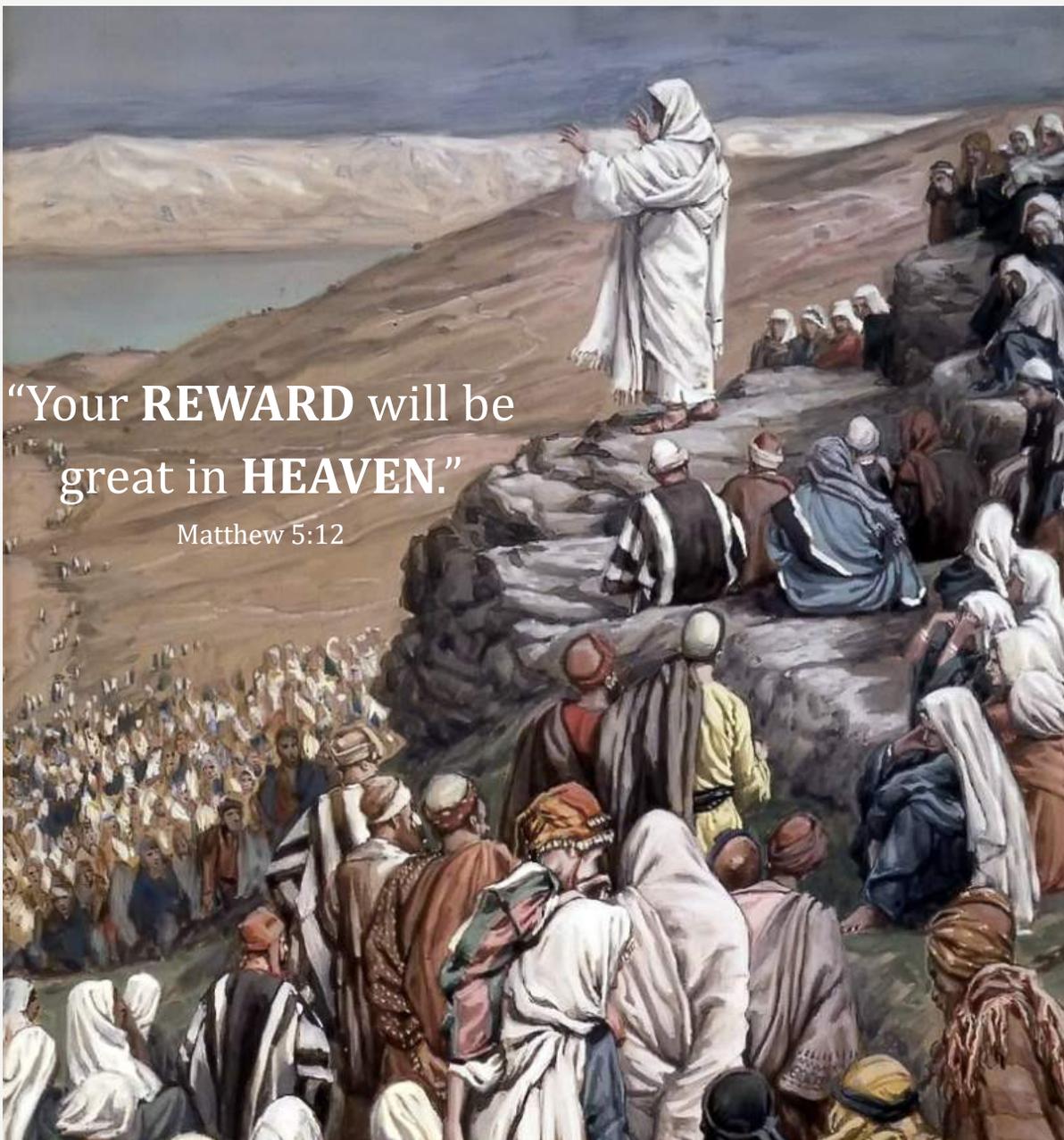


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Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:  
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**Confession**  
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## VENTURE FORWARD!

