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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 1, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 2

8:30 a.m. Mercedes Pelaez, Elbira Arichabala (D) Misericordia, Santisima Trinidad, Espiritu Santo, Lucinda Frias, Lora (D)

12:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 3

8:30 a.m. Marisol Graterol, Jose Montezuma, Jose Gavidia, Angelica Contreras (D)

12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4

8:30 a.m. San Rafael San Miguel, Antigua Nuñez (D), Yahir Ricaño Bermejo (D)

12:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 5

8:30 am

12:00 p.m.

Friday, February 6

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 7

7:45 a.m. Annh Tosio (D)
7:00 p.m. Pablo Mercedes, Germania Perez (D), Maxima Dolores Reyes, Maria Agustina Ramos, Felix Antonio Reyes

Sunday, February 8

8:00 a.m. People of SNT,
9:30 a.m. Acción de gracias a Dios y la Virgen de Guadalupe
11:30 am Sooknana Nagassar, Daniel Nagassar, Valerie Nagassar Maharaj (D)
1:30 pm Phero Thing & Magarita Han (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst

a people humble and lowly.

(Zep 3:12)

Psalm:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Ps 146)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,

and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.

(1 Cor 1:27)

Gospel:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt 5:3)

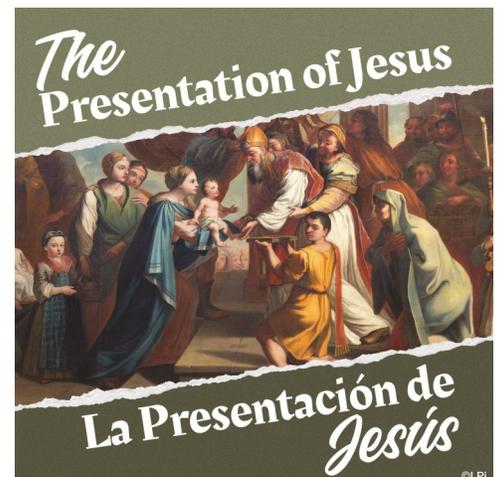
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Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

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



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:1-12a

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 Christ-like — 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*

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Pilgrimage of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish
Following St. Augustine's footsteps in Italy:
Rome, Cascia, Assisi, Florence & Milan
Sept. 21st- Oct 1st, 2026 Spir. Dir.: Fr. Luis Vera, OSA

- 21-Sep NY -Rome
- 22-Sep Parish of St. Aurea in Ostia, Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls
- 23-Sep Audience with Pope, St. Peter and St. Augustine Basilica, P. Navonna & Trevi
- 24-Sep Bas. of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Roccaponera, St. Rita of Cascia Basilica
- 25-Sep St. Rita of Cascia Convent, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, and St. Carlo Acutis
- 26-Sep St. Mary of Angels (Porziuncula), St. Gimignano
- 27-Sep Holy Cross, Di Santo Spirito and St. Mary the Fiore Basilica. Piazza de la Repubblica, Porcellino market and Ponte Vecchio
- 28-Sep San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro (skeletal remains of St. Augustine), Certosa di Pavia
- 29-Sep Cassago Brianza
- 30-Sep Duomo, St Ambrosio Basilica and Saint Lawrence Maggiore Parish.
- 01-Oct Departure to NY

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Blessed are the poor, the meek, the persecuted. These are radical words in a world that insists the opposite: blessed are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful. Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have what it takes to be radical?

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