

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JANUARY 25, 2026

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### FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart,

"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." That was the invitation and the challenge Jesus gave to four individuals shortly after he began his public ministry. Those individuals turned out to be two sets of brothers: Simon (whom Jesus would later rename *Peter*) and his brother Andrew; James and his brother John. The context of the story makes clear that Jesus was speaking to fishermen, and so the play on words: while their profession had previously been to catch fish, now they would be "catching" something much more valuable: the minds and hearts of the men and women to whom they would be sent with the Good News that they themselves were about to receive—that is, if they said Yes; if they accepted the call that Jesus had given to them. Every Christian has heard that same call from a Jesus who passes by along "the shore" of our own lives and asks us to consider something new; an opportunity to be transformed by the mercy and love of the God of Jesus Christ and make a commitment to a more personal and active life of faith.

This past week our faith has truly been challenged by three events which represent what Pope John XXIII referred to as "Signs of the Times." The first was the day honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., now a federal holiday. King, who was one of the greatest leaders in the fight for equal rights for all people, declared his Christian roots by pronouncing in one of his sermons: "Before I was a civil rights leader, I was a preacher of the Gospel. This was my first calling and still remains my greatest commitment." The second event was the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25) whose theme this year is another quotation from St. Paul: "There is one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). And the final event was the 53rd annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. that took place this past Friday in which thousands of our fellow Catholics from all over the country, and in spite of the cold weather, raised their voices in our nation's capital in support of the life of the unborn and all of those whose right to life is threatened; making a promise to stand by them, proclaiming: "Life is a gift."

May all of us hear the voice of Jesus in these events and allow the grace of God to penetrate more deeply into our minds and hearts, moving them to deeper prayer and more generous and heartfelt service to others in Jesus' name.

**Fr. John Gruben, OAR**

Fr. Eric-Antonio Crelencia, OAR

Fr. J. Michael Rafferty, OAR

**CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL  
KICK-OFF WEEKEND  
JANUARY 25, 2026  
OUR GOAL - \$107,000.**

**Please consider donating!**

Today is the "kick-off" at Sacred Heart to this year's *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. As a pillar to the resources funding the ministries and programs that change lives and impact countless New Yorkers, we are being asked, as Catholics of the Archdiocese of New York, to join together in participating in this year's *Appeal*.

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should, I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted and wait for the Lord.

### **PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, January 25**

**CYO Clinic – Gym 1pm**

**Monday, January 26**

Novena Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass  
Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7:30pm

Rel Ed. Gr. 6 – 4:30pm

CYO –gym- 5pm

**Tuesday, January 27**

**Rel Ed. – Grs 3-5 – 4:30pm**

**Rel Ed. Grs 7 & 8 – 7:00pm-**

CYO –5pm gym

**Wednesday, January 28**

Immaculate Heart Prayer Group – 7:30pm Church

Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

**Thursday, January 29**

**Friday, January 30**

CYO – 5pm gym

**Saturday, January 31**

Rel Ed. Grs 1 & 2 – 9:30am

7:30am – St. Joseph's men's Bible Discussion- pre-k

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time – \$8,414. Snow  
Last Year's - \$8,690.  
Debt & Deficit – \$3,317.  
Last Year - \$4,447.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The Feast of St. Blaise falls on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a general blessing of the throats as the final blessing at the end of each Mass on Sunday February 1st.



Friday - January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

~ more info will be shared in the near future ~

Questions: [email-rocklandrighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:email-rocklandrighttolife@gmail.com)

The Respect Life Office bus will depart at 5:00AM from **St. Joseph's Seminary**, 201 Seminary Ave, Yonkers, NY (new location!) and return between 9:00PM and 10:00PM. A bus will also be leaving from St. Francis Assisi in West Nyack at 5:45am for tickets call Gayle 845-634-1283 or Eileen at 845-492-6709.

**PRAYER FOR RESPECT FOR LIFE**

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his Incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen!

