



GOOD SHEPHERD

Catholic Community

JANUARY 26, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today this Scripture
passage is
subtitled
in your hearing.

GSCC AT A GLANCE

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WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE WITH US!
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TIME TO

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NOURISHED AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD, WE WELCOME ALL TO BECOME DISCIPLES WHO KNOW, LOVE, AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR.

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FEED OUR FRIARS

Providing a healthy meal for our friars is simple and easy. Visit gsc.net/fof to learn more.

JOIN US!

MASS

Sat: 5:00pm | Sun: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, & 4:00pm
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8:30am
Tues: 7:00am | Thurs: 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Mon: 9:00am | Thurs: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Sat: 3:30 - 4:30pm

By appointment: 817-421-1387

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00am - 8:30pm
Friday & Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Sunday: 5:30pm - 8:30pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1514-1515) teaches that this sacrament is not only for those at the point of death, but for anyone seriously ill or facing serious surgery. In fact, it is preferred that parishioners entering the hospital for surgery should ask the priest for this sacrament before being admitted. Parishioners should never wait until the last minute to call. We encourage parishioners facing surgery to let the parish priest know of their condition before entering the hospital so that they can be anointed before admission.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand. (Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10)

Psalm

A song in praise of the Law of the Lord (Psalm 19:8,9,10,15)

Second Reading

Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12-30)

Gospel

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled. (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

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WEEKLY READINGS

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, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

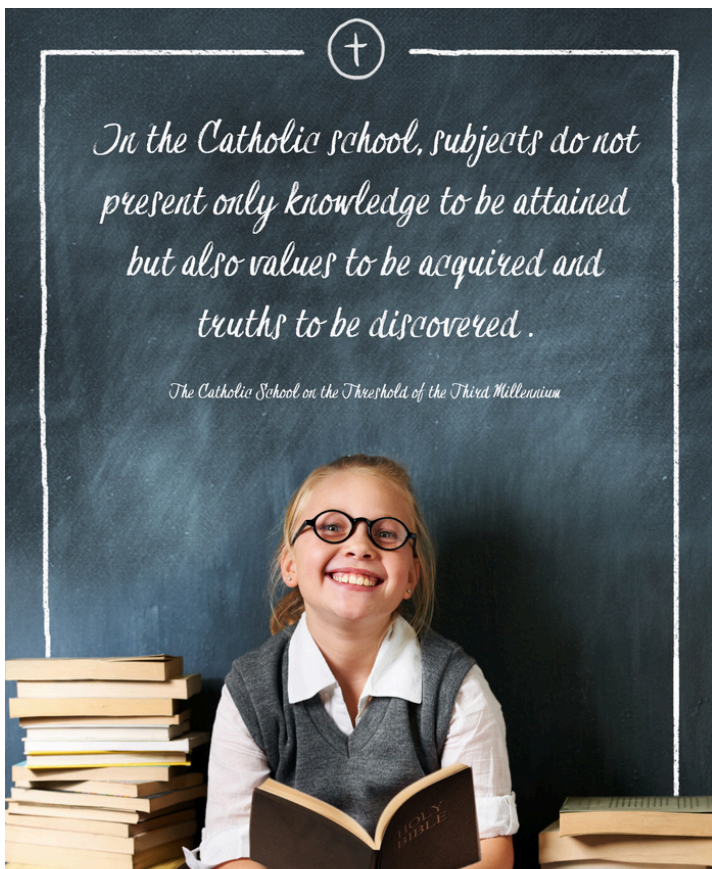
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20

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

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32



EXPLORING THE WORD

REJOICING IN THE LORD

In the first reading, Ezra gets a strange reaction from the people to whom he reads the book of the law. First they lie down, with faces to the ground, and then they all are weeping. Remember the background of this reading. The people of Israel had returned from exile and needed to become a unified nation. Most had never heard the laws, so when they learned what was expected of them and realized how much of the Law they had broken, they wept from shame. Many probably didn't know that they had been breaking the law. Others might have been overwhelmed with all the requirements of the law.

Ezra and Nehemiah console the people by reminding them that their return makes this a day "holy to the Lord" (Nehemiah 8:10). He adds that they would draw strength from "rejoicing in the Lord." That may be good advice for us also.

We might find ourselves so trapped in sin that we think we could never be forgiven. We need to remember that Jesus loved sinners so much that he gave his life on the cross to free us from sin. No sin can be so bad that God's love cannot forgive it. In other words, God's forgiveness is only limited by our failure to ask for it. As the psalms say, God's mercy endures forever. In fact, the more I have to repent, the more God wants to forgive. So we can rejoice in the Lord's forgiveness and the Spirit will give us the strength to change our lives.

