

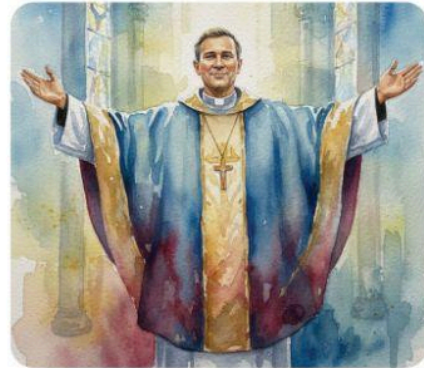
Dear Padre,

I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of “pray, pay, and obey” were over.

The Code of Canon Law identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care “with the assistance of lay members of Christ’s faithful” (CCL 519).

The intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the “knowledge, prudence, and integrity” of every member (CCL 228, §2). Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of goodwill. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone take a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, “Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?” If honest and prayerful reflection reveals less-than-good intentions, now is the time for an attitude change and to acknowledge that a new start is needed. ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 2	February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6	February 7	February 8
The Presentation of the Lord	Weekday	Weekday	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	Weekday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mal 3:1-4	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12	Sir 47:2-11	1 Kgs 3:4-13	Is 58:7-10
Heb 2:14-18	30-19:3	Mk 6:1-6	10-12	Mk 6:14-29	Mk 6:30-34	1 Cor 2:1-5
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32	Mk 5:21-43					Mt 5:13-16



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The desire to work together for a common purpose reflects an essential reality: no one is Christian alone! We are part of a people, a body established by the Lord.... The Christian life is not lived in isolation.... It is lived with others, in a group and in community, because the risen Christ is present wherever disciples gather in his name.

ADDRESS, ROME, JUNE 6, 2025

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 / Matthew 5:1-12a



“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:12a

The New Evangelization

MIGUEL DULICK

This season of the Church we call “Ordinary Time” is full of Jesus’ teaching about how to live our Christian lives. Today’s readings are especially rich. When Jesus takes his place as the New Moses to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, he begins, fittingly, with a new version of the commandments, but instead of “Thou shalt not,” they are blessings! And they are paradoxical; always a sign of the divine touch. The “poor in spirit” get the kingdom of heaven; mourners are blessed, for they shall be comforted.

Now, who is supposed to do the comforting? We are. If the beatitudes are new commandments, we disciples are to obey them, even rejoicing in the blessing of persecution. What kind of people sign up for this? Saint Paul describes to the Christians in Corinth what kind of people God chooses: the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised, the nothings of this world, to shame and confuse those who seem to run things. The wisdom of God seems like nonsense in a world where power reigns supreme. That sweet soul Zephaniah, author of today’s first reading, saw the shift coming, from “don’ts” to “dos,” from bossy to beatitude: “Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land” (Zephaniah 2:3). You will be “a people humble and lowly” who will pasture your flocks (and do the work God intends you to do) with “none to disturb” you (Zephaniah 3:12, 13). Sign me up for that! ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

How do Jesus’ teachings work in the “real world”?



Weekly Bulletin

January 31 - February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC CHARITIES - Feb. 7th & 8th

Next week's second collection is for the Catholic Charities of Fort Worth.

ST. ANDREW BREAKFAST - February 21

The next St. Andrew Breakfast will be on Saturday morning February 21, 2026 at **St. Patrick Cathedral**, 1206 Throckmorton St, **Fort Worth**, TX 76102, at 8:00 AM. The day will begin with Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship. We encourage young men in high school and college in the Diocese of Fort Worth to attend. Please reserve your spot by February 19, 2026, through the **Vocations** Office or by calling **817-945-9321**.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick: Eamon Donoho, Al Haremza, Jax Jordan

MASS INTENTIONS

For the repose souls of **+Maria Graham and +Paulette Foster**, requested by Holy Rosary Altar Society, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Cisco; **+Lisa Glazebrook**, requested by Danielle Harper, St. John, Strawn.

POPE LEO PRAYER INTENTION

February 2026 -

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

All **weekday Masses** will have the liturgy of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary is the Presentation of the Lord. We hope you can join us at one of our weekday Masses.

BLESSING OF THE THROAT - February 7th & 8th

Next weekend. In honor of St. Blaise, we will have the Blessing of the Throat after Masses on February 7th and 8th. "There are few facts known about St. Blaise except that he was a fourth-century bishop in the city of Sebaste, Western Armenia, and died as a martyr. A physician, he was regarded as a righteous man and, at an early age, elected bishop by the citizens of Sebaste. Beyond those few facts, much of what we know of Blaise comes from legends. He became, during the Middle Ages, one of the most popular of all the saints and today remains highly esteemed, especially in Armenia." simplycatholic.com

SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN BRECKENRIDGE - February 7th

There will be Safe Environment classes at Sacred Heart of Jesus in **Breckenridge** next weekend. These are available in **both ENGLISH and SPANISH** as well as **both the initial class and renewal class**. Please sign up at virtusonline.org. Any question please contact **Katrina Briseno** at **(325)864-3892**. The initial class is called *Protecting God's Children for Adults, 9:00 am to noon*, and the *Renewal - A Plan to Protect for Adults, 10:30 am to noon*. When looking at the class list, the Renewal class are listed after all the scheduled initial classes throughout the Diocese.

STEWARDSHIP

Previous week of
January 17 & 18, 2026

St. John	\$ 1,110
St. Rita	\$ 650
St. Francis	\$ 534
Holy Rosary	\$ 1,856

January 24 & 25, 2026
Bad Weather

STRAWN - ST. JOHN

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM: Mass

Wednesday

4:00 - 4:30 PM:

Confession/Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

2nd Thursday - Monthly

St. Boniface, Dodson Prairie

4:00 PM: Confession/ Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

CISCO - OUR LADY OF

THE HOLY ROSARY

Sunday

8:00 AM: Mass

Wednesday

8:30 AM: Confession/Adoration

9:00 AM: Mass

RANGER - ST. RITA

Sunday

9:45 AM: Mass

Tuesday

5:30 - 6:00 PM:

Confession/Adoration

6:00 PM: Mass

EASTLAND - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday (Español)

11:15 AM: Mass

Thursday (Español)

6:30 - 7:00 PM: Adoration/Confession

7:00 PM: Mass

1st Friday - Monthly (Español)

7:00-8:00 PM: Adoration

3rd Saturday - Monthly (Español)

9:00 AM: Mass

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