Our new high school program gives students in grades 9-12 an opportunity to venture deeper into their faith by encountering Christ through short studies with their peers and adult facilitators. Our first study will be a "Venture" through the great stories of the Bible. See the insert in today's bulletin to sign up.

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The parish offers Mass, every first Saturday of the month at 8:30 am, for the deceased who will be remembered in our **Perpetual Mass Enrollment**. These Holy Souls will be included in the prayers of the liturgy for a period of one year. The offering is \$30 and includes a leatherette memorial Mass folder. Next Mass is Saturday, February 4th at 8:30 am. Contact the Parish Office to enroll your beloved deceased.

A **Blessing of Throats** will take place on Friday, February 3rd after the 8:30 am Mass.

Catholic Daughters of America Court #264 will hold their annual **Valentine's Day/Super Bowl Bake Sale** in the St. Thomas old school building on Saturday, February 11th and Sunday, February 12th before and after all Masses.

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**Training for new Altar Servers** for students in 4th grade through high school will take place at St. Marianne Cope Church, 7-8 pm, on Tuesdays, on February 7, 14, 28, and March 7. There will be an Installation Ceremony on Sunday, March 12th at the 10 am Mass. Parents are asked to sign up their child by emailing Gene at [genefenton44@gmail.com](mailto:genefenton44@gmail.com).

Please contact the Office if you require a 2022 Tax **Contribution Statement**. Online Givers can log into their account and download a statement.

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The Hudson West Vocation Team invites men in high school and older to a **Vocations Holy Hour** in the Parish Center Chapel on Tuesday, January 31st at 5:30 pm at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Goshen. Evening prayer begins at 5:30 pm. Dinner follows. For information, contact Fr. George Hafemann at [frhafemann@nypriest.com](mailto:frhafemann@nypriest.com), 845.294.5328.

### The Blessing of St. Blaise

O God, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## POPE FRANCIS: "BE OPEN TO WONDER"

*Given on the Feast of the Presentation, 2 February 2020, at the recitation of the Angelus in St. Peter's Square, Rome*

### **D**EAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Today we are celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: when the infant Jesus was presented in the Temple by the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph.... The Gospel (cf. Lk 2:22-40) narrates that 40 days after his birth, Jesus' parents took their child to Jerusalem to consecrate him to God, as prescribed by Jewish Law. And as it describes a rite prescribed by tradition, this event brings to our attention the behavior of some of the protagonists. They are caught at the very moment they experience the encounter with the Lord in the place where he makes himself present and close to mankind. They are Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anna who are examples of welcome and offering as they offered their own lives to God. These four were not the same. They were all different but they all sought God and allowed themselves to be guided by the Lord.

The evangelist Luke describes all four of them in a twofold attitude: the attitude of movement and the attitude of wonder.

The first attitude is movement. Mary and Joseph head towards Jerusalem: meanwhile, moved by the Spirit, Simeon goes to the Temple, while Anna tirelessly serves God day and night. In this way the four protagonists of the Gospel passage show us that Christian life requires dynamism, and it requires a willingness to walk, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide one. Immobility suits neither Christian witness nor the Church's mission. The world needs Christians who allow themselves to be moved, who do not tire of walking on life's streets, to bring the comforting Word of Jesus to everyone. Every baptized person has received the vocation to proclaim — to proclaim something, to proclaim Jesus — the vocation and

mission to evangelize: to proclaim Jesus! Parishes and various ecclesial communities are called to foster the commitment of young people, families and the elderly so that everyone can have a Christian experience, living the Church's life and mission as protagonists.

The second attitude with which Saint Luke presents the four protagonists in the narrative is wonder. Mary and Joseph: "marveled at what was said about him" (v. 33). Wonder is also an explicit reaction of the aged Simeon, who sees with his own eyes in the Child Jesus the redemption of God for his people: that redemption which he had awaited for years. And the same is true of Anna who "gave thanks to God" (v. 38) and went about pointing Jesus out to the people. She was a saintly chatterbox. She talked well, she talked of good, not bad things. She spoke, she announced: a saint who went from one woman to the next, making them see Jesus. These figures of believers were wrapped in wonder because they allowed themselves to be captivated by and involved in the events that occurred right before their eyes. The ability to be amazed at things around us promotes religious experience and makes the encounter with the Lord more fruitful. On the contrary, the inability to marvel makes us indifferent and widens the gap between the journey of faith and daily life.

