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**February 1, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

MASS OF ANTICIPATION (VIGIL)

SATURDAY: 4:30 PM

SUNDAY:

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, AND 5:00 PM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY:

8:15 AM

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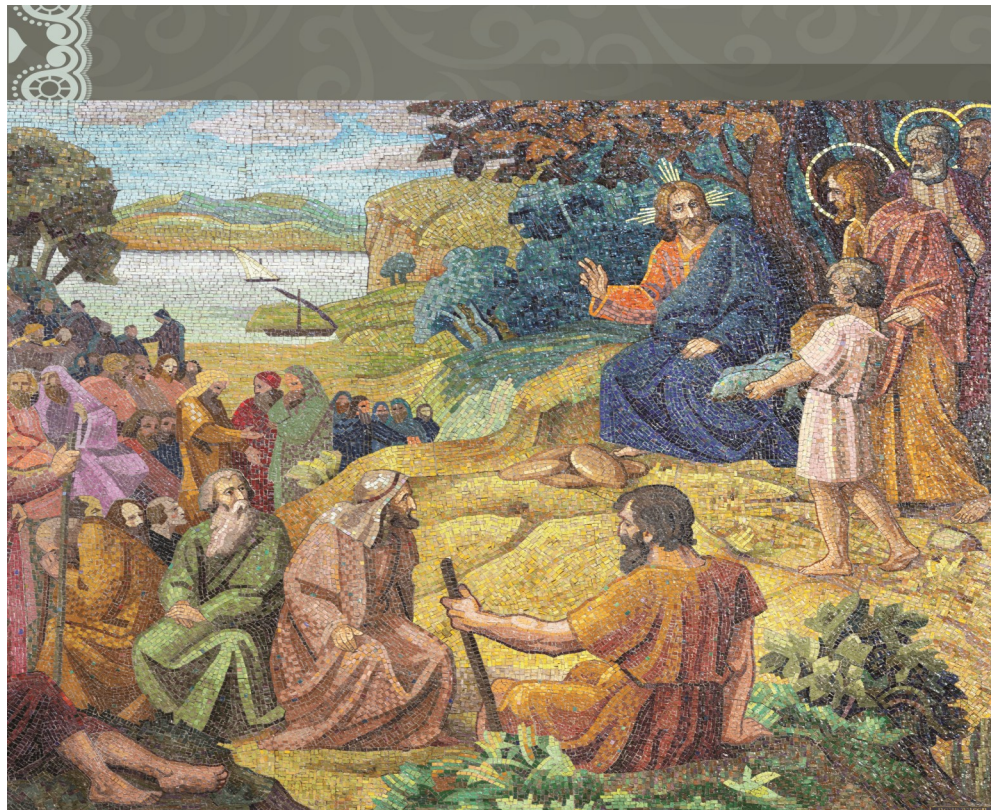
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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him." Mt 5:1

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## **THE MISSION OF ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*is to bestow Christ's love through worship, education, outreach and stewardship that will provide an avenue for salvation to our parishioners.*



**THIS BULLETIN IS IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
SHARLEEN AUCOIN JOUTY**



# PARISH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

- Blessing of Throats all Masses

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND— PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

- St. Joseph's Altar Baking 9:00 AM in FLC

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD ST. BLAISE & ST. ANSGAR

- Tuesday Morning Disciples 6:00 AM in FLC
- Cleaning Angels 8:00 AM in church
- St. Joseph's Altar Baking 9:00 AM in FLC
- Adoration 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM in church
- Blessing of Throats 6:00 PM in church
- OCIA 6:30PM in St. Joseph's Room
- Bingo 7:00 PM in Msgr. Bergeron Hall

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

- St. Joseph's Altar Baking 9:00 AM in FLC

- Confessions 8:45 AM in church

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH—ST. AGATHA

- St. Joseph's Altar Baking 9:00 AM in FLC
- Legion of Mary 9:30 AM in St. Joseph's Room
- Chancel Choir 6:30 PM in church

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH—ST. PAUL MIKI

- St. Joseph's Altar Baking 9:00 AM in FLC

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

- First Saturday Devotions 8:45 AM in church
- St. Josephine Bakhita Vespers 5:30 PM in church
- St. Josephine Bakhita Social 6:00 PM in FLC

# PARISH EVENTS

## COOKIE BAKING

### For St. Joseph's Altar

Monday – Friday

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

in the FLC.

