

JANUARY 18, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

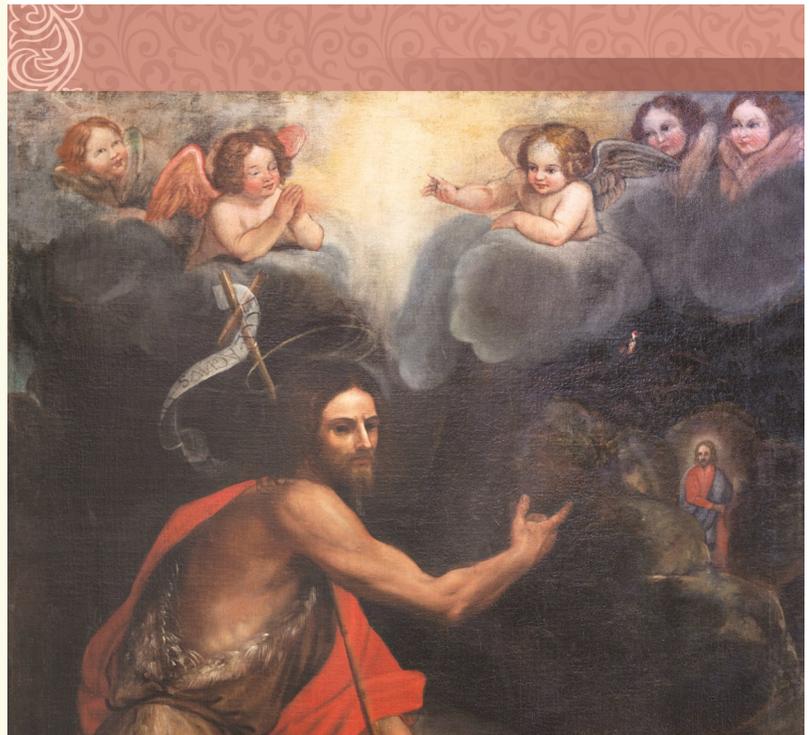
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.



2nd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'" Jn 1:29



From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

01-11-2025.....\$2,696
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
 Surplus/Deficit.....\$304

 YTD Offertory.....\$94,652
 Budget.....\$81,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$13,652

 Food Pantry\$25

Hi everyone,

Not much to report this week! Our readings are a nice follow up to last week's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. In our readings this week, we hear from the prophet Isiah that the Messiah is the light for the nations. I've been thinking about what this means. I think it points to the fact that Jesus is the light of our world. We need that light, especially during dark times. Our world is sitting in a deep darkness of evil and injustice. Christ comes to be the light for all people to bring them out of the darkness.

Fr. Rob



ISAIAH 49:3JJ, 5-6
 1CORINTHIANS 1:1-3
 JOHN 1:29-34

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the light of the nations who came to do the Father's will. In Christ we have been called to be a holy people.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 17	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Kenny Blackburn
Sunday, January 18	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Sidney Len Cline
Monday, January 19	No Mass	
Tuesday, January 20	Noon Mass	+Anne Sykes Hinkebein
Wednesday, January 21	Noon Mass	+Laythe Sykes
Thursday, January 22	No Mass	
Friday, January 23	Noon Mass	+Sidney Len Cline
Saturday, January 24	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Mary Anne McNamee
Sunday, January 25	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Readings may be found in
 the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 982

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LAY MINISTRY - 01/18/2026

Lector - Joe Collins
Lector Fill in Only - Paylin Meade
Gift Bearer Server - Mary Jo Ratliff
Coffee & Donuts - Fadi & Lina Abdallah
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Mashawna Jacobs

LAY MINISTRY - 01/25/2026

Lector - Jerry Kanney
Lector Fill in Only - Isabella Ramsey
Gift Bearer Server - Christopher & Lindsey Elliott
Coffee & Donuts - Denny Rohrer
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Sidney

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

Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 ©LPi

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

THEOLOGY ON TAP - The first Thursday of each month at **7:00 pm** at Bank 253.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time. — Father John Muir ©LPi

FUNDRAISING SHOW FOR MIGRANT SERVICES - Br. Christian Matson will be directing a one-night-only performance of *The Courtroom* by Arian Moayed on Saturday, Jan. 24th at 7:00 PM in Hehman Hall, Cathedral of Christ the King, as a fundraiser for migrant services in the Diocese of Lexington. *The Courtroom*, adapted entirely from verbatim transcripts of the immigration case *Keathley vs. Holder*, tells the true story of one Filipina immigrant's journey through the U.S. immigration system. A post-show Q&A with Catholic Charities Executive Director Dr. Shelli Gregory and others will discuss available resources for immigrants in the Diocese of Lexington. All proceeds will go to diocesan migrant account. Pay-what-you-can tickets are available at: <https://courtroomlex.eventbrite.com>.



- 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