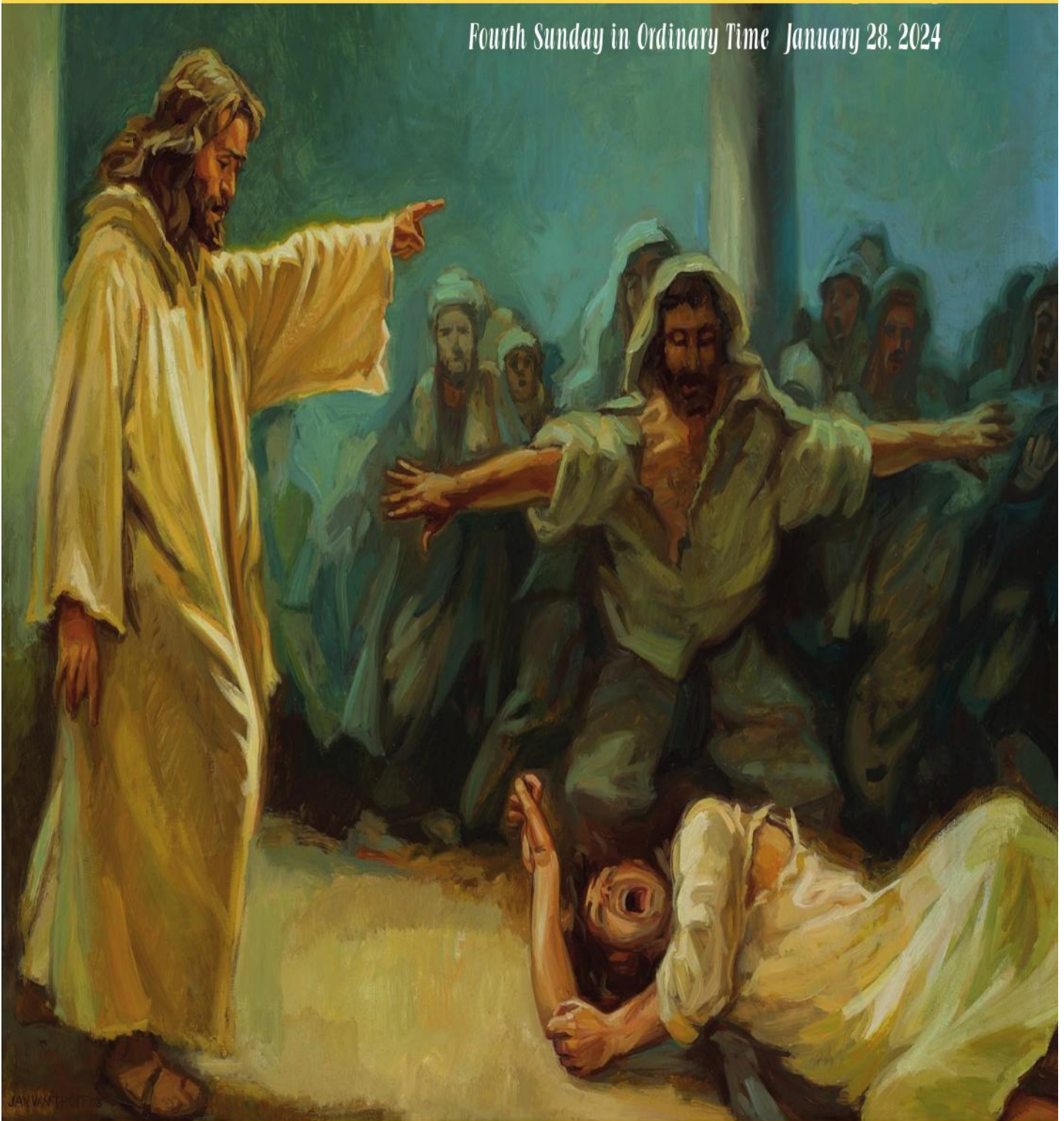


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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2024



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ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing
with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

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Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."

REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

Eucharistic Adoration—Friday begins with mass at 8:00 a.m. ends with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—Saturday 8:00 a.m.: Mass, Rosary & Confession

PSR—Sunday (Y.A.M.A.) begins with 8:30 a.m. followed by Adoration



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JANUARY

We pray the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

LENTEN MISSIONS

Deacon Reggie Seymour will speak at the Altar Society breakfast on February 17, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. Cost is only \$5.00 and deadline to register is February 9, 2024.

Archbishop Alfred Hughes will host a Lenten Mission on February 19-21 at 6:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend.

