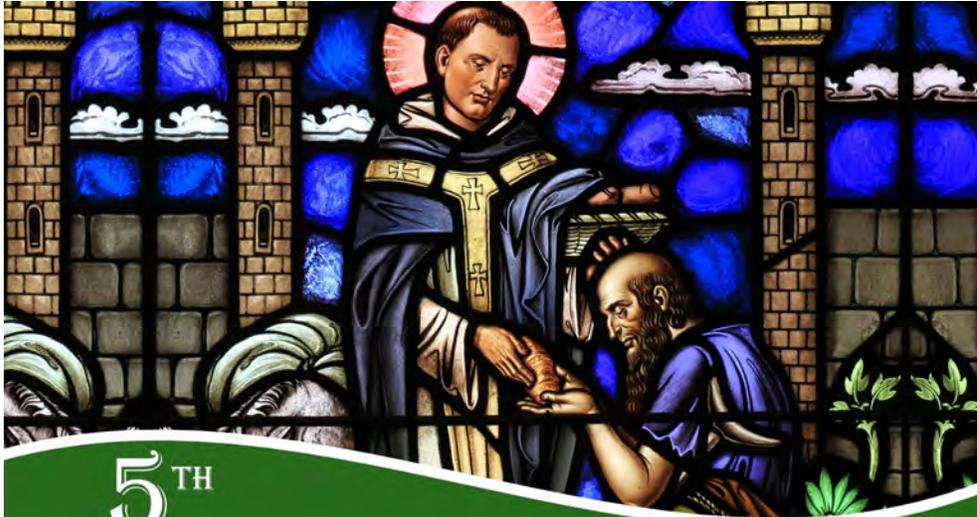


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5TH

SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:14,16

MASS SCHEDULE | HORARIO DE MISA

Lord's Day Masses | Misas del Día del Señor

Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Español) & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses | Misas de la Semana

Wednesday – Friday: 8:15 a.m.

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Holy Days | Días Festivos

Feast: 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | Adoración de la Eucaristía

First Thursday of the month | Primer jueves del mes

8:30am -6:30 p.m.

PARISH INFO | INFORMACIÓN

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FOOD PANTRY | DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

Harlow Street Entrance | 2nd Floor

4th Monday of the Month | 4^o Lunes del Mes

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

February | Febrero

8

2026

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Mass Intentions | Intenciones Para Las Misas

February | Febrero 7 Saturday | Sábado

4:00 p.m. James Postale (9th ann.) † Req by Family

February | Febrero 8 Sunday | Domingo

9:00 a.m. Fr. Walter Riley † Req by Family

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p. m. Homebound Parishioners

February | Febrero 11 Wednesday | Miércoles

8:15 a.m. Safety & Protection of All Law Enforcement

February | Febrero 12 Thursday | Jueves

8:15 a.m. Safety & Protection of All First Responders

7:00 p.m.

February | Febrero 13 Friday | Viernes

8:15a.m. Safety & Protection of All Medical Professionals

February | Febrero 14 Saturday | Sábado

4:00 p.m. Bridget McKinnon (9th ann.) †

Req by Donna McKinnon

February | Febrero 15 Sunday | Domingo

9:00 a.m. Paul & Mary Bastardi †

Req by Sharon & Angelo Dagnello

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p. m. Alan Larivee † Req by Family

If you wish to have a mass said for either the living or deceased or for a particular intention, please call the office.

Si usted desea alguna misa por algún motivo especial o por el alma de algún ser querido, favor de llamar a la rectoría de la parroquia.



RECONCILIATION | RECONCILIACIÓN

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. or by appointment

BAPTISM | BAUTISMO

Please call the office at least 2 months prior to the anticipated date. Favor de comunicarse con la oficina por lo menos 2 meses antes del bautismo.

MARRIAGE | MATRIMONIO

Please call the office at least 9 months prior to the anticipated date. Favor de comunicarse con la oficina por lo menos 9 meses antes de la boda.

