

# St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church

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FEBRUARY | 2026

Fifth 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 8, 2026

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 9

8:30 a.m. Divina Misericordia,  
Espiritu Santo, Santisima  
Trinidad, Ricardo  
Santos (D)

12:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 10

8:30 a.m. Cesar Augusto Rojas  
Mendez (D)

12:00 p.m. Cresus Abrea on his 1st  
death anniversary, Necitas  
De Los Santos and Cletus  
Suganob

### Wednesday, February 11

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Julia Quiles Cottos,  
Pedro Nieves Longo,  
Galletano Quiles, Cindy  
Velasquez (D)

### Thursday, February 12

8:30 am

12:00 p.m. Margaret  
Grossenbacher (D)

### Friday, February 13

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Blessings to the Murphy  
Fajardo family, Elena  
Abrea, Cirilo Abrea, Cresus  
Abrea, Miguela Abrea (D)

### Saturday, February 14

7:45 a.m. Lorenzo Nguyen &  
Madalena Gia (D)

7:00 p.m. Carmen Marquez (D),  
Carmen Ureña De  
Castillo (D) - 5 meses

### Sunday, February 15

8:00 a.m. People of SNT,  
Maldonado, Ramos (D)

9:30 a.m. Ricardo Gonzalez, Ramon  
Sipriano Gonzalez, Jose  
Delfin Dias (D), Romaldo  
Garcia, Siria Flores,  
Artemio Garcia (D)

11:30 am San Anthony Negron, Cruz  
Negron, Filomena Reyes,  
Ricardo Reyes, Angel  
Maldonado (D)

1:30 pm Phero Luc-Ana Thuy (D)

## READINGS

### First Reading:

Then your light shall break  
forth like the dawn,  
and your wound shall  
quickly be healed. (Is 58:8)

### Psalm:

The just man is a light in  
darkness to the upright. (Ps  
112)

Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

When I came to you, brothers  
and sisters,

proclaiming the mystery of  
God,

I did not come with  
sublimity of words or of  
wisdom.

For I resolved to know nothing  
while I was with you

except Jesus Christ, and him  
crucified. (1 Cor 2:1-2)

### Gospel:

“You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain  
cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and  
then put it under a bushel  
basket.” (Mt 5:14-15)

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## Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16  
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10  
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Matthew 5:13-16**

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous. Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That’s why Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel are so challenging: **“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14).**

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that’s part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn’t call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let’s ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.  
 — *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**

Salt without flavor is no longer salt. Light that illuminates nothing is no longer light. As Christians, we must be what we have been made to be. So think about it, carefully: what stands between you and being who you were made to be?

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