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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
Tuesday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
Wednesday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	7:00 PM Latin*
Thursday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
Friday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
Saturday:	8:00 AM Latin*		5:00 PM English	
Sunday:	7:00 AM Latin*		8:30 AM English	10:00 AM English
	11:30 AM Latin*		1:00 PM Spanish	
1st Friday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	7:00 PM Latin*
1st Sunday:	7:00 AM Latin		8:30 AM English	10:00 AM English
	11:30 AM Latin		1:00 PM Spanish	

**The Mass according to the liturgical books of 1962*

FR. NATHAN CASWELL, SJC PASTOR
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CANONS REGULAR OF ST. JOHN CANTIUS

Mass Intentions
Monday, February 2nd - *The Presentation of the Lord (N, T)*

- 6:15 AM - † Monty Jahaske
- 8:00 AM - Nancy Lavinder
- 6:00 PM - Pro Populo
- 7:30 PM - † Lillian Caravello

Tuesday, February 3rd - *St. Blaise (N, T), Blessing of Throats (N, T), St. Ansgar (N)*

- 6:15 AM - Leslie Martin
- 8:00 AM - † Debra Simon

Wednesday, February 4th – *St. Andrew Corsini (T)*

- 6:15 AM - † Mary Lou Freundt
- 8:00 AM - † Harriet Sabacinski
- 7:00 PM - † Rita Manarang Guiao

Thursday, February 5th - *St. Agatha (N, T)*

- 6:15 AM - Mel Probst
- 8:00 AM - † Chris Spurgeon

Friday, February 6th - *St. Paul Miki & Comps (N), St. Dorothy (T), St. Titus (T)*

- 6:15 AM - Thomas, Dominic, and Zelig Martin
- 8:00 AM - Reversion of Fallen Away Catholics
- 7:00 PM - † Paul Geffert

Saturday, February 7th - *St. Romuald (T), St. Richard of Lucca (H)*

- 8:00 AM - Ron Cacioppo
- 5:00 PM - † Rita Bell

Sunday, February 8th– *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sexagesima Sunday*

- 7:00 AM - † Joachim K. Scholz
- 8:30 AM - † Gene & Rose Miller
- 10:00 AM - † Harold Maes
- 11:30 AM - † Members of the Koszkul and Wiczrek Families
- 1:00 PM - Prop Populo

Our calendar of Intentions includes both New (N) Sundays and feast days as of 1970, as well as Traditional (T) Sundays and feast days as of 1962.

Prayer Requests

Mel Probst
Margaret Benoit
Brandon Stoy
Robert & Arlyss Lasecki
Jesus Gonzalez
Dawn Miller
Susan Letzo
Mary Jadrich

Declan Blackburn
Larry Box
Ron Cacioppo
Eric Olson
Barb Rafel
Ralph DeRose
Sandy Weber
Mary Jane Pfister

Nancy Heilgeist
Gianna & John Raimondo
The LaGrippe Family
The Verdung Family

And for the repose of the souls
of Jim Wodrich, Joanna Tapia
& Carolyn Martyka.

Names will remain for 1 month, as space permits. Please send all requests to bulletin@stpeteravolo.org.

Propers for Sunday10:00 AM

Introit - Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice; seek the Lord and be strengthened; seek his face for evermore. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; declare his deeds among the Gentiles.

Gradual - Who is like the Lord our God who dwells on high and looks down on that which is humble in heaven and on earth? He raises the needy from the earth and lifts up the poor out of the mire.

Alleluia - I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

Offertory - It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing in honor of your name, O Most High.

Communion - Let your face shine down upon your servant, deliver me in your mercy. Lord, let me not be confounded, for I have called upon you.

March For Life Fundraiser

On **Sunday, February 8th**, the Crusaders For Life will host a “**Bake For Life**” sale in the school to raise funds for their trip to the Springfield March For Life next month. The sale will take place after the **8:30** and **10:00 AM Masses**.

Free-will donations of any amount for baked goods will be greatly appreciated! The parish office will also be accepting donations earmarked for the trip over the next several weeks.