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Kathy Johnson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Maria Kalcic, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Fay Vogt, I&J Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, Barbara Galino Gonzales, Isaiah Deblanc, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Lois Leonard, Shirley Matthews, Jim Richmond, Catherine Lambert, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Wilma Walley

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 29

(2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, January 30

(2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43)

8:00 a.m. Augie & Sondra Paretti

Wednesday, January 31

(2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, February 1

(1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13)

8:00 a.m. Yvonne Tracey†

Friday, February 2

(Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32)

8:00 a.m. Danny Olson

Saturday, February 3

(1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34)

8:00 a.m. Doris Bourgeois†

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Cpt. Pete Vogt†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Sarah Stokes, Eleanor Strickland, Lawrence Otillio†, Imelda Gares†, Marlene Ragusa, Kim Tanner, Wally & Terry Goodey, Danny & Diane Bourgeois, Brenda Dehm

Sunday, February 4

(Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39)

7:00 a.m. Deacon John & Mary Joyce Howard†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Gloria Corroero†, Marie Smith†, Camila Dest, Greg & Madonna McDonald, Vicky Miller, Bonnie Aguilar†, Bert & Robyn Stephens, Aretheris Shirima†, Lyn Oberkirch†, Rosann Zollo†, Frederick Songy

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: 251

Year to Date: 887



PILGRIMAGE DAY 8 ROME (ST MARY MAJOR)

(Since we saw so much these two days, I will tell about them in several Pastors' Corners)



PASTOR'S CORNER

There is so much to see in Rome that I think it would take over a month just to take it all in.

We begin our day at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the largest church in Rome dedicated to the Blessed Mother. It even contains a relic from the manger of Jesus.

When we arrived at the Basilica one of the first things I noticed was a big elaborate bronze door. This is a Holy Door which is located on the left side of the portico and evokes the Jubilees that have taken place in Rome since the year 1300 (every 50 years, and every 25 years from 1470). The bronze door was made in 2000 and is a symbol of reconciliation with God and a new beginning. It will be reopened during the Holy Year of 2025.

This day, we began with a mass at St. Mary Major with an unexpected surprise. Pope Francis visited the side altar shrine dedicated to the blessed mother this day. He has a tradition of coming before the icon of the Blessed Mother in this Basilica and praying before and after every trip he takes. This is a Jesuit tradition going back to the time of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Unfortunately, my brother and I were changing after the mass and we did not get to see Pope Francis, but everyone else did. We heard this den of roar from the crowd and figured he must have shown up, but by the time we were able to make it out he was already gone. But no worry, we still saw him the next day at the papal audience, from a distance, unlike the others who saw him pass right in front of them in his wheel chair escorted by two Swiss guards.

My brother and I celebrated mass in one of the side chapels, the Cesi Chapel, of the Basilica. The chapel itself is a large room about a half of the size of the main room in our parish center and it went up about twenty to twenty five feet easily. The altar in this chapel was made of marble with marble columns and an arch that was slightly recessed from the rest of the room. In this side chapel were paintings of Sts. Peter and Paul, two large icons, one of the Blessed mother holding Jesus as a child and one of Jesus, the teacher. There was a painting with the trinity and God the Father holding Jesus on the cross suspended over a woman kneeling in prayer (this is a depiction of the martyrdom of Saint Catherine of Alexandria. There was a painting of the Blessed Mother surrounded by angels as if they were taking her to heaven, and more than a few other images of saints.

Saint Mary Major is the only Paleochristian Basilica to have kept its original appearance intact. The first thing inside the Basilica that stood out to me was the lack of pews or chairs. The church was wide open. Now for Sunday mass times, chairs are brought out. But since there is so much foot traffic, from visitors and pilgrims, in this major basilica they would be in the way and it would block the view of the beautiful floor designs. The side chapels, however have pews and kneelers since they are visited by people for prayer and daily mass, like we celebrated. The church itself is overwhelmingly beautiful. The ceiling is decorated in a fancy pattern of squares with flowers in the middle with the papal seal at the four corners. This is set into a pattern of squares throughout the ceiling. There are several tiles with the papal seal of the pope from the time that it was built. This is all covered in gold leaf which makes for a beautiful scene. The roof is supported by a colonnade of marble columns that is made from cipollino marble which comes from ancient warehouses and pagan buildings of worship that were demolished in the Christian era. I found this to be very interesting that what was against God, now works for God.

The main altar is situated over the relic of the crib of baby Jesus. Since this is a very well venerated relic, there is a special stairway to get to view the relic. The website of St. Mary Major has this to say about the whole crib scene? "Commissioned by Pope Pius IX (1846-78), Roman architect Virginio Vespignani built the Confessio (1861-64) in front of the Papal Altar. Vespignani used some 70 different types of marble, mostly from extractions that occurred concurrently in Rome and Ostia. The Confessio recalls the importance of Saint Mary Major as the Bethlehem of the West and as Rome's Basilica of the Nativity. Starting from the Pontificate of Theodore (642-649), native from Jerusalem, it was also known as Sancta Maria "ad Praesepe". The Title refers to the five pieces of sycamore wood (ficus sycomorus), that were part of the manger upon which Baby Jesus was laid. Recent scientific studies date the wooden pieces, which are kept in a crib-shaped crystal reliquary designed by Giuseppe Valadier (1802), to the time of Jesus' birth."

