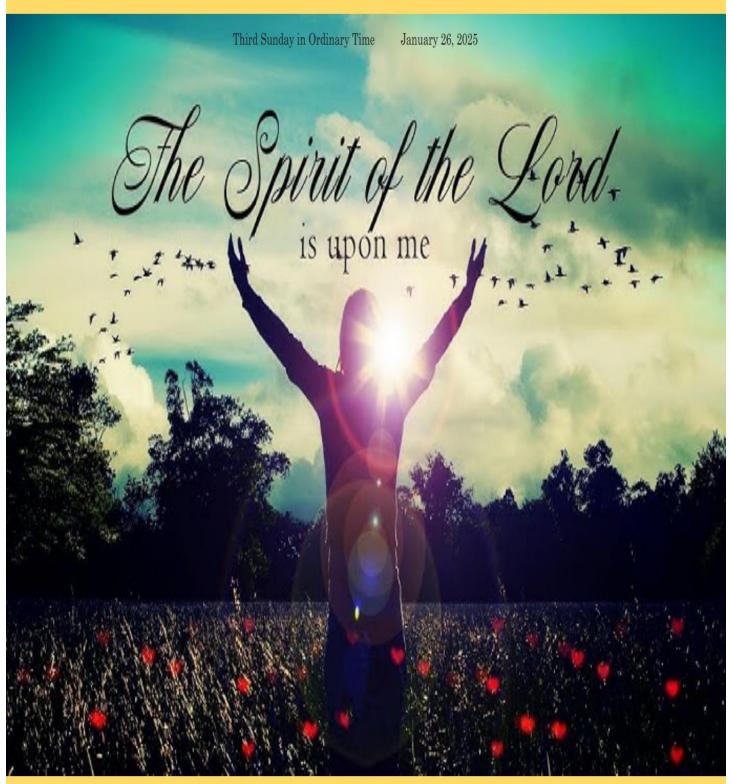
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ABOUT OUR PARISH

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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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.

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."



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WEEKLY EVENTS

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

OCIA 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

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—Saturday 8 a.m.

St. Joseph Altar Guild-Saturday 8 a.m. baking cookies

PSR-Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

SAINT ANGELA MERICI (C. 1474-1540) JANUARY 27

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves "companions," pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal "order" but as the "Company (compagnia) of Saint Ursula." Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.

—Peter Scagnell

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Hord, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin,

Joseph Decaro, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim & Eydie Richmond, Ed & Carol Wallace, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Lucy D'Antoni, Don & Judy Aleman, Dylan Gornor, Vaughn Gay, Cathy Stanford, Herbert Landry, John McKelvey, Jr., James White

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 27

(Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, January 28

(Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35)

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 29

(Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20)

6:30 p.m.

Purgatorial Society

Thursday, January 30

(Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25)

8:00 a.m.

Friday, January 31

(Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34)

8:00 a.m. Vivian Geary†

Saturday, February 1

(Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41)

8:00 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/ Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Judy Woods†, Patti & Vaughn Gay, Fr. Chris DeLerno, Claude Yarborough†, Bruno Family, Stephen Benson, Sidney Charbonnet, Cathy Downey

Sunday, February 2

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

7:00 a.m. Michael Wingerter, Sr.

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Doris Bourgeois†, Lou Lou Battle†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish





POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the use of new technologies. Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

WE ARE THEOPHILUS

Luke introduces his Gospel with a message to Theophilus. Little is known about this figure, but he was likely an important leader, someone Luke expected to be influential in spreading the word about Jesus. We do know, though, that his Greek name, Theophilus, means "friend of God" or "loved by God." Luke was writing down his account of the life of Christ for a particular person at a particular time in history, but he was also writing for all people throughout time who are loved by God; he was writing for us, for you and me, that we may "realize the certainty of the teachings [we] have received."

After this introduction, today's Gospel reading jumps ahead to Chapter 4. John has recently baptized Jesus in the Jordan, and Jesus has just returned from his 40 days in the desert, where He was tempted. "In the power of the Spirit," the time of his public ministry has come.

Jesus teaches in the synagogues of Galilee to great acclaim. He then continues to his childhood home of Nazareth. He goes to the same synagogue where he has faithfully gone with his family on the sabbath, and they give him the book of the prophet Isaiah to read. It is an honor to read, and Jesus does so with great reverence and respect. He reads from Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor ..." After reading, Jesus closes the book, gives it back to the person honored with its care, and sits down. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing," he says.

We read that a couple thousand years later, and we skim right by it. Yep, Jesus reads Isaiah and says, "This is now," because it was — he's Jesus, Son of God, Savior of the World and all. But imagine that moment in time. He's Jesus, a neighborhood guy, son of Joseph. They grew up with him; they know his family. They know HIM, but something's different. He reads with an authority that gets their attention. They can see it. He finishes, he sits, and all eyes are on him. Silence. Wonder. And in that moment, he tells them: the time has come; the time is now. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Mic drop in Nazareth.

