

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



## PARISH STAFF

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday - Noon

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

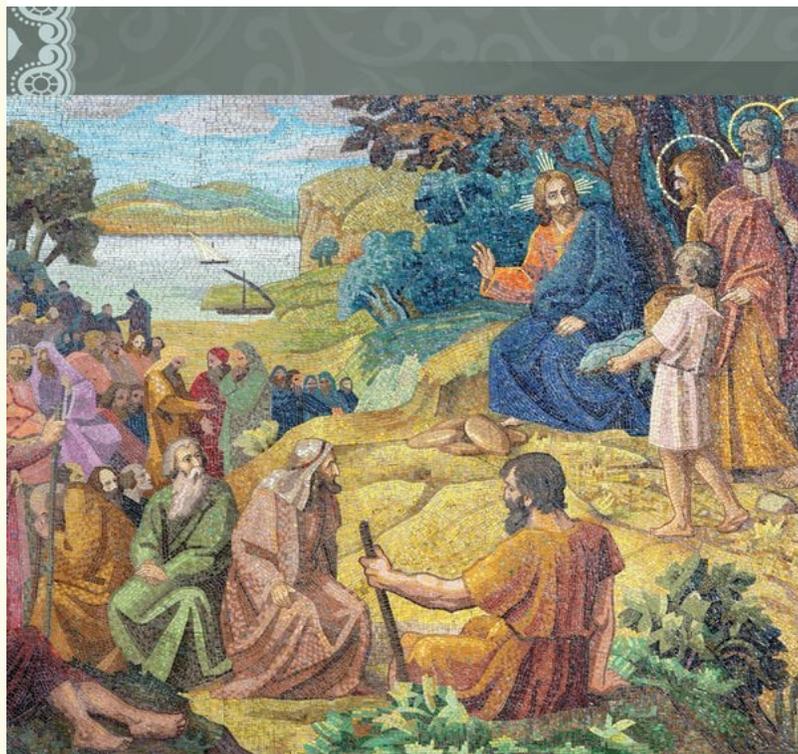
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

## BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

## MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him." Mt 5:1



## From the Pastor's Desk....

### Sunday Offertory

01-25-2025.....\$798  
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000  
 Surplus/Deficit.....\$2,202  
  
 YTD Offertory.....\$98,190  
 Budget.....\$87,000  
Surplus/Deficit.....\$11,190  
  
 Food Pantry .....\$



**ZEPHANIAH 2:3;3:12-13**  
**1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31**  
**MATTHEW 5:1-12a**

Blessed are the humble of the earth,  
 blessed are the poor in spirit! Such are  
 the ones God has chosen to confound  
 the strong of this world.

**Readings may be found in  
 the Saint Augustine  
 Hymnal Number 988**

Hi everyone!

I hope that we have a nice quiet weekend with no more storms! Our readings this week are from the 4th Week in Ordinary Time and our Gospel this weekend gives us the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. I figure that I'll be preaching about the second reading, so I thought it would be good to do a little reflection on the Gospel here. First, I think we need to remember that Jesus was speaking in a particular historical context. The people listening to him were waiting for the renewal of the Exodus when God's people would be set free from the evil power of the pagan empires. This is why so many false messiahs were military leaders bent on overthrowing the Roman occupation of Israel. With the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus challenges this notion. The way to win is not through violence and war, terrorism and chaos. Instead, the way that God's kingdom wins is through humility, purity, and meekness. There's a real challenge to us here. Jesus wanted people to see that the Roman empire was not the "bad guy" but the power BEHIND them, the power of sin and death. Do we correctly identify the "bad guy" in our problems? Do we struggle to follow the Beatitudes to fight for God's kingdom?

Fr. Rob

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 31	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	Intentions of the Mata Family
Sunday, February 1	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Fr. Simon Bishop, SJ
Monday, February 2	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday, February 3	Noon Mass	+Covie Joseph Schmidt
Wednesday, February 4	Noon Mass Aline McKasson	+Lora Murphy and
Thursday, February 5	<b>No Mass</b>	
Friday, February 6	Noon Mass	+Jan Meeks
Saturday, February 7	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Daniel McKasson
Sunday, February 8	10:30 am Mass	For the People

# Parish Calendar & Announcements

**LAY MINISTRY - 02/01/2025**

**Lector** - Joe Collins  
**Lector Fill in Only** - Isabella Ramsey  
**Gift Bearer Server** - Bob & Annice Lee  
**Coffee & Donuts** – Joseph & Pia Mata  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** - Denny Rohrer

**LAY MINISTRY - 02/08/2026**

**Lector** - Fadi AlAkhrass  
**Lector Fill in Only** - William Fleniken  
**Gift Bearer Server** - Cherry Rivera & Mary Jo Ratliff  
**Coffee & Donuts** – Todd & Sandra May  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** - Frank Dawahare

**LAY MINISTRY - 02/15/2026**

**Lector** - Frank Dawahare  
**Lector Fill in Only** - Mary Jo Ratliff  
**Gift Bearer Server** - Christopher & Lindsey Elliott  
**Coffee & Donuts** – Denny Rohrer  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** - Joseph Mata

**LAY MINISTRY - 02/22/2026**

**Lector** - Jerry Kanney  
**Lector Fill in Only** - MaShawna Jacobs  
**Gift Bearer Server** - Todd & Sandra May  
**Coffee & Donuts** – Zach & Jonnica Bryson  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** - MaShawna Jacobs

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER**

**Readings for the week of February 1, 2026**

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a  
 Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34  
 Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16 ©LPi

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad" (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad. — Father John Muir ©LPi

**ROSARY** - The first Saturday of each month at **noon.**

**1ST COMMUNION CLASS:** The classes will be starting soon. Please get in touch with Frank or Theresa Dawahare either at church or by email if you have an eligible child. Frank's email is (frank.dawahare@ettky.com) and Theresa's is (theresadawahare@upike.com).

**PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY**

**Bless Us, Lord**

Jesus,  
 You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way. Amen. ©LPi



- Skylar Coleman and her unborn baby, Kallum
- Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon cancer
- Ray Buchanan
- Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt's sister
- Dana Cantrell, Anna Gomez's friend and co-worker
- Jimmie Goss
- Chona Curry
- Sharon Collins, cancer
- Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad
- Sister Kathy Avery
- Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad
- Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother
- Wanda Baker
- Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son
- Sandy Lowe, cancer
- Ron Saros
- Helen Altman
- Fran Sykes
- +Peggy Anderson
- +Kenny Blackburn
- +Mary Anne McNamee
- +Sidney Tackett

**VOTIVE CANDLES:**  
 Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50