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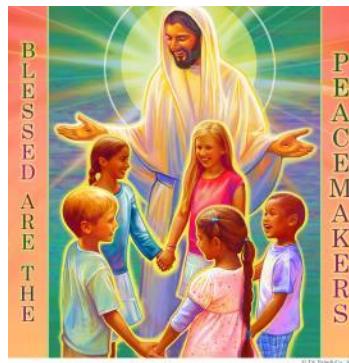
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February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

PSALM: Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146:6-7)

SECOND READING God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

GOSPEL: Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	2/01	Blessing of Throats after all Masses	
MON	2/02		
TUES	2/03	6:00PM	Holy Name Meeting Church Hall
		7:00PM	Knights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall
WED	2/04		
THURS	2/05	11:30AM	Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
FRI	2/06		
SAT	2/07	3:00PM	Confession
NEXT SUN	2/08		



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Feb 2nd – Feb 8th)

MON	2/02	7:50AM + (A) Carl Pavlosky – (Family)
TUES	2/03	7:50AM + Kevin Gritzer – (Cheri & Darren)
WED	2/04	7:50AM + Martin Simcic – (Family)
THUR	2/05	7:30AM + M/M Joseph Cisz - (Daughter, Joan)
		12:00PM + Christian Mothers
FRI	2/06	7:50AM + Betty, Carl, Ed & Marie Pavlosky - (Sister, Annamae)
SAT	2/07	4:00PM + (B) Carol David– (Sister, Dolores, Bill & Billy)
SUN	2/08	7:30AM + (A) Sam Manganella – (Wife, Carol)
		10:30AM + Holy Name



Sunday, Feb 1, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: Today's Gospel Reading from Matthew recounts what we know as Christ's Sermon on the Mount. This entire reflection could be devoted to that, of course, but as always, there are also messages that are important in the other readings. The Sermon on the Mount is the first of five teachings Jesus gives us in the Gospel of Matthew. The Lord gives this relatively early in His Ministry, not long after He has been baptized. In the entire New Testament this is the longest continuous section of Jesus speaking, and it is perhaps the most widely quoted part of the four Canonical Gospels. It contains, after all, the central rules of discipleship.

Today's Gospel provides us with instructions from Jesus as to what kind of people His disciples should be. There are more than enough key words on which to reflect and pray: poor, mourn, meek, hunger, mercy, peacemakers, clean and persecuted - to name a few. We could concentrate on each one, but it is worth pointing out that these all are traits the Lord calls us to.

For example, when Jesus says that to be blessed, we need to 'hunger and thirst for righteousness,' He is reminding us of what our focus in life should be. In our world people hunger for many things that may not be that important - things like power, success, wealth, possessions and comfort. The idea of being righteous in His eyes is more important than any of those.



Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Donna Vitovich** who was called to her eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Donna** and peace and consolation to her family. Donna was the sister of Dave Vitovich.



Finally, a WINNER of the Christian Mothers' Christmas Pick 3 Ticket 7PM drawing. Winning number was **598**. And the Winner is **Beverly Bross**. Congratulations **Bev** and Thank you to all who purchased a ticket.



In honor of Saint Blasé' we will have Blessing of the Throat before and after all Masses this weekend, Jan 31st & Sunday Feb 1st

RADA
CUTLERY

American Made Cutlery

Christian Mothers will be taking orders for "RADA" thru the month of February. Catalogs can be found in the back of Church. Please submit your order with payment in the collections jar, or to any Christian Mother. If you have any questions, please call Helen Sorchilla 535-1141. They make great



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

The St. Therese prayer shawl ministry met for their first quarterly meeting of the New Year on **January 8th** at 1:30pm in the church basement. Discussions included last year accomplishments as well as any ongoing and/or future projects.

Despite the small number of members of our prayer shawl ministry for our first year, 102 shawls/blankets were handmade, donated and distributed to individuals in need of God's comfort and embrace.

Our ministry provided shawls/ blankets, that have been infused with prayers, to shut ins of the St. Therese parish, as well as to church members of both St. Anne's and St. Therese whom reside in nursing homes or personal care homes. In addition, we have given blankets/shawls to the Women's Help Center, the Somerset chapter of Project Linus, the Joyce Murtha Breast Cancer Center, and to parish members through requests.

If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl whom is undergoing a medical procedure, grieving a loss, or in need of comfort, please contact the church office. In addition, if you have a family member or friend whom has recently been placed in a care facility, please let the church office know as well.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Prayer Shawl Ministry either through their talent and time, Dee, Elizabeth, Helen, Roberta and Vicki, and to individuals whom have provided donations of money, yarn or gift cards and to the St. Therese Christian Mothers for their recent donation to support this ministry.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please consider joining us at our next meeting, which will be held in April to learn more about this fulfilling ministry or contact Debi Hubbard 814-421-2416 or email at mommyhub@atlanticbb.net A basket remains in the church vestibule for any type of donation for the prayer shawl ministry.

Any interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, or Lector for Mass please contact the rectory office.



END OF YEAR
GIVING
STATEMENTS

Your 2025 yearly contribution statements are in the back of the church. Please stop by and pick them up. If we have your email address in our records, check your email, (Parish Data System). Thank you!



Holy Name Society monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Feb 3rd** starting at **6PM** in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held **Tuesday, Feb 3rd** at **7PM** in the Church Hall

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on **Thursday, Feb 5th** starting at **11:30AM**.



Looking for new Choir Members...

Anyone interested in joining the Senior Choir? We would be happy to have you!! Choir practice is on Monday's at 7PM. interested and have any questions, please call Barb @ 255-6563.



Blessing of Homes...If you would like Fr. Bernard to bless your home in the New Year, please call the Rectory Office @539-7633 or put a note with your name, address and phone number in the collection basket.



February 19th

March 28th

April 11th & 12th

April 26th

April 30th

May 3rd

June 20th & 21st

First Week of Piroghi Project (every Thursday during Lent 6 weeks)

Children's Easter Party (Sat 10 AM)

St Anne's Christian Mothers Basket Party (St Therese Social Hall)

Rite of Sending Confirmation students

Confirmation - St. Johns Gualbert Cathedral

First Holy Communion St Therese & St Anne

Burgers & Baskets Summer Bash

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.