And what about those who find the law overwhelming? That usually means a lack of faith in God's willingness to help us or in our ability to do the best we can to live as Christians. It can also be because we have forgotten Jesus' saying that all of God's laws are contained in the command to love God and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The more we come to accept God's presence in our lives and see God in others, the easier it becomes to keep the law of love.

By Tom Schmidt

WORSHIP



THERE ARE TWO THINGS THE DEVIL IS DEADLY AFRAID OF:
FREQUENT COMMUNIONS AND FREQUENT VISIT TO THE

Blessed Sacrament

-ST. JOHN BOSCO

*He taught in
their synagogues
& WAS PRAISED BY ALL*



Fully Alive

Liturgical Living for Every Day

Lent

Lent is the season that prepares us to celebrate Easter. The main reason Lent is important is that Easter is more important. On Easter we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whose passage beyond death into life offers redemption to believers. The Resurrection is the cornerstone of Christian faith. The mystery of Christ's rising from the dead is so deep that the Church invites us to six weeks of preparation before we fully celebrate it. We call that period Lent.

For the faithful, Lent is a time of penitential practices and spiritual discipline. During this time, we acknowledge our sins and seek God's help to overcome them. Traditionally, we engage in acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Together these actions show our dependence on God, our renunciation of the fascinations of this world, and our desire to better the lives of others.

For the elect, those preparing for Baptism, Lent is a time of intense spiritual preparation. They will celebrate Baptism at Easter because in this sacrament they enter the mystery of Christ's dying and rising. They die to their former way of life and open their hearts fully to discipleship in Jesus. For the elect, this is a season of purification and enlightenment. The prayers of this season help scrutinize and purify their intentions, removing whatever might block their commitment, and strengthening their resolve. They will become fully illumined with the light of Christ when they celebrate initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

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Hey Family, Let's Talk About This!

What day does Lent begin, and when does it officially end?

How can you add more prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to your life?

What does it mean to abstain on Fridays of Lent?

Shepherd's Corner

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me

As I was growing up, I can't recall how many times my mom would say to me, "Didn't you hear what I asked you to do? What's wrong, did it go in one ear and out the other?" This would happen when they asked me to do chores, to come home at a specific time, or in countless other scenarios where I heard what was being said but didn't follow through. Did you ever hear that expression, or something like it, as you were growing up?

In reflecting on Scriptures, I'm sure Jesus had to utter something similar in his lifetime as well. I think of how often he would say things and his disciples didn't get it. Or, if they did get it, how often they were quick to fall back into the same pattern of life as they had in the past. Two examples that come quickly to me is when Jesus says: "love your neighbor," and soon after that, the disciples want to call down fire from the sky on the Samaritans. Or when he tells them that he will suffer, die, and rise again, but right after the crucifixion they run back to their old ways of life: their fishing boats.

In our second reading from St. Paul to the Corinthians, Paul writes something we have all heard before in one fashion or another; "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." (1 Cor 12:12) I've seen adaptations of this theme cross-stitched on pillows, framed in wall hangings, and sung in church. Many of us know the song, *We are Many Parts*. In fact, if you listen closely, you may hear people humming this if they're reading the bulletin before Mass.

Yes, in baptism we become part of the Church, the mystical body of Christ. And Paul reminds us that although we are one body, we all bring different gifts to the Church. And yet more times than not, it seems the way Jesus asks us to live goes in one ear and out the other.

In 2011, I was repulsed watching a scene in Bethlehem where two groups of monks were cleaning the Church of the Nativity in preparation for the Christmas celebrations. It seems one group of monks pushed his broom into the space another denomination of monks were in charge of. That action led to a literal fist fight captured by the news media and still available on places like YouTube. If this repulsed me, I can't image how Jesus must have been.

