

# St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

THE BRONX



NEW YORK



**FEBRUARY | 2025**

The Presentation of the Lord

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Pastor

Fr. Luis A Vera, O.S.A.  
pastor@stnicholasoftolentinebronx.org

### Associate

Fr. Joseph Tran  
Fr. Carlos Urbina, O.S.A.  
Fr. Joseph Murray, O.S.A.

### In Residence

Fr. William Wallace, O.S.A.

### Catholic Faith Formation

Jesus DeLaRosa

### Director of Music

Mr. Daniel Kirk-Foster  
Mr. Dang Vu

### Accounting

Ms. Shelly Parkin

### Plant Manager

Mr. Eric Fortunato  
347-856-3573

### Receptionist

Ms. Lucy Maldonado

## SACRAMENTS

### Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

### Baptism

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.

### 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.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

#### Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

#### Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)  
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)  
11:30am English (organ & cantor)  
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

### Weekdays

#### Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

#### Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

# 2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 24

8:30 a.m. Benditas almas del Purgatorio, Olinda Salcedo, Rosa Caines, Telly Williams, Joel Delfiner (D)

12:00 pm Juan, Eugenia, All Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, February 25

8:30 a.m. Carmen Cross Minaya (D)

12:00 pm Gioanbaotixita (D)

### Wednesday, February 26

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

### Thursday, February 27

8:30 a.m. Filomena & Ricardo Reyes (D)

12:00 pm.

### Friday, February 28

8:30 a.m. Jose Peguero Montero (D)

12:00 p.m.

### Saturday, March 1

7:45 a.m. Giuse Duong & LH To Tien (D)

7:00 p.m. Maria Altagracia Santiago Duarte (D), Lupe Castillo (D), Maria Lantigua (D), Humberto Paulino, Ramona Santo, Antonio Martinez, Ramon Martinez, Manuel Martinez, Felix Martinez (D)

### Sunday, March 2

8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Ricardo Reyes (L)

9:30 a.m. Acción de gracias a la Virgen de la Milagrosa

11:30 am Patrick Keon (D), Joseph Fausto Dunk (D)

1:30 pm Philippe & Ana (D)

## READINGS

### First Reading:

"Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

### Psalms:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

### Second Reading:

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor 15:49)

### Gospel:

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.  
The English translation of Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

©LPi

## Readings for the week of February 23, 2025

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE  
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us.

**Judgment and Love**

"Oh, well. I'm going to hell anyway, right?"

I have a few family members and friends who are not practicing Catholics who say this to me from time to time. It's always spoken in a teasing manner, with a wink and a shoulder shrug, usually to explain away some sort of minor misbehavior they feel guilty about.

It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. I think in part it stems from a misunderstanding on the part of unchurched people (and lots of churched ones, too) regarding what constitutes "judging." It is absolutely not "judging" someone to disagree with a personal decision, whatever that decision may be, or to decline from participating in that decision. We all have functioning consciences; we are all supposed to discern the moral goodness of any action before we take it.

But it ~~is~~ judging someone if we allow their decisions to impact how we treat them.

Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us. Much is said these days of the "culture wars." I certainly don't disagree that it can often feel like you're fighting a war when you're trying to live as the Church teaches. The forces against you often seem overwhelming and nefarious. And guess what? They are.

But we need to remember who the enemy really is. The enemy is not other children of God, even if they are children of God who are actively promoting ideas that are wrong. Perhaps these people are misguided and mistaken. Perhaps they are misled by the devil. Have we not all been misled by him at some point?

We must interact lovingly with people who think differently and live differently from us. The Christian life absolutely demands it.

©LPi

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time****Luke 6:27-38**

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "**Be merciful just as your Father is merciful**" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect *that* perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of *God's* life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— *Father John Muir*

©LPi

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus' message today is one of radical generosity and abundant mercy, and it scandalized the people of his time. It shook them to their core. It should do the same for us. Are we ready to live as Jesus lived? Are we ready to offer love in the face of hate?

©LPi

**STEWARDSHIP****Weekly Offering - February 16, 2025**

Envelopes	\$7,329.64
Peter's Pence	\$244.00
Daily Collections	\$498.08

**Give Online Today!**

Enjoy the convenience of giving online through WeShare or Paypal on our website: [www.StNicholasofTolentineBronx.org](http://www.StNicholasofTolentineBronx.org)

# NEW HEIGHTS CONSTRUCTION LLC

## WINTER SPECIAL: SIDING, ROOFING, WINDOWS



### SIDING, ROOFING & WINDOWS

Waterproofing, Gutters, Soffit & Fascia Repair & more

### FENCES, DECKS & AWNINGS

Wrought Iron Fences, Wood Cedar, PVC, Stainless Steel,  
Chain Link, Pressure Treated & Composite Decking

### KITCHEN & BATH

Complete Renovation & Remodeling, Expert Tile, Granite & Quartz

### MASONRY WORK

Concrete Sidewalk Violations, Porches Brick and Granite Steps,  
Paver Stones, Brick Pointing, Stucco, etc

### INTERIOR FLOORING & PAINTING

SOPHIE SAYS GIVE US A CALL AND ASK FOR BIG JOHN  
FOR PERSONALIZED SERVICE AND BEST PRICES  
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED (VISA, AMEX, DISCOVER, MASTERCARD)

**917-642-0195 • 718-767-0044**

[NewHeightsConstructionLLC.com](http://NewHeightsConstructionLLC.com)

NYC Lic# 1191201

CALL NOW  
FOR FREE  
ESTIMATES

CREDIT  
CARDS  
ACCEPTED



## Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and purchase an ad with

**AD CREATOR STUDIO**



[4lpi.com/adcreator](http://4lpi.com/adcreator)

## DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit [lpicommunities.com](http://lpicommunities.com)

OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER  
DECEMBER EDITION



Scan to contact us!

## LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME Al Wickenheiser**

[awickenheiser@4LPi.com](mailto:awickenheiser@4LPi.com) • (800) 477-4574 x6409

## WE'RE HIRING!

**AD SALES EXECUTIVES**  
BE YOURSELF.  
BRING YOUR PASSION.  
WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid training
- Some travel
- Work-life balance
- Full-Time with benefits
- Serve your community



Contact us at [careers@4lpi.com](mailto:careers@4lpi.com) or [www.4lpi.com/careers](http://www.4lpi.com/careers)

### Don Safferstein, D.D.S.

General and Cosmetic  
Dentistry  
1 Fordham Hill Oval  
**718-584-5300**

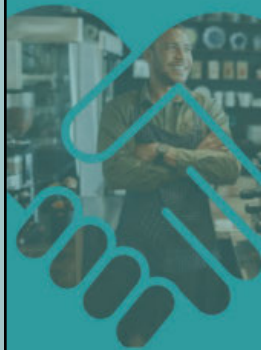


**FREE AD DESIGN**  
with purchase of this space

**CALL 800-477-4574**

## SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Local business ads sponsor the printing of our bulletin.  
[4lpi.com/adcreator](http://4lpi.com/adcreator)



# SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

