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POOR IN SPIRIT
FOR THEIRS IS THE
KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN

BLESSED ARE
THEY WHO MOURN
FOR THEY WILL BE
COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE
THE MEEK FOR
THEY WILL INHERIT
THE LAND

BLESSED ARE THEY
WHO HUNGER AND
THIRST FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS
FOR THEY WILL BE
SATISFIED

BLESSED ARE THE
MERCIFUL
FOR THEY
WILL BE SHOWN
MERCY

BLESSED ARE THE
CLEAN OF HEART
FOR THEY WILL
SEE GOD

BLESSED ARE THE
PEACEMAKERS
FOR
THEY WILL BE CALLED
CHILDREN OF GOD

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WHO ARE PERSECUTED
FOR THE SAKE OF
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BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN THEY
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YOU AND UTTER EVERY KIND OF EVIL
AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME
REJOICE AND BE GLAD FOR
YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN
HEAVEN THUS THEY
PERSECUTED
THE PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE YOU

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Sacrament of Penance: Wednesday at 6:30pm, Thursday at 9:30am, Saturday at 9:30am and 3:00pm.

Rosary: Monday through Friday at 3:00pm; Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30am to noon.



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Dear brothers and sisters,

What an eventful week with all the snow and the cold! Of course, the Lord's people are no strangers to snow and cold. We read about it all through the Bible!

From the very beginning, Scripture reminds us that winter weather is not some modern inconvenience invented to test our patience or our heating systems. Snow and cold are part of God's creation, woven into the rhythms of the world long before snowplows, weather apps, or debates about whether it's too slippery to drive to church. The Bible treats snow not as a nuisance, but as something worth noticing—and even pondering.

Perhaps the most familiar reference comes from the prophet Isaiah, who assures us that even sins as red as scarlet can become “white as snow.” That's a comforting thought when everything outside our windows looks uniformly white and clean, even if we know the slush will return soon enough. The psalmist echoes the same image, praying to be washed and made “whiter than snow,” reminding us that God's mercy is more thorough than even the deepest snowstorm!

The Book of Job, never one to miss an opportunity for dramatic imagery, speaks of the “storehouses of the snow.” One gets the sense that somewhere, beyond our understanding, God keeps reserves of snow ready to be released at just the right moment—perhaps with a sense of humor about how we will react. The psalms even compare snow to wool, gently spread across the earth, which may comfort us until we realize how quickly that “wool” can turn into ice!

Snow also appears in some surprisingly practical ways. Proverbs praises a faithful messenger as refreshing as the “cold of snow at harvest time.” In a world without refrigerators, snow-cooled water was a luxury, not a burden. What we grumble about as inconvenient, Scripture sometimes presents as a blessing—especially when it comes with relief and refreshment.

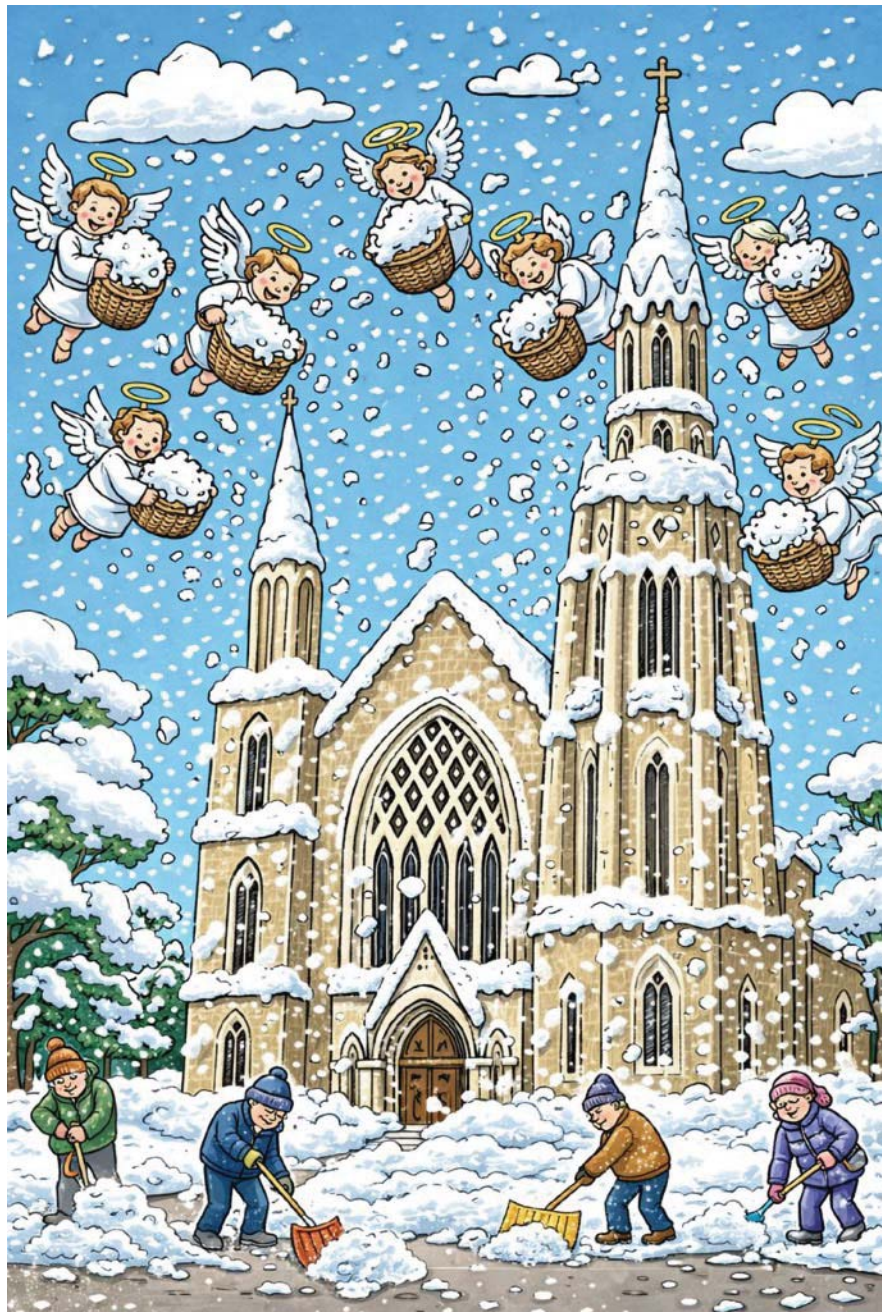
And then there is Benaiah, one of King David's mighty warriors, who chased a lion into a pit on a snowy day and defeated it. Clearly, biblical heroes did not call a timeout because of bad weather. Snow, it seems, did not excuse anyone from courage or duty.