No experience required.

Come on the day(s) and for the amount of time you can help.



## Come join us for the following devotions

A **First Wednesday Devotion** is a Catholic practice honoring saints, primarily St. Joseph, on the first Wednesday of the month, involving specific prayers like the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and Holy Communion, seeking his protection, intercession for a happy death, and graces for families, though some also honor Our Mother of Perpetual Help. This devotion, popularized by apparitions like Our Lady of America, emphasizes St. Joseph's role as protector and provider, asking for virtues like purity, love, and trust in God's providence.

The **First Friday Devotion** is a Catholic practice honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus, involving receiving Holy Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months, often with confession and adoration, as an act of love and reparation for sins, stemming from visions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, promising graces like final repentance and a secure refuge at death for those who faithfully observe it.

The **First Saturday Devotion** is a Catholic practice requested by Our Lady of Fatima to make reparations to her Immaculate Heart through confession, Holy Communion, reciting the Rosary, and meditating on its mysteries for 15 minutes, done on the first Saturday of five consecutive months to console Mary and atone for sins against her. It's a beautiful spiritual act to console Mary, develop good habits like regular confession, and receive graces for salvation at the hour of death, involving specific prayers and reflection on Jesus' and Mary's lives.

First Wednesday - February 4, 2026

First Friday - February 6, 2026

First Saturday - February 7, 2026

First Wednesday & First Friday - 8:15am Mass

First Saturday - 7:00am - Confession

7:30am - Initial Prayer 7:30am - Rosary

8:15am - Mass after Mass - Meditation

## Cleaning Angels



Will be cleaning our church on Tuesday, February 3rd at 8:00 am.

All are invited to come help our *Cleaning Angels!*

Join us as we honor St. Josephine Bakhita Patron Saint of Human Trafficking.

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

## Vespers & Social

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2026

Mass Time: 4:30 PM

Vespers: 5:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Fr. Daniel Okafor

Social: 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center



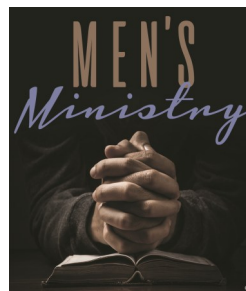
## February Respect Life Events

February 7 St. Josephine Bakhita Vespers 5:30 PM in church followed by social in FLC.

February 9-17 Sign up to pray a Novena to end human trafficking at [nolacatholic.org/novena-to-end-human-trafficking](http://nolacatholic.org/novena-to-end-human-trafficking).

February 11 World Day of the Sick - all are asked to pray for the sick and dying.

February 21 Scriptural Rosary for victims of human trafficking and to end human trafficking will be prayed at 5:30 in church.



All men of the parish are invited to attend the **Tuesday Morning Disciples** prayer group. Join us Tuesday mornings from 6:00 am - 7:00 am in the FLC for coffee and fellowship.

**ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH PASTORAL TEAM**

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**SACRAMENTS**

**CONFESSIONS:** 30 minutes Before the Vigil Mass & all Sunday Masses, at 8:45 AM on Wednesdays, and 7:00 AM on First Saturdays.

**BAPTISMS:** First Sunday of the month following the 10 AM Mass. To begin the preparation process, call the Parish Office.

**WEDDINGS:** Arrangements must be made at least 8 months prior to the wedding. Call the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with the priest and to book the church.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office or 504-584-6079 (evenings).

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**Countercultural Then and Now**

Sometimes I wonder what this world will look like when my children get to be my age. Everything seems to be changing so rapidly and much of that change doesn't seem to be for the good. I do think in some ways the Church is experiencing resurgence and a strengthening, but it will have to be in the face of an increasing culture of atheism and selfishness.

Of course, I bet my parents wondered the same thing when I was a child. As much as things change, they remain the same. When Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount, I would guess some parents there were having the same kind of worries. But Jesus proposed a way of life in the beatitudes that was countercultural then and is countercultural now.