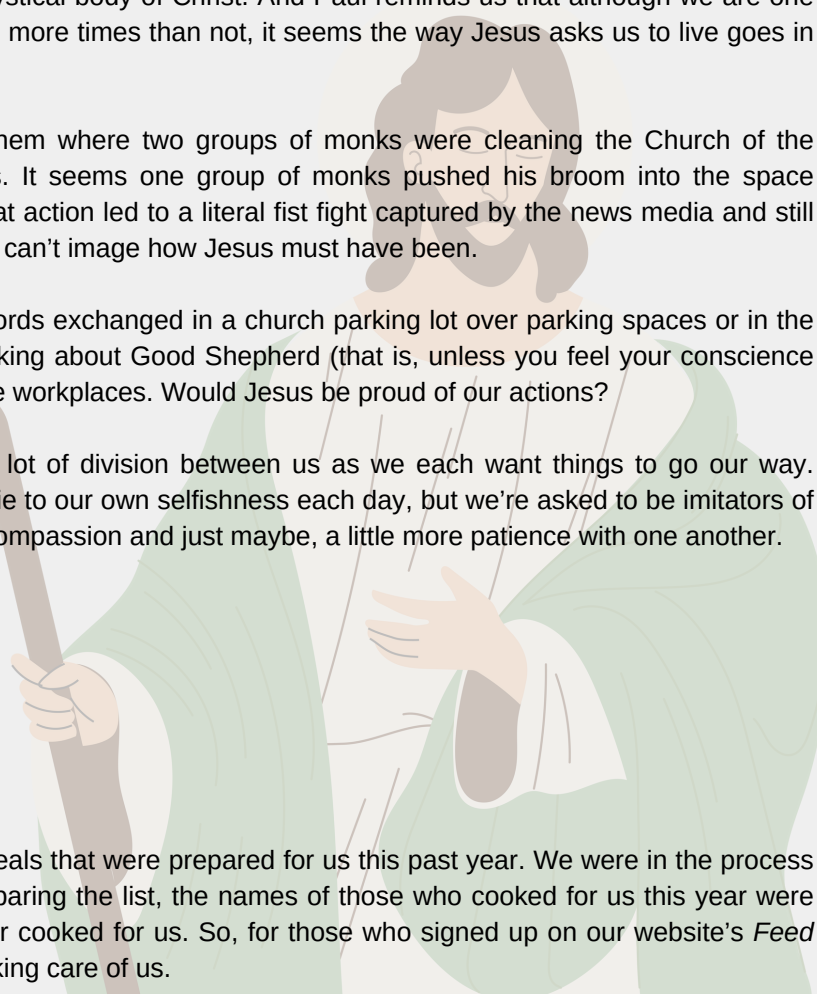
And while this is an extreme example, I have heard words exchanged in a church parking lot over parking spaces or in the gridlock that can occur when Mass is over. I'm not talking about Good Shepherd (that is, unless you feel your conscience being pricked). Or what about on the highways or in the workplaces. Would Jesus be proud of our actions?

We profess we are one body of Christ, yet there's a lot of division between us as we each want things to go our way. Christianity is not for the faint of heart. It is difficult to die to our own selfishness each day, but we're asked to be imitators of Jesus. May the Eucharist we share grant us heartfelt compassion and just maybe, a little more patience with one another.

Blessings and Peace this wonderful season,
Fr. Mike Ciski, TOR

Thank you! Muchas gracias! Merci! Dziękuję!

The friars wish to extend a BIG thank you for all the meals that were prepared for us this past year. We were in the process of hand writing *Thank You* notes, but as we were preparing the list, the names of those who cooked for us this year were accidentally merged into a list of anyone who has ever cooked for us. So, for those who signed up on our website's *Feed Our Friars* link, please know how grateful we are for taking care of us.



NEXT MONTH

AT A GLANCE

February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Men's Rosary & Discipleship Baptism Prep Class GriefShare: Loss of a Spouse Samuel Ministry Strong Marriages Blessing of Throats
2 Blessing of Throats Blessing of Candles Young Disciples	3 Festival of Tables OCIA	4 That Man is You Men's Tuesday Morning Scripture Study Women Growing in Faith Safe Environment Renewal Training Walking with Purpose: Beholding Your King	5 Walking with Purpose: Passionate Disciple Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday Morning Scripture Study Young Disciples Middle Ministries Renovate	6 Thursday Morning Scripture Study Vocations Rosary Sack Lunch Project GriefShare	7 GSCC Homeschool Outreach Coffee & Donuts: Parishioner Meet & Greet Social Seniors	8 Men's Rosary & Discipleship Blessing of Married Couples Super Casino Night
9 Blessing of Married Couples Young Disciples	10 Archangel Moms Mass & Playdate Knights of Columbus OCIA	11 That Man is You Men's Tuesday Morning Scripture Study Women Growing in Faith Safe Environment Renewal Training Walking with Purpose: Beholding Your King Sodality of St. Monica	12 Walking with Purpose: Passionate Disciple Wednesday Morning Scripture Study Young Disciples Middle Ministries Renovate	13 Thursday Morning Scripture Study Vocations Rosary GriefShare	14 Baby Looms	15 Men's Rosary & Discipleship Women's CRHP Retreat
16 Women's CRHP Retreat KofC Burritos & Donuts Young Disciples	17 Men's Club OCIA	18 That Man is You Men's Tuesday Morning Scripture Study Women Growing in Faith Catholic Respect Life Walking with Purpose: Beholding Your King	19 Walking with Purpose: Passionate Disciple Wednesday Morning Scripture Study Rosary Makers Young Disciples Middle Ministries Renovate	20 Thursday Morning Scripture Study Vocations Rosary Sack Lunch Project GriefShare Bunco	21	22 Men's Rosary & Discipleship Men's CRHP Retreat Middle School Rally Safe Environment Initial Training
23 Men's CRHP Retreat Young Disciples	24 Archangel Moms Morning Meeting OCIA	25 That Man is You Men's Tuesday Morning Scripture Study Women Growing in Faith Walking with Purpose: Beholding Your King Sodality of St. Monica	26 Walking with Purpose: Passionate Disciple Wednesday Morning Scripture Study Young Disciples Middle Ministries Renovate	27 Thursday Morning Scripture Study Vocations Rosary GriefShare Archangel Moms Evening Meeting	28	29 Advent Angel Trees Men's Rosary & Discipleship

