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February 8, 2026

YOU ARE
THE LIGHT
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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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Before Weekend Masses Anytime
by Appointment

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TUESDAYS 6:00—7:00 P.M.

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[See St Martha Website](#)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

8:30 & 10:30 MASS

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026

Mass Schedule as follows:

8:00 a.m. St. Martha (Mass & Ashes)
12:00 Noon Infant Jesus (Ashes & Prayers only)
6:00 p.m. St. Martha (Mass & Ashes)

LENTEN WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	St. Martha
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	St. Martha
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	St. Martha
Friday	8:00 a.m.	St. Martha

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All Fridays in Lent

Infant Jesus of Prague	5:30 p.m.
St. Martha	6:00 p.m.

ADORATION.

The chapel at St. Martha will open on Fridays during Lent before the Stations from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Adoration. Please consider spending some time with the Lord in Adoration as part of your Lenten Prayers.

Guidelines for Catholics on Fasting and Abstinence:

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59, unless there is some condition which makes fasting harmful to your health. Fasting requires only one full meal and 2 smaller meals. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in **prayer** and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self control through fasting. Dive into God's word in Scripture this Lent or pray the rosary with your family.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of **fasting** and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The Rice Bowl is one way Catholics can enhance their Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and donating the cost of those meals to [Catholic Relief Services](#) in order to help those who do not have enough to eat.

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "**almsgiving**," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

**CONFESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FROM 5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. ON THE
FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT:
MARCH 11, 2026 @ ST. MARTHA
MARCH 18, 2026 @ INFANT JESUS
MARCH 25, 2026 @ ST. MARTHA**

Confession is also available before all masses.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A Low-Salt Faith

Jesus uses two different examples of a good disciple—salt of the earth and light of the world. While these images seem to have little in common, there are similarities, the most obvious being that a little of either goes a long way. So also, a little faith can make a big difference. The faith of little children can bring his parents back to the Church. The way we live our faith can speak even louder.

Isaiah gives us some hints in the first reading when he writes about feeding the hungry and giving shelter to the homeless and clothes to the poor. But we sometimes get things backwards. If we do the things Isaiah tells the people to do, we might think that the deeds will give us faith. If we truly believe that God lives in the people around us, especially the poor, then we will want to show our love by caring for each other.

But if we don't have faith, then we are like the salt that has lost its flavor. A low-salt diet may be good for us; but a low-salt faith, instead of making things better, would make them worse. Without faith in God's love for us, we would not respond with love of our own. We could still be a good person, but we would not be a very good disciple.

Tom Schmidt



Thank you to Hope (L) and Lois (R) Cambre for their incredible dedication in organizing and preparing donated clothing and items for families this Christmas! Their longtime commitment to Catholic Charities shines brightly, making a real difference in the community.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Feb 7	4:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> Anthony Peperone Fly., B. J. Leblanc, Bonnie Parker, M. J. Perkins, Glenn Morvant, Henry Ball, Ray & Jules Vegas, Tony Granier, Dr. Earl Madere, Harris Lester, All Parishioners, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Dufrene Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
Sat. Feb. 7	5:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Ann Bairnsfather, Joseph Tuan Tran, Joseph Sinh Van Vu, Rosalinda Lee Santiago, Dennis Baudoin & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Dufrene Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
Sun. Feb. 8	8:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Agnes G. Newchurch, Maria Ly Nguyen, Ana Sophia Nguyen, Maria Soi La, Joseph John Amedio, Jr., Noni Pascual, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Dufrene Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
Sun. Feb. 8	10:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> Tony Palisi, Jr.
Sun. Feb. 8	10:30	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners
Tues. Feb. 10	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Wed. Feb. 11	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners
Thurs. Feb. 12	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Fri. Feb. 13	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Feb. 14	4:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> B.J. LeBlanc, Tony Granier, Glenn Morvant, Ray & Jules Vegas, Henry Ball, M. J. Perkins, Dr. Earl Madere, Harris Lester, Nancy Pitre, Rita & Mack Landry, Gerald & Theresa Causin, Bonnie Parker, Lomonaco & Ronquillo Fly., Rodriguez & Strohmeyer Fly. & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Dufrene Engineering & Surveying, LLC
Sat. Feb. 14	5:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Tuan Tran, Joseph Sinh Van Vu, Rosalinda Lee Santiago, Dennis Baudoin, Ann Bairnsfather, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Dufrene Engineering & Surveying, LLC
Sun. Feb. 15	8:30	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners.
Sun. Feb. 15	10:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> All Parishioners, Hernandez & Wingfield Fly, Nolan Seibert, Sam Ditta Sr. Fly., Elizabeth Roos, Denise Solar, Edward Agnes & Elizabeth Delatte & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Dufrene Engineering & Surveying, LLC
Sun. Feb 15	10:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Agnes Newchurch, Bobbie Gresse, Maria Soi La, Jim Martin, Eddie Scanlan, Garland Oldham (wedding anniv.) & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Dufrene Engineering & Surveying, LLC
Tues. Feb. 17	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioner
Wed. Feb. 18	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> World Peace
	6:00	Holy Souls
Thurs. Feb. 19	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Fri. Feb. 20	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners



Monthly Parish Rosary

As a result of the large turnout at the Fatima presentation and rosary, several parishioners requested a monthly rosary.

Beginning on Wednesday February 25th at 6:00 p.m. we will gather in the day chapel to recite the rosary. Thereafter, we will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Since the 3rd Wednesday of February is Ash Wednesday, our first Rosary will be on the 4th Wednesday, February 25th.

The Holy Rosary is also recited at 5:00 p.m. before 5:30 p.m. mass every Saturday evening yearlong. You may also consider adding this to your Lenten journey.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

St. Martha

The Sanctuary Light will burn the week of February 8th in memory of **Jim Martin** and on February 15th in memory of **Ann Bairnsfather**.

Infant Jesus

The Sanctuary Light will burn the week of February 8th in memory of **Anthony Peperone** and the week of February 15th in memory of **Nolan Seibert**.



FLOWERS

St. Martha

The flowers at the altar for the week of February 15th were donated in memory of **John & Helen Murphy**.

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