The altar is red marble of dark red marble columns, with gold covered angels one on each corner. There are four dark red marble columns supporting a canopy with gold covered angels above the altar. The arch behind the altar is covered from one side to the other with paintings of the saints. The half dome behind the altar that is painted with an image of Jesus crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary with angels all around. There really is so much to see here that you have to look at the picture provided to see it all. There are many marble statues of Jesus and the saints.

One side altar contains the oldest icon of Mary holding Jesus as a child. This is the most important Marian icon, the Salus Populi Romani. According to tradition, it was made by Saint Luke the Evangelist, the patron saint of painters. The panel, made of cedar wood, (117 x 79 cm) depicts a half-figure of Our Lady with the Child Jesus in her arms. According to a tradition reported by Cesare Baronio, the Salus Populi Romani was taken on procession through the streets of Rome for three days. Pope Gregory I (590-604) is said to have paused in prayer in front of the icon to implore for an end to the plague.

This is the icon that Pope Francis visited. The icon is surrounded by statues of angels covered in gold leaf that are made to look like they are supporting the icon, which has a gold crown above. This icon is centered over the main altar in this side chapel with a gold covered crucifix. There are six bronze candelabras on the altar.

If you want to know more about this Basilica check out the Vatican website which has a virtual tour. After this we went to the Basilica of St John Lateran. I will tell about it next week.



Bronze Door to St. Mary Major



Icon Salus Populi Romani



Main Altar St. Mary Major



Marble Statue of Mary with Jesus



Basilica of St. Mary Major



February 2024

Sts. Peter and Paul Church



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Jan 2024

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Mar 2024

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31						

1

8 am Mass
followed by Our
Lady of Perpetual
Help Novena

10 am Legion of
Mary

6:30pm Patriotic
Rosary

2

Groundhog Day

8 am 1st Fri
Mass Adoration
till 5 pm

3

8 am 1st Sat Mass
& Confessions

8 am St. Joseph
Altar baking

4:4:45 pm
Confessions

5 pm Mass

4

7-8:30-10:30 am
mass

8:30 Youth
Attend Mass &
Adoration

5

12 pm GASPP

6

8 am Mass followed
by St. Jude Novena

8 am St. Joseph Altar
baking

8:45 Rosary Group

6:30 pm RCIA I & II

7 pm Antonians

7

Confession
6:00-6:15 pm
6:30 pm Mass

8

8 am Mass
followed by Our
Lady of Perpetual
Help Novena

10 am Legion of
Mary

6:30pm Patriotic
Rosary

9

8 am Mass

10

8 am St. Joseph
Altar baking

4-4:45 pm
Confessions

5 pm Mass

Bake Sale after Mass

11

7-8:30-10:30 am
mass

Building Fund
PSR begins
with 8:30 Mass

Bake Sale

12

Lincoln's Birthday

13

8 am Mass
followed by St.
Jude Novena

8:45 Rosary
Group

14

Valentine's Day

Confession
6:00-6:15 pm
6:30 pm Mass

Lent Begins

15

8 am Mass followed
by Our Lady of Perpetual
Help Novena

10 am Legion of Mary

11 am Widows Group

6:30pm Patriotic
Rosary

9:00 Altar Society
Meeting

16

8 am Mass

Way of the
Cross:
after 8 am mass;
Noon; 6 pm

17

4-4:45 pm
Confessions

5 pm Mass

8 am Altar
Society Lenten
Breakfast

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18

Baptism

7-8:30-10:30 am
mass

PSR begins
with 8:30 Mass

Rental

19

President's Day

20

8 am Mass
followed by St.
Jude Novena

8:45 Rosary Group

6:30 pm RCIA I &
II

21

Confession
6:00-6:15 pm
6:30 pm Mass

22

Washington's Birthday
8 am Mass followed
by Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Novena

10 am Legion of
Mary

6:30pm Patriotic
Rosary

23

8 am Mass

Way of the
Cross:
after 8 am mass;
Noon; 6 pm

24

4-4:45 pm
Confessions

5 pm Mass

Rental

Lent Mission Archbishop Hughes 6 pm

25

7-8:30-10:30 am
mass

PSR begins
with 8:30 Mass

26

27

8 am Mass
followed by St.
Jude Novena

8:45 Rosary
Group

6:30 pm RCIA I
& II

28

Confession
6:00-6:15 pm
6:30 pm Mass

29

8 am Mass
followed by Our
Lady of Perpetual
Help Novena

10 am Legion of
Mary

6:30pm Patriotic
Rosary



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