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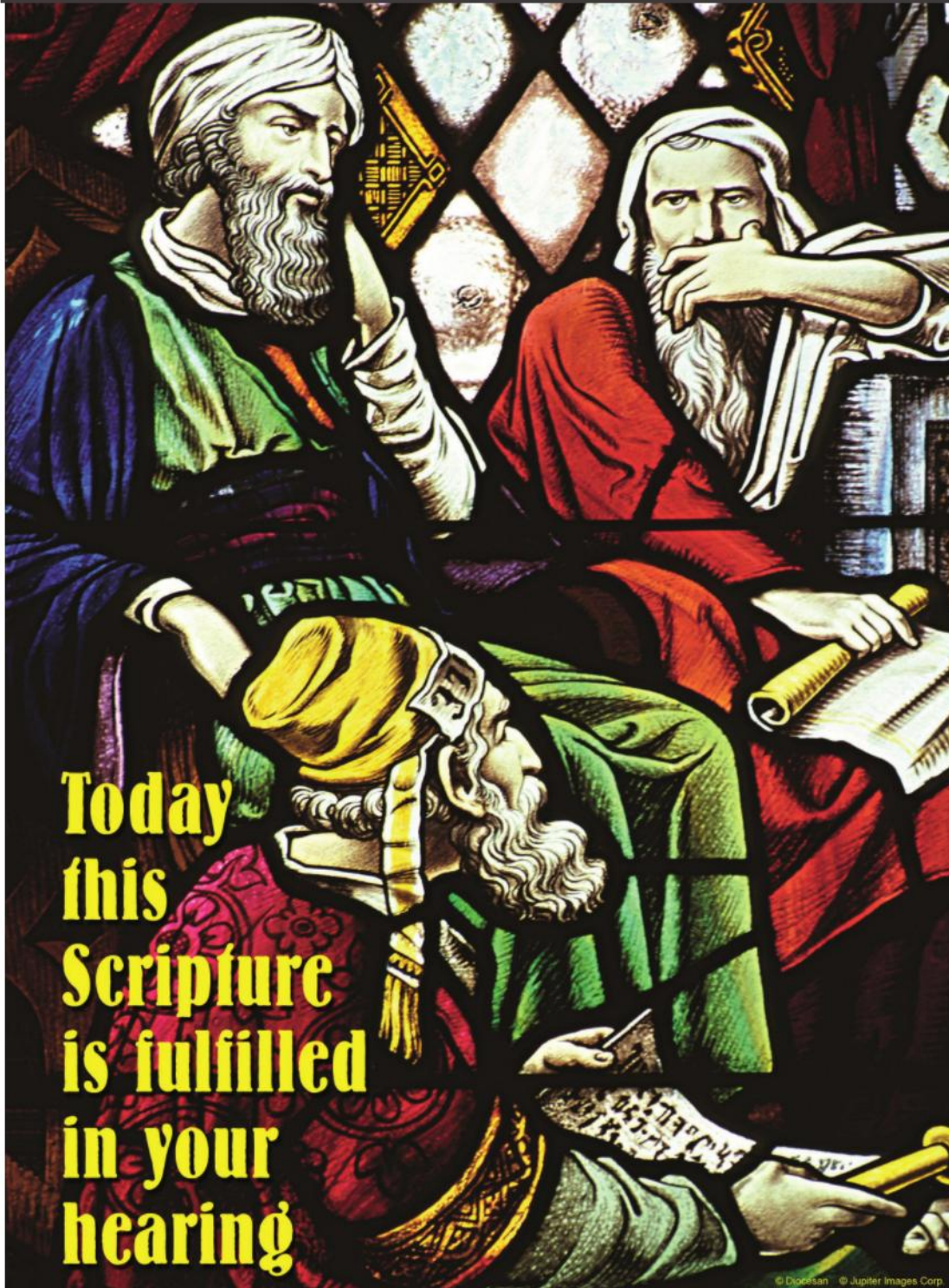
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January 26, 2025



SUNDAY MASSES:

SAINT MARTHA

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

SAINT MARTHA

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday
8:00 a.m.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Weekday Services are
Suspended until further
notice

ADORATION HOURS

SAINT MARTHA

First Friday of month,
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Weekend Masses
Anytime by Appointment

SACRAMENTS OF

**BAPTISM, MARRIAGE,
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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6:00-7:00 p.m.