**2025 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS**

The year-end reports for 2025 from the envelope company and parish pay if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2025 for envelopes on which parishioners' numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside throughout the year. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. **Thank you for your generous support!**

**MEMORARE**



*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother, to you do I come, before you I stand sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen*

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**JESUS CAME TO HEAL THE WHOLE PERSON**

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of aging. If you are having surgery or dealing with a serious illness, please call the Rectory to speak to a priest. 845-357-0035

**“Wrapped in God’s Love”**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Have you ever heard of a prayer shawl?

They are made with prayers and blessings for those who receive them...they are knitted or crocheted by the loving hands of the members of our group and are available upon request as our way of “paying it forward” and to help someone in need perhaps to get through a difficult time in their lives. The workers supply the time and the love to create them as well as the yarn. They are free but donations are accepted so that we can replenish our supply of yarn when needed and continue the work of our hands. It is a reflection of planting peace, healing love, comfort and hope. It is our prayer that when one wears their prayer shawl they will know the warming, comforting, enfolding, and embracing arms of God’s love surrounding them.

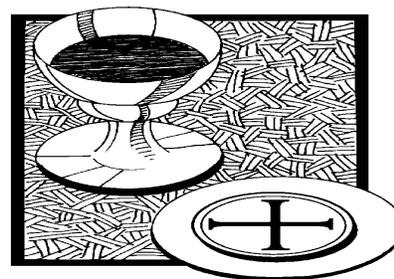
**SISTERS OF LIFE**

**Providing Life-affirming choices for women:** If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: [www.visitationcenterus.org](http://www.visitationcenterus.org) or call (877)777-1277.

**Have you suffered an abortion?** Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org). For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org)



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Helene Marie Biby, Andrew Bylec, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Ramon Noel Crelencia, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Gina Conklin, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Laudelina Crowley, Eileen Caulin, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, William Daniels, Alice Diebner, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Cledha Desir, Phyllis Domino, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Jacqui Elder, Doris Fina, Ginny & Sonny Figula, , Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Maureen Hayes, Catherine Howard, John Hughes, Rev. Charles Huse OAR, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Yvonne Gangone Ingui, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Thomas Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Rick Konrad, Steven C. Klumpp, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Robert Liggio, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Chris Mayorga, Richard McCarthy, Thomas McGrath, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Leonor Medranda, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Iraida Molina, Aida Morales, Vanessa Morales, John Murphy, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Danny Ranke, Tony Ramos, Milton Ramos, Jerry Reilly Sr., Rose Romeo, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Grace & Patrick Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Lisette Taylor, Gary W., Elisa Greco Wegman, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.



### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY – (MON. – FRIDAY)  
 SATURDAY – 9AM (FOLLOWED BY THE ROSARY)  
 SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM  
 SUNDAYS  
 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S)  
 & 5:30PM

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**  
 9:00am – † Ann Marie D'Angelo

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**  
 5:30pm – † John Pittinger  
 7:15pm – Victor y Krissna Ramirez- Cumpleaños

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**  
 8:30am – †  
 10:00am – † Dennis O'Connell  
 11:30am – † Rita Santucci  
 4:00pm – † Armando Recinos  
 5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26**  
 7:00am – †  
 9:00am – † Deonila Lima

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27**  
 7:00am – † Terri Menzie Meyers  
 9:00am – † Joseph Billy

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28**  
 7:00am – †  
 9:00am – †

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29**  
 7:00am – † Tony Ingui  
 9:00am – † Tommy McGrath

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**  
 7:00am – †  
 9:00am – † William Curtin

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**  
 9:00am – † Theresa "TC" McGovern

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**  
 5:30pm – † Patricia Carson  
 7:15pm – † Rene Reyes / Maitte Casa (Bday)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**  
 8:30am – † Antonietta Nugnes  
 10:00am – † Dennis O'Connell  
 11:30am – † Janet Tamburro  
 4:00pm – † Antonio, Josefa & Carmen Morin  
 5:30pm - All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

### ALTAR MEMORIALS JANUARY 25, 2026

FOR ALL SACRED HEART  
 PARISHIONERS  
 LIVING AND DECEASED



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones, especially:

**BOOSTER CLUB  
 WEEK 19  
 MARY KELLY**