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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (organ & cantor)

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (organ & cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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### **Weekdays**

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

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### **CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION**

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)**

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### **MARRIAGE**

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### **VISITS TO THE SICK**

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scripture passage he reads in the synagogue, a missive of promise and hope from an ancient prophet. But he invites us to be part of his work, here and now, in our own lives, our own communities. Be part of the fulfillment.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, “Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news.” “Actually,” they said, “she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister!*” How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don’t approve of the *way* he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is “**fulfilled in your hearing**” (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize *this man* is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God’s word announces the fulfillment of God’s promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What’s required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God’s gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— *Father John Muir*

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## Readings for the week of January 26, 2025

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
 Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30  
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35  
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20  
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25  
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34  
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41  
 Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

## Observances for the week of January 26, 2025

**Sunday**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week**Monday**

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

**Tuesday**

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

**Friday**

St. John Bosco, Priest

**Next Sunday**

The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix *our* brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

**These Evil Days**

"Alas, that these evil days should be mine."

If you've ever seen "The Lord of the Rings," you might recognize this quote from "The Two Towers." The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

*These evil days.*

You don't have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos — are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

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**First Reading:**

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

**Psalm:**

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

**Second Reading:**

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

**Gospel:**

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK  
JANUARY 27, 2025

**Monday**

8:30am Jesús Paulino (D), Rubén Darío Torres Jr. (D)

12:00pm Timothy Mc Cormick (D)-36<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Tuesday**

8:30am Ricardo Reyes (L)-por su salud, María Céspedes De La Cruz(D)

12:00pm

**Wednesday**

8:30am José Peguero Montero (D)

12:00pm Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit, the Mercy of God & God Almighty

**Thursday**

8:30am

12:00pm Thanksgiving

**Friday**

8:30am Boris Beltran (D), Cesar Santana Dones (L) & Andrew Dones (L)

12:00pm

**Saturday**

7:45am LH Tien Nhan (D)  
7:00pm Maria De Jesus Espinal Hernandez (D), Jose Ramon Taveras (D), Ramon Antonio Santos (D), Lupe Castillo (D), Elvis Marino Mosquera (D) Aurelia Vasquez (D), Fatima Acosta (D), Maria Lantigua (D)

**Sunday**

8:00am People of SNT  
9:30am Alvin Alberto Ortiz Jr (D), Juan Santana (D), Maria Florencia Tiburcio Rodriguez (D), Florentina B. Reyes (D), Timoteo G. Bautista (D), Bonifacio G. Galvez (D)

11:30am

1:30pm Gioanbaotixita & Martha (D)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
JANUARY 12, 2025

<b>Tithing:</b>	\$7,375.87	Solemnity of Mary:	
<b>Children:</b>	\$0.00	<b>\$160</b>	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,375.87</b>	Catholic University:	
		<b>\$200</b>	