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JANUARY 25, 2026 | 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY MASSES
SATURDAY 4:00PM
SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:00AM,
10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM

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WEEKDAY MASSES
MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM



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*"Come after me,
and I will make you
fishers of men."
- Mt 4:19*

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS
Designated Sundays at 1:30
Please call the rectory to
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CONFESSIONS
Every Saturday, Noon to 1pm,
in confessionals in church

WEDDINGS
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THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 25	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1
4:00PM Jack Dugo 7:30AM Viola Pistilli, Rose Mannino Rosemary Cusimano and Camille Luciano 9:00AM Maryann and Joseph Granello 10:30AM For the People of Our Parish 12:30PM Jeff Doss 5:00PM Olivia Brennan		4:00PM Jack Dugo 7:30AM Leon and Victoria Yashian 9:00AM 10:30AM Charles and Mary Smolen 12:30PM Marie Chmielowska 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish
MONDAY, JANUARY 26	TUESDAY, JANUARY 27	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28
8:30AM Pacifico Maghahis	8:30AM Celestine Romond 12NOON Betty Daly	8:30AM Donald Knapp 12NOON Ms. Ellen Mitchell
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29	FRIDAY, JANUARY 30	SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
8:30AM Danny Conner 12:00NOON John Paul Wickert	8:30AM Donna Wisnieski 12NOON Burton Cohen	8:30AM

IT IS A DEVOUT AND LOVING PRACTICE TO COME TO MASS AND PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Your prayers are requested for all who are sick in our parish and community, especially: **Grace Agalo-os, Bethany Armstrong, Bernadette, Karen Bertuzzi, Michael Borik, Vincent Borzumato, Rosemary Callenberg, Eileen Carroll, Libby Cugini, Carina DeGiulio, Kevin Dunne, Patricia Dunne, Joanie Edwards, Augustine Ferrer, Mark & Arlene Fileccia, Michael G., Josephine Greco, Edward Gross, Elaine Guarlino, Ricky Gundacker, David Hall, Barbara Harris, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Fred Kabat, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Josephine Linton, Lomando, Linda Mahoney, Paul Mahoney, Janet Massa, Judy C. Mc., Marie McMillen, Christine Momole Susan Morris, Josephine Nastasi, Joseph Pastore, Ryan Pizzaro, Joanny Pizzuti, Sal Prestigiacomo, Gerry Pye, Edwin Rodriguez, Marty Rose, Ronald Rothmund, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, David Valle, Tita Valonzo, Michael Walsh, Jerry Yannaci Sr., Margaret White**

Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

Staff Sergeant Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Fort Stewart, GA

Staff Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Camp Lejeune, NC

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

Monsignor Belford 4pm, 7:30am, 12:30pm,

Father Kallattil 9am, 10:30am, Clove Lakes Home

Father Challman 5pm

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

With the Super Bowl coming up in two weeks, let me ask you a question. What would you think of a person who claims to be a big sports fan—who says he or she loves football in the fall, basketball and hockey in the winter, baseball all summer—but does not go to a game, or even watch it on TV?

Perhaps you might feel a little sorry for that person, who is missing out on a good part of life that millions of other people participate in faithfully. You might even want to know what terrible event, what drastic reasons would lead a person to give up sharing a helpful and important part of a happy life.

And what if someone spouts a long list of excuses like these:

- it always costs me money to go there
- the people are not friendly
- the team is not very good
- the manager or coach never takes my advice
- the referee or umpire makes lots of bad calls
- sometimes these games go into overtime
- I don't like the music they play
- on most game days I have other things to do
- my parents took me to too many games when I was little
- I listen to sports programs on the radio, and I know more than the coaches
- I don't want to prejudice my kids by teaching them only one sport. or supporting one team

Wouldn't you say that some of those reasons are trivial? And that none of them outweigh the satisfaction of being a loyal fan and sharing a good activity with other people?

Sports and games are one thing, but your present quality of life and your salvation after death is of much greater importance. What do you think of a person who claims to be a Catholic, and says he or she loves God the Father, is grateful to Jesus His Son, counts on the help of the Holy Spirit, believes in heaven, and hopes to get there...but for reasons as weak as the list above, has decided not to go to Mass, has fallen into being an A&P Catholic, does not darken church doors even though he or she could go, and never thinks of the good he or she could do for others by praying at Mass or receiving Communion?