In his book, *Life of Christ*, Fulton Sheen said this: "The Sermon on the Mount is so much at variance with all that our world holds dear that the world will crucify anyone who tries to live up to its values." Living a stewardship way of life means bringing the beatitudes into our daily lives in a profound way. However, it also means living in a way that others may not understand or they may even turn away from us because of it. But with the reward in the end being the kingdom of heaven, the choice is really a matter of life and death, *eternally* speaking.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREASURE**

"...God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Cor.9:7

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED 1/15—1/22**

	Online	Mass/Mail-in
Regular Contributions:	\$ 2,516.00	\$ 6,401.50
Capital Improvements:	\$ 55.00	\$ 1,459.00
	\$	\$

**There is Second Collection this weekend.**

Your generosity and financial support of the Church is always much appreciated. Without you and your support, we would not be able to provide many services to so many people in our parish. Many of you have been using our online giving link on our website [www.sjachurch.com](http://www.sjachurch.com) and now with this QR Code below, it will also link you to that page in which you can make your online donation and contribution to the parish. Hopefully, this makes the online giving more user friendly, and we can continue to provide much needed spiritual help to all of our people.





Blessing those that protect and serve our community with the annual Blue Mass and appreciation luncheon.



*Special thank you*

To the parishioners of St. Joan of Arc, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, KC Council 5935, Blue Runner, and Raising Cane's for their donations of food, drink, and their time to our First Responder Luncheon.



### Every Drop Counts:

Thank you to all who donated for our blood drive.

You are amazing - 25 units of blood were donated.

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*Ahoy Matey, you're gonna want to save the date for the SJA Parish Fair April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 or you'll have to walk the plank.*



Hidden treasures await!

Join us in the galley for some good grub, on board ship there will be lots of dancing and merriment, even a chance to win some loot!



**THE UNTOLD STORY OF ALTAR SERVERS,  
A HISTORY THAT WILL AMAZE EVERY CATHOLIC**  
Part 2

**4. When Persecution Ended: The Ministry Continues**

When Christians were finally allowed to worship freely, they built churches, altars, and beautiful sanctuaries. But they kept something from the old days: young servants standing close to the priest. The lamps of the catacombs became the candles we see today. The young men who stood guard in danger became the altar servers who stand near the priest during Mass. The ministry continued... but now in peace.

**5. What Servers Did Then, We Still See Today**

Here is the beautiful connection:

**When the Gospel is read:**

Servers stand with lamps in the catacombs to protect the Word of God.

**At Consecration:**

Servers kneel beside the altar. Long ago, young helpers knelt beside the bishop in the dark tunnels, guarding the sacred mysteries.

**During Communion:**

Servers stand close to the priest, watching carefully so nothing falls. Long ago, they protected the Eucharist from soldiers, thieves, and enemies. Even the way servers stand today, quiet, straight, hands folded, comes from the respect and seriousness of those early helpers who served in danger.

**6. Altar Servers Today: Children of a Holy History**

When a server puts on a cassock today, they are not just getting dressed for Mass. They are wearing 2,000 years of history. They are standing in the place of:

- the young helpers of the catacombs,
- the brave acolytes of the early Church,
- the protectors of the Eucharist,
- the companions of martyrs,
- the servants of bishops and priests,
- the guardians of holy things.

Their simple actions, carrying a candle, holding a paten, standing beside the priest, are part of a big and beautiful story that began in fear and darkness, and now shines in light and peace.

**7. A Message to Every Altar Server**

Dear altar server,

When you carry a candle, remember the lamps of the catacombs.

When you stand by the priest at Communion, remember the young helpers who protected the Eucharist with their lives.

When you kneel at the altar, remember the acolytes who knelt on the tombs of martyrs.

You are not "just helping."

You are continuing a holy tradition.

You stand where angels stand.

You serve at the table of the Lord.

You carry the history of the early Church in your hands.

May you serve with love, respect, and joy, just like those first young helpers who kept the flame of faith alive.

God bless every altar server, past, present, and future.

Amen.

By Linda Monistere Source: Catholic Online School

My dear parishioners,

The Sermon on the Mount is the most famous and recognizable sermon ever preached. In the Gospel of Matthew, it is placed right at the beginning of the Gospel. Matthew is writing to a Jewish audience, and it is the Gospel with most references to the Old Testament prophecies since those pointed to the Messiah. These prophecies were being fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth. But the Beatitudes, which are placed in the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, are meant to show Jesus as the new Moses, who is presenting a new way of looking at the Law. One could say that, even though Jesus did not come to change or substitute the Ten Commandments given to Moses, he wanted for the Commandments to be understood from a more personalist understanding of the reasons for the Commandments. We obey the Commandments because they respond to our human nature and challenge us to be better people as we understand the REASON for the Commandments.