Brothers and sisters, always [be] on the move and open to wonder! May the Virgin Mary help us to contemplate every day in Jesus, God's gift to us, and to allow ourselves to be engaged by him in the movement of the gift with joyful wonder so that our whole life may become a praise to God in the service to our brothers and sisters.

## THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

**II Timothy** is the 62nd book in our Bible. It is the second of the “Pastoral Letters” in the New Testament and yet it is the last that Paul would write before his death around 67 A.D. in Rome. He writes this time to Timothy to buoy up his spirits. It appears that Timothy (in his diligence to proclaim the gospel authentically) had gotten into an argument with two individuals named Hymenaeus and Philetus. Paul rather encourages Timothy to come to see him so that both can gain from mutual support while they are still on this side of eternity. Such writing gives one pause to reflect on our use of letter-writing to bolster one another along our ways through life: How many of us even still write letters? Those that do, what content fills their pages: Is it focused on stories about me, or inquiries and concern about the other? How might some form of meaningful communication beyond a mere “tweet” make for more purposeful presence of ourselves to the other?



In the pages of this book, we read of Paul’s recalling Timothy’s grandmother Lois and mother Eunice (ones whom Paul obviously knew sufficiently by name) and an admonition by Paul that Timothy fan into flames his gift (a good prescription for ourselves as well) (ch. 1); Paul’s mention of sports, of farming, and of keeping the gospel unchained, as well as of godless philosophy, gangrene, and being gentle (ch. 2); Paul’s assessment of the dangers of the last days and of the necessity to be less self-centered, and of his knowledge of the names of Pharaoh’s magicians in Moses’ day, Jannes and Jambres (names with a non-Biblical etymology) and of the usefulness of all inspired Scripture (ch. 3); and Paul’s call to proclaim the gospel whether welcome or not, to fight the good fight, to run the race, and to bring his coat and books from the lost-and-found in Troas (ch. 4).

When you finish this book, you will have read 62 (84.9%) of the 73 books of the Bible, yet 1,274 (95.5%) of the 1,334 chapters of the Bible.

*Permission granted by Rev. Robert J. Schrader (based on Timothy Schehr’s book, The Bible Made Easy: A Book-by-Book Introduction).*

## READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reading I – Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

The prophet speaks of a moral recovery involving the “purging of the arrogant.” Evil is associated in the prophet’s mind with wealth and arrogance.

### Reading II – I Corinthians 1:26-31

The community must not adhere to worldly standards. God did not choose those whom the world might have chosen to carry out His plan.

### The Gospel – Matthew 5:1-2a

A beatitude is “an exclamation of congratulations that recognizes an existing state of happiness.” Jesus claims the poor, the mourners, and the hungry as His mission to Israel. The rewards will be realized in the kingdom of God.



Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday Mass at [stmariannecope.com](http://stmariannecope.com).

**To watch a live streamed Mass** from St. Patrick Cathedral via the Catholic Faith Network, visit [catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses](http://catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Mon, Jan 30

8:30 +Karen and Doug Caufaglone by mom

### Tues, Jan 31: St. John Bosco

8:30 +Benjamin Santoro by Santoro family

### Wed, Feb 1

8:30 CDA Living and Deceased by CDA

### Thurs, Feb 2: The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 +David Hershberger by Jerry and Vickie

### Fri, Feb 3: St. Blaise

8:30 +Mamawal family by Linda Siner

### Sat, Feb 4: BVM

8:30 +Perpetual Mass Enrollments by the Parish

4:30 +Kathleen Kane by Kathy Kissel;

+Siner family by Linda Siner

### Sun, Feb 5: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 +Senator Bill Larkin by family

10:00 +Patrick Harding by Missy Irwin

12:00 The People of the Parish

*Two intentions will be accepted at the Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass. The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass—\$15. Contact the parish office.*

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