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WESTBANK HIGH

One Saturday Each Month

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY
OF THE WORD**

8:30 & 10:30 Mass St. Martha



Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Archdiocese of New Orleans Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on **Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.** at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married in 1975 or before. (To register, please contact the parish office before Friday, April 11, 2025). Please **Note: The Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill the couple's Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.**

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Jubilee Year 2025 has begun! Every 25 years, the church calls for a jubilee to celebrate and draw us deeper into our faith. For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has selected the theme, Pilgrims of Hope. It is his desire that this Jubilee year may contribute to restoring a climate of hope and trust around the world and allow for each of us to experience an encounter with Christ through pilgrimage to sacred spaces and in meeting the poor, sick, and vulnerable that we are called to serve. In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, we have designated 12 churches as places of pilgrimage and will be sharing more information about the Jubilee, its significance, and ways to observe and celebrate it throughout the year. It is our goal to encourage all of the faithful to participate in the Jubilee throughout these next 12 months so that each may truly have an encounter with Christ Jesus that leads to a renewal of hope. You can learn more about the Jubilee 2025 as well find more information about the local pilgrimage sites online at <https://nolacatholic.org/jubilee2025>.

2025 MARRIAGE PREPARATION DATES ARE OPEN!

Couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage can now register for the 2025 calendar of Catholic Engaged Encounter weekends, as well as Days for the Engaged Sessions A & B, Echo Retreat for Engaged Couples, and Special Marriage Preparation sessions! To learn which options are right for you and sign up, visit nolacatholic.org/getting-married-1. For any additional questions, please contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (504) 861-6243 or e-mail at mfl@arch-no.org.

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 stirs 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 millennia 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



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January 2025

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Each year during the last week of January, we join the nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. This year marks the 51st anniversary of Catholic Schools Week celebrations in our country! Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans strive to uphold their tradition of academic excellence, grounded in the teachings of the Catholic Church. To remain successful, our schools rely on essential financial support.

Like most things in our world, there are significant costs associated with maintaining successful schools. Teachers must be paid a fair wage, facilities must be updated and maintained, and faculty and staff must work to be innovative in their educational practices. Recent years have been particularly difficult with many of our families, donors and benefactors bearing additional financial burdens. Despite these difficulties, it is our responsibility to make Catholic education more accessible and affordable.

By offering financial support to the ministry of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, you are affording children an opportunity that is otherwise out of reach for their families. Catholic schools help form disciples who live out our Catholic faith, and it is the responsibility of every Catholic to assist in these efforts. As a result, every parish in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will take up a second collection on January 25th – 26th. Thank you for your consideration in offering a gift at that time.

The funds collected through the second collection will support the Champions of Catholic Education tuition assistance fund. This fund will aid families that cannot afford the full cost of Catholic school tuition, and those experiencing financial difficulties. Our Catholic schools and families need your support.

Wishing you God's blessings in 2025 and with gratitude for your generosity, I am,

Gratefully in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

Please print in bulletin or make this available in a way you deem appropriate.



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To the Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope Francis has named the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as **Sunday of the Word of God**. This is an annual observance aimed at helping us grow in a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures.

When we gather on Sunday or for any Mass, God speaks his word to us through the Scriptures. Our desire is to open our ears and our hearts to listen attentively. May I suggest that we could more effectively do this by reading the Sunday Scriptures before Mass in order to prepare our hearts to receive his word.

As we reflect on the importance of the Word of God in our lives, it would be an opportunity to give some consideration to joining a Bible study group, reading a few verses of Scripture every day or reading a book explaining the Scriptures.

God speaks to us in many ways, but in a very unique way, through the Scriptures. By praying the Scriptures, we will know of God's personal love for us and his call to be disciples of Jesus.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

*Please place in your bulletin for January 26, 2025
or read before the final blessing at the end of Mass.*