**For adults: Take some time today to realize that any good and just law aims at allowing us to understand a real human value. We don't drive the speed limit to avoid the police, but to keep other people safe through our driving. Get the point?**

**For parents with children: Help your children understand that when you ask them to follow a certain rule, it is not for the rule's sake, but because there is a value to be respected. When I tell you: "make your room!" it is because there is a value in order and cleanliness!**



Rev. José I. Lavastida, J.D., S.T.D.

**Bless Us, Lord**

Jesus,

You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way.

Amen.



## DISCOVER HOW MOTHER CHURCH RAISES HER CHILDREN THROUGH THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

(Part 2 of 2)

### 4. MATRIMONY or HOLY ORDERS (Discovering Your Life's Vocation)

When we become adults, we begin to ask: "How will I serve God? How will I serve humanity?" Mother Church gives us two main paths:

#### Matrimony

You choose a partner and say, "This is the person I will serve God and humanity with." The Church blesses this union and sends you into the world as a family.

#### Holy Orders / Religious Life

If you are called to serve as a priest or religious, Mother Church stands beside you with support, prayer, and joy. She confirms your calling and strengthens you to serve her children.

### 5. PENANCE (CONFESSION) (The Mother Who Mercifully Cleans Her Child)

Human beings are weak. We fall. We make mistakes. We get dirty. But like every loving mother, the Church does not reject her children. In Confession, she washes us, cleans us, corrects us gently, and gives us penance, not to harm us, but to help us grow. She welcomes us back with open arms and sends us again to our mission.

### 6. ANOINTING OF THE SICK (The Mother Who Cares for Her Sick Child)

When a child becomes sick, a mother does everything to bring healing. Mother Church also visits her sick children. Through the Anointing of the Sick, she strengthens us, encourages us, forgives our sins, and feeds us with the Eucharist when we are weak. She reminds us: "You are still part of the Body of Christ, even when you cannot stand with the community."

### 7. THE EUCHARIST AT THE END OF LIFE (The Child Returning Home)

At the final moment of life, the Church again comes close to her child with love. She gives Viaticum, the last Eucharist, food for the journey home to the Father.

SO, From birth to adulthood, from strength to weakness, from joy to suffering, Mother Church never abandons her children.

Through the Seven Sacraments, she raises us, feeds us, heals us, strengthens us, forgives us, and prepares us for heaven.  
Source Catholic Online School

## Baptismal Calendar

Deacon Paul Ory

Baptismal Seminar - February 5, 2026  
7:00pm in the Family Life Center

Baptism - February 8, 2026  
After 10:00am Mass

## Confirmation Calendar

Meeting # 2

February 22, 2026  
11:15am - 1:15pm in the Family Life Center  
Saint Essays and Sponsor Forms are due

## Family Catechesis Calendar

February 2, 2026 - at AOL  
Dinner at 5:30pm  
Lessons 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Topic: Evangelization: Our Baptismal Call  
Speaker: Dcn Michael Whitehouse

## OCIA Calendar

February 3, 2026 - Glen Fernandez  
I believe in the forgiveness of sins. I believe in the resurrection of the body.  
Mass 6:00pm  
Lesson 6:30 -7:30pm in FLC

## Rites and Scrutiny's for OCIA / OCIC

February 22, 2026  
Rite of Sending @ SJA @ 10:00am Mass  
Rite of Election @ St. Dominic @ 3:00pm