Let go of your plans.

*The first hour of the morning belongs to God.
Tackle the day's work that He charges you with,
and He will give you the power to accomplish it.*

-St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross



THIS WEEK

AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

- Archangel Moms Morning Meeting | 9:30am | Frassati Room
- OCIA | 7:00pm | Upper Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

- That Man is You | 5:30am | Parish Hall
- Men's Tuesday Morning Scripture Study | 9:15am | St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- Women Growing in Faith | 9:30am | Upper Room
- Sodality of St. Monica | 6:30pm | Daily Chapel & St. Dominic Savio
- Walking with Purpose: Beholding Your King | 7:00pm | Upper Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

- Walking with Purpose: Passionate Disciple | 9:30am | Upper Room
- Wednesday Morning Scripture Study | 10:00am | St. Maria Goretti

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

- Thursday Morning Scripture Study | 10:00am | Upper Room
- Vocations Rosary | 6:30pm | Church
- GriefShare | 7:00pm | St. Maria Goretti
- Archangel Moms Evening Meeting | 7:30pm | St. Augustine

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- Men's Rosary & Discipleship | 7:00am | Daily Chapel
- Baptism Prep Class | 9:30am | St. Maria Goretti
- GriefShare: Loss of a Spouse | 9:30am | Upper Room
- Blessing of Throats | 5:00pm Mass | Church
- Samuel Ministry | 6:00pm | St. Maria Goretti
- Marriage on Tap: Strong Marriages | 6:00pm | Parish Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- Blessing of Throats | At All Masses | Church
- Blessing of Candles | 11:00am Mass | Church



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Are you receiving our weekly e-newsletter? To receive updates on important info and events, visit gsc.net and scroll to the footer on any page to sign up!



COMING UP AT GSCC

FEB 2

BLESSING OF CANDLES

Sunday, February 2
11:00am Mass - Church

The blessing of candles on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord has been a Church tradition since the early fourth century to recognize Jesus as the Light of the World (Luke 2:29-32). We invite all families to bring their candles to the 11:00am Mass to be blessed for use at home for prayer and dinners.



FEB 8

SUPER CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, February 8
5:30pm - Parish Hall

Join us for an unforgettable evening at the GSCC Men's Club Super Casino Night XVI on February 8th, 2025, from 5:30pm to 10:30pm at Good Shepherd Catholic Community.

This vibrant event will transform our venue into a dazzling casino, where guests will enjoy thrilling games, a live auction featuring exclusive items, and a silent auction packed with exciting opportunities. Don't miss your chance to win fabulous prizes in our raffle while indulging in delicious food and drinks, all in support of our mission to serve the community.

Last February, this event raised over \$235,000 (net), providing support to local Catholic schools, local outreach centers, and our neighbors in need. Heading into our 16th annual Super Casino Night, we are proud to have raised over \$1.7M over the past 8 years alone.

Learn more, purchase sponsorship and tickets, and donate items at gsc.net/casino.



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

Registrations for two great events close this week. Don't miss your chance to join!



Strong Marriages

February 1, 2025
6:00pm | Parish Hall
Register by January 27
gsc.net/strongmarriages

Festival of Tables

February 3, 2025
6:30pm | Parish Hall
Register by January 29
gsc.net/festivaloftables

YOUTH ORCHESTRA RECRUITMENT

The GSCC Youth Orchestra is looking for new members to join us this semester. Students in grades 7-12 who participate in a school band program are eligible! Rehearsals are on Sundays, 12:30-2pm in the choir room. We play at Mass at least once a month and at other special events of the parish. Don't miss this opportunity to praise God with your instrument. You can earn service hours, too! Visit gsc.net/musicministry for more information.