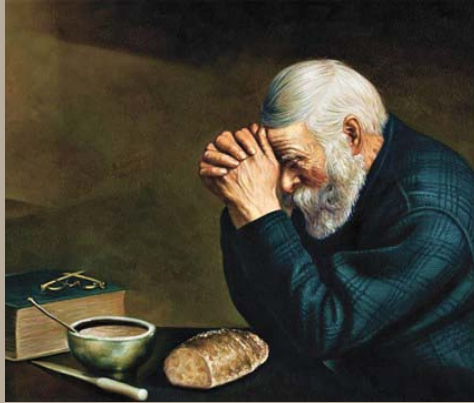
All of this reminds us that cold and snow are not signs that something has gone wrong. They are part of the created order, seasons that invite us to slow down, to marvel, and sometimes to laugh at our own attempts to control everything. They also remind us of deeper truths: God cleanses, God provides, God governs the seasons, and God is at work even when we would rather stay inside.

So as we bundle up, shovel out, and complain just a little, perhaps we can spare a thought for the many generations of believers who faced snow and cold without modern comforts—and still found God present in it all. After all, if the Lord keeps storehouses of snow, He surely knows exactly what He is doing—even when the forecast surprises us.

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney





PRAY WITH US!

Pray for all who are sick, and especially for: Ronald Girouard, Elwin Shepard, Lisa Gilbert-Safford, Claire Neas, Maristella Frisch, Lisa Stacy, Tisha Gallager, Chase Pieper, Lucille Croteau, Marion Cronin, Albert Thebeau, Richard L., Bob Allan, Emily and John Richard.

Join us in praying for those who have died recently, especially; Harold LeBlanc and Eileen Richard. Pray for their families, as well, that they may be consoled by the promises of Christ.

If you know someone who needs prayers, call the rectory or email office@stceciliachurch.net and we will add them to our prayer list for the next several weeks.

Final Winter Calendar Drawing Results. Congratulations to All!

- 01/22 Kathy M. & Linda R. - \$100
 - 01/23 Thomas McNamara - \$100
 - 01/24 Marie & Dale Cyr - \$100
 - 01/25 Billy Mezzanotti - \$100 & \$50 Hannaford Gift Card
 - 01/26 Anne Cormier - \$100
 - 01/27 Amanda Maillet - \$100
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 - 01/29 Rose Mai Doiron - \$100
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We are seeking your help in preparation for this year's Lenten Soup Suppers. Our dedicated chef has prepared a list of items that we regularly use and would be of great help to us. Barrels for donations will be placed at the church entrances on the weekends of January 31st and February 1st and February 7th and 8th only. See the list below for what is being collected each weekend. Grocery store gift cards are also welcome. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Please call Jeannine at 978-842-9212 with any questions.