To learn more about the March For Life trip or the work of the Crusaders, consider attending their monthly meeting on **Thursday, February 5th at 7:30 PM** in the school, or you may visit:

www.stpetervolo.org/crusaders.

Ordinaries for Sunday

Mass VIII, #355 - 359

Hymns for Sunday8:30 AM Mass**Communion:** #236*See. Amid the Winter's Snow***Recessional:** #11*Angels, From the Realms of Glory*10:00 AM Mass**Communion:** #261*The First Noel***Recessional:** #137*Joy to the World*11:30 AM Mass**Recessional:** #11*Angels, From the Realms of Glory***First Communion Closet**

Rest In His Arms (RIHA) is offering gently used First Communion dresses in exchange for a small monetary donation. The Closet will be open on **Saturday, February 7, 21, and March 14** at **325 N. Milwaukee Ave, Suite J, Wheeling, IL**. Families are asked to enter at the rear of the building.

We're also accepting donations of First Communion dresses in our drop box at the above address. Dresses and veils must be clean and in good condition. For more information, email riha2005@icloud.com. To learn how your donations help RIHA's mission, please visit www.angelgowns.us.

*Blessing of Throats***Tuesday, February 3rd***After the 6:15 and
8:00 AM Masses*

Please join us on the Feast of St. Blaise for this traditional blessing, given to protect all the faithful, but especially singers and others who give honor to God with their voices, from ailments of the throat.

Witness in the Age of Estrangement

One of the most disconcerting trends affecting American families is that of estrangement – the deliberate severing of contact between family members. In the majority of cases this consists of adult children cutting off parents or siblings, saying they need physical and emotional space.

Many reasons are put forward: abuse, differences over politics or world views, social media, the influence of therapists, alcohol and drugs, even economics. Some reasons are valid and others less so, but there's no doubt that family estrangement is becoming a lot like divorce, painful and unpredictable, sparing no one.

That includes Catholic families – even close, devout families where parents do everything they can to raise spiritually and emotionally healthy children. This fact is rarely discussed, perhaps because such an apparent failure can be harder to understand or admit. It's especially hard when every other family around you seems to be doing just fine — that you're alone in your struggle — but that's an illusion. Everyone's feeling the heat.

Even when they manage to hold their families together, many Catholics still have a sense of estrangement, fostered by the immense challenges of living one's faith in the 21st Century. It's tough, for example, to explain to others why certain things in life aren't normal or healthy, while the rest of the culture says otherwise. Conversations on abortion, homosexuality, “reproductive rights” and other hot-button topics can be exhausting, because the arguments are so often grounded in strong emotion. One's tempted to avoid discussions altogether, but that's a mistake.

Our children view a world in flames through their smartphones. They share impressions with their peers, and consider opinions without paying much attention to their source. Priests understand that young people are far more engaged with the world than parents realize. Most children are exposed to porn by the time they're adolescents. At school – whether parochial or public – they learn that it's fashionable to explore things like sexual identity. Popular culture has taken their natural desire for individuation, and twisted it into something darker.

Even if one homeschools, it's impossible to insulate completely from all this. No matter what parents do, their children will test what they've been taught at home, including about the faith. They'll look for weaknesses and push back. They'll likely experiment. This has been part of growing up since time immemorial, and we can't – and shouldn't – try to shield them at all costs. To assume that we alone can mold our children is actually a form of spiritual pride. As St. Augustine noted, God permits them to wander for a reason.

Yet we can help them — and others around us — in ways that don't cause estrangement. Over the next several weeks, we'll be exploring difficult social topics like transgenderism, IVF, euthanasia, and more, and how they impact people of all ages. To witness to the Truth requires knowledge, humility, and compassion, but now more than ever, we need to be prepared.

The Feast of Candlemas

Monday, February 2nd

Mass Schedule

6:15 AM Latin | 8:00 AM English
6:00 PM Spanish | 7:30 PM Latin

Adorn your bridal chamber, O Sion, And receive Christ, the King. Greet Mary, the gate of Heaven, with loving embrace; For she bears the King of glory, the new Light.