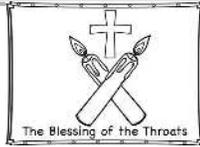
KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY is still one of the Ten Commandments. Always will be. At His Last Supper Jesus said to His apostles (and through them to us): **DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME!**

God's instructions are given to help us live well now and win the battle for eternal life. Don't be careless. Practice to win. Your final victory may depend on it. Eternity is a long time. Save yourself from an eternity of regret.

Msgr. William Belford

P.S. To meet our printing company's deadlines, I am writing this January 25 letter on January 13. Please know that on Friday February 6, at 2pm there will be an Installation Mass in Saint Patrick's Cathedral for our new Archbishop Ronald Hicks. Please pray for him to do well for us in his new responsibility. And say a prayer for Cardinal Dolan to have healthy years to continue to serve as a Bishop— but without all the duties and worries that came with being the Archbishop of New York.

Archbishop Hicks wants and needs our prayerful support. Perhaps you could include in your daily prayers some petitions we will make in our Sunday Masses: "That while we thank Almighty God for giving us the prayers, leadership, and love of Cardinal Timothy Dolan for nearly 17 years as our Archbishop, we also pray for his successor Archbishop Ronald Hicks, that he also will be able to serve very well the people of our ten counties (Staten Island, Manhattan, Bronx, Westchester, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Ulster, Sullivan), let us pray to the Lord." And let us pray as well for more young adults from our parishes to think about their own possible future as members of the priesthood, or to serve as deacons, or in consecrated religious life as Sisters or Brothers."



WE WILL OFFER THE BLESSING OF THROATS DURING ALL MASSES NEXT SUNDAY AND MONDAY AS PART OF THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL, AND AFTER MASSES FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THIS BLESSING INDIVIDUALLY.

THIS TRADITION ASKS FOR THE HELP OF SAINT BLAISE, A BISHOP OF FOURTH CENTURY WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HEALING OF THROATS.

HERE ARE THE WORDS OF THIS BLESSING; THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR, MAY GOD DELIVER YOU FROM EVERY DISEASE OF THE THROAT AND FROM EVERY OTHER ILLNESS, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.



Planning ahead is important for success in the spiritual life, and we need to be ready for the beginning of Lent. **Ash Wednesday is FEBRUARY 18.** Masses will be at 8:30am, 12 Noon, 7:30pm. Ashes will be given after the Gospel and after Mass. St. Teresa-St. Rita STREAM Academy students have a Mass just for them. **We also provide prayers and distribution of ashes in church for families and children coming from school, with prayers beginning at 3:30.**

LAST YEAR'S PALM BRANCHES

If you wish, you can bring the Palm Branches you received last year on Palm Sunday to our church vestibule for the next two weeks. It is our custom to have our Boy Scout Troop 37 burn the old palms on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, which is February 18, and for us to use those ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Thank you for your faithful weekly donations to God for our Parish Support.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$6,780. No WeShare report.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN FEBRUARY WILL BE ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5, AFTER THE NOON MASS TO 3PM, INSTEAD OF ON FRIDAY. THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT NOON ON FRIDAY SO THAT OUR PRIESTS AND DEACON CAN ATTEND THE 2PM MASS IN ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL FOR ARCHBISHOP RONALD HICKS.



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**February 7, 2026
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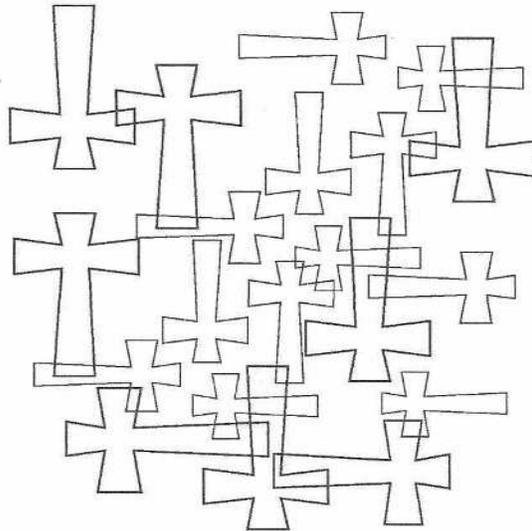
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 4:12-23

PUZZLE

How many crosses can you count?



THE ANSWER IS TWENTY CROSSES

MISSION

Sing the song, "This Little Light of Mine."

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