Weekly Collection | Colecta Semanal

4:00.p.m.	\$614.00
9:00 a.m.	\$699.00
11:00 a.m.	\$588.00
5:00 p.m.	\$212.00
Mail-Ins	\$165.00
Online Contribution	\$311.55
Collection Sub-Total	\$2,589.55

We are deeply grateful to all who financially support the work of our parish community. May God help us to be responsible stewards of the material and spiritual goods that have been given to our parish.

Agradecemos profundamente a todos los que apoyan financiando el trabajo de nuestra comunidad parroquial. Dios nos ayude a ser administradores responsables de los bienes materiales y espirituales que se han dado a nuestra parroquia.

Word & Eucharist 304 | Palabra y Eucaristia 305

Journeysongs: 940

Entrance Hymn: 692

Offertory Hymn: 632

Communion Hymn: 626

Recessional Hymn: 430



*Readings
To-Go!*

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2026

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They shine

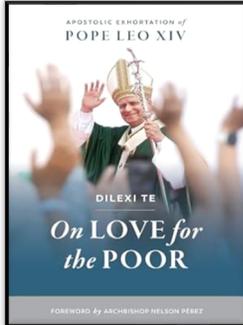
*through the darkness, a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and just. - Psalm 112:4*

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (MATTHEW 5:16) The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God’s gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don’t put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“Hagan brillar su luz delante de todos, para que ellos puedan ver las buenas obras de ustedes y alaben al Padre que está en el cielo” (MATEO 5:16) ¡La generosidad de ser un buen administrador de sus dones tiene un efecto positivo sobre la gente y es contagioso! Las buenas obras animan a hacer más buenas obras. La generosidad es un subproducto de un estilo de vida agradecido. Cuanto más reconocemos los dones de Dios, más queremos compartílos. Los buenos administradores reconocen que Dios obra a través de ellos y no se ponen por encima de las personas a las que Dios los ha llamado a ayudar.



Pope Leo's First Official Exhortation
 Have you heard about Pope Leo 's first official letter to all of us? It's called *Dilexi Te* (*Latin for "I have loved you."*) First begun by Pope Frances, then continued by Pope Leo, it is a call to end poverty and work to build a future where everyone thrives. The Social Justice Committee is eager to include weekly quotations from this letter in the parish bulletin so that we may all be inspired by the faith, hope and wisdom of our new Pope.

Saint Josephine Bakhita Feast Day: February 8th



Saint Josephine Bakhita's Story

For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed.

Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of 7, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means *fortunate*. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan.

Two years later, he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine.

When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885.

Saint Josephine Bakhita entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to the city of Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and welcoming visitors at the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!"

The first steps toward her beatification began in 1959. She was beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later.

Get To Know Your Family

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Anna Castillo

Worshipping with us: 10+ years



You are the light of the world
 A city on a hill
 cannot be hidden...
 Matthew 5: 14-16

Celebremos el amor y la amistad Cantando
 Sábado 14 de Febrero de 6 a 10 pm
 Karaoke y música para divertirnos
 El pase para participar es:
 Traer algún menú delicioso o postre para compartir.
 Gym, Iglesia de San Bernardo



Congratulations to Sofia and Robson who had their marriage blessed in the church at last Sunday's 9am Mass.



February 8th
 "Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."
 USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

2026 Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference
 "Be Not Afraid" - The 25th Annual Catholic Men's Conference, will be held on Saturday, March 21 at the DCU Convention Center in Worcester. Adult Tickets are \$60 (through March 11) and Student Tickets are always \$30. All tickets include lunch. For more information regarding this year's conference & speakers, please contact Mike Buffone 508-873-4237.

Cursillo 2026
 Men – June 11-14, 2026 & December 3-6, 2026
 Women – April 9-12, 2026 & October 15-18, 2026
 For more information or an application contact:
 Mike Buffone buffit4@charter.net 508-873-4237 or
 Pat Buffone patbuffone@charter.net 508-873-5041

Important Notice:
 If there is a two-hour school delay or if school is canceled, **Daily Mass will be canceled.** Please plan accordingly.
Aviso Importante:
 Si hay un retraso de dos horas en la escuela o si la escuela se cancela, la **Misa diaria se cancelará.** Por favor, planifique en consecuencia.

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