## Sacramental Prep Calendar

February 9, 2026 - at AOL  
6:00pm - 7:30pm

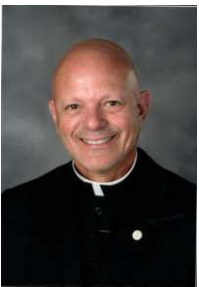


Mis queridos feligreses,

El Sermón de la Montaña es el más famoso y reconocible sermón jamás predicado. En el evangelio de San Mateo, este sermón se encuentra al principio del evangelio. San Mateo le está escribiendo a una audiencia judía, y es el evangelio con más referencias a las profecías del Antiguo Testamento ya que estas apuntaban al Mesías. Estas profecías se estaban cumpliendo en Jesús de Nazaret. Pero las Bienaventuranzas, que se encuentran al principio del Sermón de la Montaña, nos muestran a Jesús como el Nuevo Moisés, quien nos presenta una nueva manera de mirar a la Ley. Pudiéramos decir que, aunque Jesús no vino a cambiar o sustituir los Diez Mandamientos dados a Moisés, él quería que entendiéramos los mandamientos en una manera más personalista que nos explicara la razón de los mandamientos. Obedecemos los mandamientos debido a que ellos responden a nuestra naturaleza humana y nos retan a ser mejores personas al entender la RAZÓN del porqué de los mandamientos.

**Para adultos: Toma algún tiempo hoy para pensar que toda ley que sea buena y justa nos ayuda a entender un valor humano. No manejamos dentro del límite de velocidad para evitar que nos pare la policía, sino que para mantener a otras personas seguras mientras manejamos. ¿Entienden el punto?**

**Para familias con niños: Ayuden a sus hijos a entender que cuando les imponen ciertas reglas, no es para que obedezcan sin entender, sino porque hay un valor que respetar. Cuando les dicen: “¡Recojan su cuarto!,” es porque hay un valor en el orden y la limpieza.**



Rev. José I. Lavastida, J.D., S. T. D

Bendícenos, Señor  
Jesús,

Eres bueno y amable, cada momento de cada día. Nos invitas a ser mansos, misericordiosos, limpios de corazón, pacificadores. Danos la gracia de buscar estas virtudes y de buscarte a ti. Que tu bendición nos acompañe en nuestro camino.

Amen.

## Calendario de eventos

### Domingo 1 de febrero

#### Lunes 2 de febrero— Presentación del Señor

St. Horneado del altar de José a las 9:00 a. m. en FLC

#### Martes 3 d febrero St. Blaise y St. Ansgar

Discipulos del martes por la mañana :00 a.m. en FLC

Ángeles de la limpieza 8:00 a. m. en la iglesia

St. Horneado del altar de José a las 9:00 a. m. en Florida

Adoración 3:00 p.m. –5:30 p.m. horas en la iglesia

OCIA 18:30 horas en la Sala de San José

Bingo 19:00 horas en Monseñor Bergeron Hall

#### Miércoles 4 de febrero

St. Horneado del altar de José a las 9:00 a. m. en Florida

Confesiones 8:45 AM en la Iglesia

#### Jueves 5 de febrero—St. Ágata

Legión de María 9:30 AM en la Sala de San José

Coro del Canciller 6:30 p.m. en la Iglesia

#### Viernes. 6 de febrero—St. Pablo Miki

#### Sábado 7 de febrero

Devociones del primer sábado a las 8:45 a. m. en la iglesia

St. Josephine Bakhita Vísperas 5:30 p.m. en la iglesia

St. Josephine Bakhita social 6:00 p.m. en FLC

### St. Blaise

Quizás esté familiarizado con la “bendición anual de gargantas” que muchas parroquias de los Estados Unidos utilizan para conmemorar al amado obispo y mártir. San Blas vivió en el siglo IV en Turquía y Armenia. Debido a la persecución religiosa, se vio obligado a huir y esconderse en una cueva en el interior del país para salvar su vida.

Cuenta la historia que un día un grupo de cazadores se topó con el lugar donde vivía San Blas. Encontraron al obispo arrojado en oración, rodeado de lobos, leones y osos que había domesticado. Cuenta la leyenda que mientras los cazadores arrastraban a Blaise a prisión, una madre llegó con su hijo pequeño que tenía una espina de pescado alojada en la garganta. Por orden de Blaise, el niño pudo toser el hueso y así vivió.

Hoy recordamos al santo en su fiesta tomando dos velas, cruzándolas contra la garganta y diciendo la siguiente oración: Por intercesión de San Blas, obispo y mártir, que Dios os libre de las dolencias de la garganta y de cualquier otro mal. En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Amen.



