones who don't confide mainly in themselves but in God. The poor are those who detach themselves concretely and interiorly from the possession of persons and things and above all of themselves. The poor don't find security in the gods of this world like success, power or pride but the true Lord God in Heaven.

Thus, the poor, meek and humble become a scandal before the world because they witness that one can found our lives on God, with the same certainty of His constant presence and so they confirm the existence and works of God. Each one of us is invited to verify where our certainty rests and if our daily life and actions proclaim God's efficacious presence in the world.



—From the Dicastery for the Clergy