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Jan. 25	4:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> Nick Danos, Roy Allain, Glenn Morvant, Walter Barrilleaux, Kenneth J. Pellegrin, Gerald & Theresa Cousin, Pete Boudreaux, B. J. LeBlanc, Henry Ball, Tony Granier, Ray & Jules Vegas, Rita & Mack Landry, Nancy Pitre, Bob Mire, Dr. Earl Madere & Our Bulletin Sponsor, La Vang Solar Nails
Sat. Jan. 25	5:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Tuan Tran, Ann Bairnsfather, Evelyn Manuel, Agnes G. Newchurch, Joseph Sinh Van Vu, Hortencia Varela, Rosalinda Lee Santiago, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, La Vang Solar Nails
Sun. Jan. 26	8:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Ronald Munch, Maria Ly Nguyen, Deen Hart, Michael Claudel, Ronald Lauand, Harold Boyter, James & Laura Cucchi and Our Bulletin Sponsor, La Vang Solar Nails
Sun. Jan. 26	10:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> Fr. Ambrose Udeze, Ed Vintet, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, La Vang Solar Nails
Sun. Jan. 26	10:30	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners, Jim Martin, Joseph Le Van Lac, Martha Fau Thi Nguyen & Our Bulletin Sponsor, La Vang Solar Nails
Tues. Jan. 28	8:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Wed. Jan. 29	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Nick Danos
Thurs. Jan. 30	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Fri. Jan. 31	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners
Sat. Feb. 1	4:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> Nick Danos, Roy Allain, Henry Ball, Tony Granier, B. J. LeBlanc, Glenn Morvant, Kenneth Pellegrin, Dr. Earl Madere & Our Bulletin Sponsor, La Vang Solar Nails
Sat. Feb. 1	5:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Ann Bairnsfather, Evelyn Manuel, Wilson Manuel, Agnes G. Newchurch, Joseph Sinh Van Vu Sandrus Baudoin, Joseph Tuan Tran, Rosalinda Lee Santiago & Our Bulletin Sponsor, La Vang Solar Nails
Sun. Feb. 2	8:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Maria Ly Nguyen, Michael Claudel, Ronald Lauand, Ronald Munch, James & Laura Cucchi, James W. Hart, Harold Boyter, Mitch Boyter, Camille Middleton & Our Bulletin Sponsor, La Vang Solar Nails
Sun. Feb. 2	10:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> Fr. Ambrose Udeze, Vincent Palisi (Birthday), Elena Fletes, Laurance Butler, Armando Granizo, Ed Vinet & Our Bulletin Sponsor, La Vang Solar Nails
Sun. Feb. 2	10:30	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners, Nick Danos, Jim Martin, Joseph Le Van Lac, Martha Fau Thi Nguyen, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, La Vang Solar Nails
Tues. Feb. 4	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Wed. Feb. 5	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. Feb. 6	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Fri. Feb. 7	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> <u>World Peace</u>

IN MEMORIAM

St. Martha

In your masses and prayers please remember **ROSALINDA LEE SANTIAGO**, mother of Jade Lee Santiago -Nguyen (Binh) (parishioners) and grandmother of Loren and Logan Nguyen (altar servers). Please also remember all those who mourn her.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

St. Martha

The Sanctuary Light will burn the week of January 26th in memory of **Nick Danos**.

The Sanctuary Light will burn the week of February 2nd in memory of **Jim Martin**.

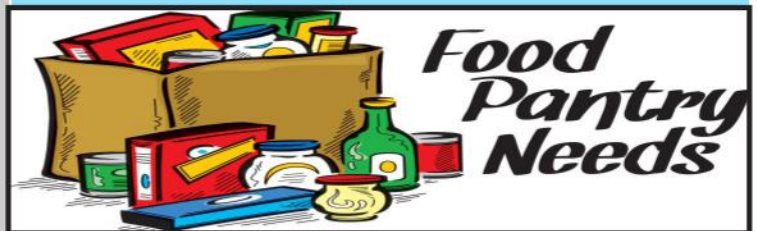
Infant Jesus

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CCRWB

Prayer meeting, mass ad healing prayer service is held at Infant Jesus of Prague on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before Mass; 7:00 p.m. Rosary; 7:30 p.m. Praise & Worship; 8:10 p.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; Healing Prayers after Mass. For more information call Don Caskey @ 504-884-0101.



Infant Jesus of Prague's Food Pantry is in need of the following: Pasta, Crackers, Jelly, Canned Vegetables, Rice, Tuna, Chicken in a can, Soups, Mac-n-cheese, Cereal, Ravioli, Beanie Weenies, Peanut Butter, and other non-perishable items. Please bring your donations to church, or the parish office. Thank you.

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