Sit in that moment for a few minutes. Could they tell? Did they know? The verses that follow suggest that maybe they didn't just yet, but in that moment, what stirred within them? What stirrs within us?

Jesus begins his public life among those he loves. Years later, Luke writes the story of that life to Theophilus, loved by God. Two millenia later, we, also loved by God, have the grace of reading the same story, of living the same moment so that we, too, may "realize the certainty of the teachings [we] have received."

By Pamela Kavanaugh



Men's Conference 2025 – I Trust in You Join us for the 2025 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference; March 15, 2025 at St. Dominic Church in New Orleans. The Men's Conference is the largest gathering of Catholic Men in the Archdiocese. There will be dynamic speakers, inspiring music with the Vigil Project, time for adoration, dozens of priests to hear confessions, Mass with Archbishop Aymond, and breakfast and lunch besides! This year's Conference theme, "I Trust in You", focuses on building greater trust with God and one another in order to take our faith to the next level. Register today and help our parish win bragging rights with the Men's Conference Best Represented Parish award! Learn more at Nolacatholicmen.com. Call the office to register and take advantage of our group discount.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to "lighten up" is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, "Let us pray," a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal.

—James Field

PASTORS CORNER ON THE JUBILEE YEAR OF 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

This year, 2025, is a Jubilee Year. The Catholic Church celebrates this event every 25 years, so the last Jubilee Year was in the year 2000. In the Old Testament times, the Jubilee Year was a sacred year, and redemption was very important to the Israelite people. There were many things that were redeemed by God. For example, if any Israelites owned slaves or indentured servants they were to be released, and any debts were forgiven. Check out the book of Leviticus chapter 25 to see all of things that were redeemed. Redemption itself is an act of atoning for guilt, a fault, a mistake. For Catholics it is a deliverance from sin as in salvation.

During a Jubilee Year many graces are given to us. One big grace that is given to us by God is an Indulgence. Following are the norms laid out by the church, especially for those in the Archdiocese, for indulgences.

So what is an Indulgence?

Every sin has consequences. It affects our relationship with God and the Church, weakens our ability to resist temptation, and hurts others. The need to heal these consequences, once the sin has been forgiven, is called temporal punishment. This temporal punishment is not inflicted by God, but could be thought of as the natural effects of sin.

When we celebrate the sacrament of Penance, our sins are forgiven and the eternal punishment of sin is removed. However, the temporal punishment of sin remains. When we sin, it is like hammering a nail into a plaster wall. When we ask for and receive God's forgiveness it is like removing the nail from the plaster. Although the nail is gone, the hole remains and needs to be to be repaired. Likewise, we have to repair the hurt we have caused to others and ourselves.

Christians are called to strive to grow in virtue and repair these hurts through works of mercy, charity and through prayer and acts of penance. Because of the fullness of redemption obtained for us by Christ, the Church attaches an indulgence or pardon to certain prayers and actions. Indulgences, which are granted through the mercy of God and the action of the Church, remove part (partial indulgence) or all (plenary indulgence) of the temporal punishment due to sins that have already been forgiven. Christ, acting through the Church, brings about the healing of the consequences of sin when an individual uses such a prayer or engages in such an action with that intention. Pope Francis declares that the gift of the Indulgence is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy."

Indulgenced prayers and actions are intended to encourage Christians to continue their spiritual growth, deepen their faith, and profess their faith in word and deed as, with trust in the mercy and love of Christ, they seek to heal the consequences of sin and grow in virtue.

General Norms for Indulgences

In order to obtain a plenary indulgence, the individual must be in a state of grace, desire to be truly free from all sin; confessed their sins; receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff or pray for him.

It is appropriate that the sacramental Confession, Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act.

Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

Gaining an Indulgence

This Jubilee year gives us many special opportunities to gain this indulgence in our own Archdiocese by pilgrimages by fulfilling the general norms:

- A) Participating in Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, the Stations of the Cross, or the rosary at St. Louis Cathedral or one of the twelve Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Sites.
- B) Participate in Eucharistic adoration and meditation concluding with the Our Father, the Nicene Creed or Apostles Creed, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God at St. Louis Cathedral or one of the twelve Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Sites.
- C) The faithful will also be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, with a devout spirit, they participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place.
- D) Making a visit to the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people, the homeless or others in need or difficulty by in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them.

E) Participating in acts of penance at least for one day of the week such as a social media fast, fasting and abstinence from food, by donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor; by supporting the charitable works which support the poor, defense of life, supporting the quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants from various countries, and by volunteering time to serve the poor and disadvantaged.

Here is the webpage with the list of the twelve pilgrimage sites: https://nolacatholic.org/2025pilgrimagesites

Here is the main webpage for the Jubilee year and information about it: https://nolacatholic.org/jubilee2025

IN two weeks I will explain why we need an indulgence





The Four Figures

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity that should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross, a sign of not only faith but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

The Rough Waves and Anchor

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolizing the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency maneuvers to stabilize the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking but, rather, as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross.

The Cross

The cross in the logo is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.

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