FEB 2

BLESSING OF THROATS

Saturday, February 1 & Sunday, February 2
At all Masses - Church

At the end of all Masses the weekend of February 1 & 2, we will celebrate our devotion to Saint Blaise with the Blessing of Throats.

As part of the church tradition, we have the blessing of throats on the feast of St. Blaise (February 3rd). St. Blaise was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blaise has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. As we receive the blessing of the throat, we ask for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blaise is also a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.



For all events and ministries currently meeting and coming up, please visit gsc.net/ministries or gsc.net/calendar



Art & Environment Fresh Flowers

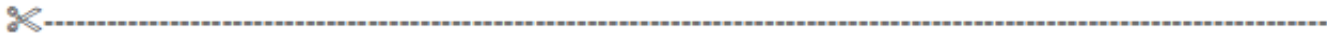
Would you like to commemorate special days in the year? Donations for flowers on our altars or at the Blessed Mother will be to honor or memorialize the special people and events in our lives. Flowers can fittingly mark the anniversary of a birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, or death, as well as expressions of thanksgiving during Easter, Mother's or Father's Day, and Christmas. Arrangements will be of seasonal flowers only, no exotics, and are ordered by the Art & Environment committee only.

Donations of any amount are accepted. Outside of the seasons of Easter and Christmas no more than 3 arrangements can be on the church altar, two placed near the candles and one in front of the Ambo. The parish bulletin will no longer have acknowledgements of these donations monthly.

There will be no floral arrangements in the church during the season of Lent. The donations made during Lent are for the Easter season flowers and plants.

Thank you for supporting this effort at Good Shepherd!

For donations, please complete the form below or use your monthly **FLOWER COLLECTION ENVELOPE**:



Please provide the following information at least two (2) weeks in advance:

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COME AND

- Be reinvigorated with life changing experiences
- Enjoy a deeper sense of purpose
- Meet others on the same path
- Reflect on Jesus's Love for you through the Sacraments

Breathe a new breath into your life and into your future, be transformed!

REFRESH ● RESET ● RENEW

**GSCC aims to be a faith-filled, Catholic community, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serving God's people and leading others to Christ.
Whether you're an introvert, extrovert, or ambivert, there's a place for you and people needing your witness!**

Archangel Moms
Mondays & Thursdays | 9:30am & 7:30pm

Sack Lunch Project
First & Third Thursday of the Month | 7:00pm

American Heritage Girls

Samuel Ministry
First Saturday of the Month | 6:00pm

Baby Looms
Second Friday of the Month | 9:30am

SCAN, SHOP and DROP Collection
Collected every weekend in the Narthex

Catholic Respect Life
Third Tuesday of the Month | 5:30pm

Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother Movement

ChristCare

Secular Franciscans
First Sunday of the Month | 12:30pm

Christ Renews His Parish Retreats
February and August

Set and Strike

College Connection

Small Church Communities

GriefShare
Thursdays during the Spring & Fall | 7:00pm

Social Justice

Knights of Columbus
Second Monday of the Month | 6:15pm

Social Seniors
First Friday of the Month | 12:00pm

Marriage on Tap
First Saturday of the Month | 6:30pm

Sodality of St. Monica
Second & Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 6:30pm

Men's Club
Third Monday of the Month | 6:30pm

St. Rita Ministry

Men's Rosary and Discipleship
Every Saturday of the Month | 7:00am

Stephen Ministry

Mission-Outreach Ministry

Trail Life USA

Prayer Shawl Ministry
First Wednesday of the Month | 9:30am

Women's Group

Rosary Makers
One Wednesday per Month | 10:00am

Women's Rosary & Readings

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JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1, 2025

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PARISH STATISTICS

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Offertory Revenue (includes Holy Day Collections)	Fav (unfav)			Fav (unfav)	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Prior Year	Variance
Nov-24	373,760	380,992	(7,232)	366,474	7,286
Year-to-date (July 2024 - June 2025)	1,972,100	1,915,748	56,352	1,872,874	99,226

Mass Attendance	5 PM	7 AM	9 AM	11 AM	4 PM	Total
November 2024 Average	647	302	956	1,026	611	3,541
November 2023 Average	640	254	869	930	601	3,293
Increase (Decrease) from last year	7	48	87	97	10	248
New Families Added - November 2024						15

Capital Campaign	\$ Pledged	% of Goal	Families Participating	Funds Collected
As of December 15, 2024	6,351,742	106%	1,118	4,998,243
(full end of year balance next month)			% of Pledges Collected	79%



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