COLLECTING ON JAN. 31ST AND FEB. 1ST

bag of white potatoes
bag of carrots
bag of onions
bag of celery
long grain white rice
broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
can of pinto beans
can of kidney beans
can of diced tomatoes
can of clams
can of regular or decaf coffee
ditalini pasta
oyster crackers



COLLECTING ON FEB. 7TH AND 8TH

white flour
cake mix (any kind)
frosting (any kind)
brownie mix
semi-sweet chocolate chips
can of pie filling (any kind)
graham cracker pie crust
regular pie crust
instant pudding (any kind)
graham crackers
condensed milk
coconut
walnuts
chocolate syrup
caramel syrup



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**LAST WEEKEND'S
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THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

Saturday January 31 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 65*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Sick and Deceased members of the Leger and Poirier families, by Marcel and Annette (Church)

Sunday February 1 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 65*

7:00am Mass for Parishioners of St. Cecilia Parish (Church)
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
9:45am Mass for Henryka Kempa (6th anniv.) and Stelmach family, by the family (Church)
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
11:15am Mass for Richard & Bernard families deceased members, by Jean Noel & Anne Marie (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

9:00am Mass for Comfort, Strength and Healing for Maria Bongiorno (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-8:15pm Religious Education for Grades 7 through 10 (Parish Center)

Tuesday February 3 Feast of Saint Blaise

9:00am Mass for God's Healing Mercy for Maristella Frisch, by her mother (Chapel)
 Blessing of Throats at end of Mass (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday February 4 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for God's Healing Mercy for Maristella Frisch, by her mother (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for All Souls in Purgatory (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)



Thursday February 5 Saint Agatha

9:00am Mass for God's Healing Mercy for Maristella Frisch, by her mother (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 9:30am Bible Study on the Book of Job (Parish Center)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday February 6 Saint Paul Miki and Companions

9:00am Mass for the Lord's Healing Hand to be upon Claire Neas, by Wil (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 6:30pm BINGO Doors Open at 4:00pm; Games start at 6:30pm (Parish Center)

Saturday February 7 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass for Janice Zephir (4th anniv.), by Joan and Doug Romano (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday February 7 Vigil

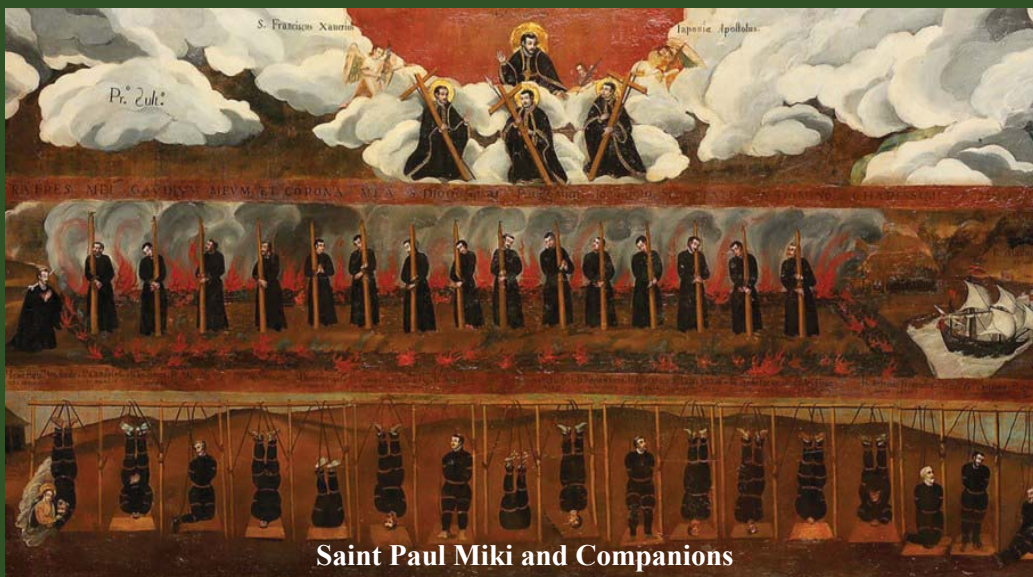
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3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Sandra Comeau (7th anniv.), by her family (Church)

Sunday February 8 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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7:00am Mass for Father Robert Gariepy, by last will (Church)
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)
9:45am Mass for Ronald Constant, by Carol Gage (Church)
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
11:15am Mass for Elodie and Gerard LeBlanc, by Louise and Rob (Church)
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)



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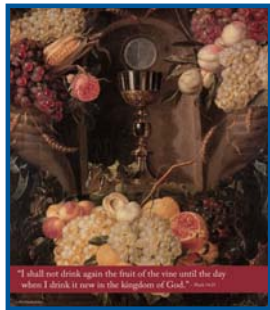
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