# CALLLED TO PRAYER

## PLEASE KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Joey Arcuri, Ryan J. Aubert, Gerald Bercegeay, Larry Blanchard, Sr., Fr. Bill Blank; Roxanne Borne; Patricia Boudreaux, Madeline Bourg, Elizabeth Bourgeois, Brynleigh Bowers, Mary Breaud, Zachary Brown, Paulette Cambre, Hayden Cashio, Felix Cerami, Dustin Compagno, Karen Brignac Cook, Mary Cooper, Stephen & Peggy Cupit, Wanda Davis, Trenice Dearmas, Nathan DeLuke, Edward Demley, Cathy Dillenkoffer; Lorraine & Kernis Dugas, Dianne Duhe, Marlene Duhe, Mavis Dumas, Wayne Duplechian, Tommy Dupuy, Kenny Jo Edmonds, Jr., Gary Entremont, Austin Falgout, Brantley & Oakley Falgout, Lisa Falgout, Ryan Falgout, Tammy Fauchoux, Lakin Felder, Linda Feucht, Carl Freeman, Caleb Gary, Reyna Gary, Warren Gaudin, Joan George, Rowena Guillot, Zachary Hall, Eddie Harris, Sandy Haydel, Larry Hebert, Mary Hebert, Lorraine Hebert, F.J. Keller, Wayne Kimball, Jonathan L., Geraldine Labat, Acadia LaBranche, Penny LaBranche, Randy Lambert, Carson Landry, Megan Landry, Meredith Landry, Raymond Laviolette, Jr., Shirley Lawrence, Wanda Lee, Rebecca V. Lewis, Bryan Madere, Dorothy & Jennifer Massi, Dale McClain, Belinda Millet; Casey McKee, Lawrence Michele, Jill Montz, Steven Montz, Deanna Normand, Wilbert Omond, Brenda Ola, James Oubre, Janice Parquette, Lee Perilloux, Charlee Grace & Adam Pete Pitre, Dillan Pope, Bill Provence, Mary Punch, Jennifer Redlin, Deacon Dan Reynolds, Joel Rivera, Michael & Brenda Romain, Nick Rose, Ceothile Roy, Mark Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith & Family, Andrea Tamplain, Frankie Tarullo, Leslie Terry, Ty Triche, Ron Troxler, Brayden, Marie Turner, Jenni Vicknair, Dawn Wactor, Glenda Wactor, Toby Weber, Hayden White; John Wille, Mindy Wilson

To add a parishioner to the prayer list, contact the church office at 985-652-9100

## FEB. PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS

- Feb. 1— Rev. Francis Uzochukwu Offia
- Feb. 2— Rev. Joseph Martello
- Feb. 3— Rev. Christian W. DeLerno, Jr.
- Feb. 4— Rev. Dennis Hayes, III
- Feb. 5— Rev. Alexander Guzman
- Feb. 6— Rev. Linus Abah James, S.S.J.
- Feb. 7— Rev. Roy M. Joseph, S.J.



## ST. JOAN OF ARC PATRON OF SOLDIERS, PRAY FOR US

May God keep special watch over these men and women in the United States Military.

Monica Bourg  
2nd Lt. Gregory Boyle  
Casey Williams Deen  
Cpl Bryce Fincher  
Raymond Gendron, III  
Cpt. Thomas Gray  
LCpl Jonathan Grenier  
Cpt. Alex Hernandez  
Cpt. Ashley Hernandez  
Cpt. Cameran Hymel  
Heidi Mayeux Hymel  
SPC Chase Ingram

LCpl Matthew Johnston  
Edwin Preston Johnston  
Cdr José I. Lavastida  
Navy Recruit Brandon McDonald  
Sgt. SPC Dylan L. Mabile  
PO3 Alexander J. Norris  
SFC Paul J. Pena  
2nd Lt. James Perilloux  
Brett Rosa  
Cdr. Mark Zachary Roussel  
1st Lt. Matthew Suarez  
Cpt. Nick Sutton  
Wesley Triche

# UPCOMING EVENTS



The Office of Marriage and Family Life of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, in partnership with Willwoods Faith and Marriage and the Point Man Podcast, invites men from all around southeast Louisiana to the 2026 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at Saint Dominic Church, New Orleans. Building on last year's theme of trust, this year's conference - "Let It Be Done" - will focus on the centrality of Mary's trust in God and her responsibility for the life of the Church and the World. Visit [NolaCatholicMen.com](http://NolaCatholicMen.com) to learn more and to register. Send questions to the Office of Marriage and Family Life at [mfl@arch-no.org](mailto:mfl@arch-no.org).

## Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration

will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2026, 3:00 p.m.  
at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, New Orleans.

THE CELEBRATION IS OPEN TO COUPLES MARRIED BETWEEN  
1996 - 2001.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE BY  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026.

Please Note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfil the couple's Sunday obligation.

## LENT



**Ash Wednesday Mass & Ashes Distribution:**  
Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 AM, 12:00 PM, and 6:00 PM

**Lenten Mission: Desert Spirituality - Meeting Jesus at the Well**  
Presenter Fr. José Lavastida  
March 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in church

**Way of the Cross:**  
School - Wednesday's at 2:20 in church  
Church - Friday's 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM in church

**KC's Fish Fry**  
Friday's 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Msgr. Bergeron Hall

Confessions will be available in all parishes from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays during Lent: March 11<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and March 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Mon, February 2, 2026—Presentation of the Lord*

**8:15 AM:** Jack Cupit

*Tue, February 3, 2026—St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop*

**6:00 PM:** Joseph Comeaux

*Wed, February 4, 2026*

**8:15 AM:** Ken & Mary Claire Fisher

*Thurs, February 5, 2026—St. Agatha, Virgin*

**8:15 AM:** Andy Cupit

*Fri, February 6, 2026—St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs*

**8:15 AM:** Juanita Jacob

*Sat, February 7, 2026*

**8:15 AM:** Linda Musson

*Sat, February 7, 2026—Anticipatory, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**4:30 PM:** David Dill, III

*Sun, February 8, 2026—5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00 AM:** Angie Roussel; Stephen Hotard; Sharleen Aucoin Jouty; Muriel Millet; Kathleen Rodrigue; Deceased Members of the Chenier & DeBate Families; Greg Entremont; Rosie Monica; Marie Ory Dupont; Lester & Lucille Gravois; Rosemary Gravois; Alan Gravois; Earl & Helen Gravois; Stella Anderson; Jude Gravois; Tanya Gravois; Charles & Jane Gravois; Natalie Sutton; Edward & Marie Sutton; Etienne & Emma Feuchet; Audrey Feucht Boe; Jeffrey Feucht; Therese` & Foster Cambre; Melanie Deslatte Brown; Herman, Jr. & Karen Deslatte; Herman, Sr. & Marie Deslatte; Pete Brown; Sarah Brown; Noemie B. Tastet; Steven Turner; Craig Broussard; Maria Khuat; Phyllis Martin; Gayle Clement; Guy Clement; Tommy St. Martin

**10:00 AM:** Mass for the People

**5:00 PM:** Jamie Brady; Mary Catherine "Trinksie" Garon; Sundry Fitch; Living & Deceased Members of the Fisher & Melancon Families; Peggy Englade; Leonard Sutton; Phyllis Martin; David Klapatch; Gayle Clement; Sandra & Dale Clement; David Faucheux; Foster &

Therese` Cambre; Malcolm Cambre; Joseph Berthelot; Grace Pierson; The Deceased Members of the Olidy & Elise Hymel Family; The Douglas Cambre Family; The Deceased Members of the Rene & Sedalize Faucheux Family; Bryan Gendron; Sara Gendron; Bobby Gendron; Taylor Gendron; Lloyd Simoneaux; Shelia Adams; Tommy St. Martin ; Guy Clement

**Candles will Burn week of 2/2—2/8**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Jamie Brady

**CONVENT LIGHT**

Andy Cupit & Family

**SACRED HEART CHAPEL**

Jack & Carmen Cupit

**St. Blaise**

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Fr. José will bless throats at all Masses on Feb 1st, and at 6:00 PM on Feb 3rd.**

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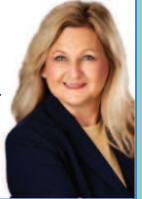


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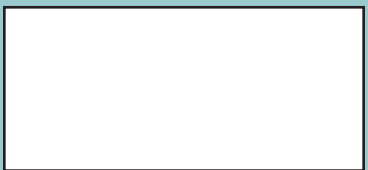
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