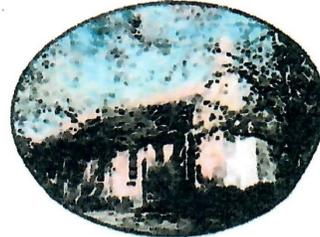




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Phillip Parrish RCIA
Theresa Martin Music

Mass Schedule

St. John
Saturday 4:00p
Sunday 11:15a English
1:00p en español
Wednesday 11:00a

St. Stephen
Sunday 9:00a
Communion Service
Tuesday, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45p
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners!

*We are a Stewardship community, who share our time, talent, and treasure in life-giving ways.
We invite you to register with us by going to our website and completing the form on the Home page.*

Sacrament Preparation
Call S. Janis, (336) 835-4542

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
A way of exploring and seeking Christ through the Catholic faith.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick
If you, or someone you know is desirous of God's healing, contact S. Janis

February, 2026

Morning, Church!

During the bombing raids of WWII, thousands of children were orphaned and left to starve. The fortunate ones were rescued and placed in refugee camps where they received food and good care. But many of these children who had lost so much could not sleep at night. They feared waking up to find themselves once again homeless and without food. Nothing seemed to reassure them. Finally, someone hit upon the idea of giving each child a piece of bread to hold at bedtime. Holding their bread, these children could finally sleep in peace. All through the night the bread reminded them, "Today I ate and I will eat again tomorrow." ~ Sleeping with Bread

Today's Word reaffirms the importance of being mindful others' experience and being aware of God's hints and cues, that help us to discover creative ways to be God's Sacred Light, Salt, and Bread. We do so when we serve our sisters and brothers: those who cry out for bread and justice; the homeless; those who are poor; the immigrants, and those who have been stripped of their dignity.

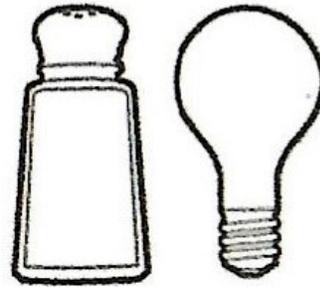
This is *The Divine Imperative*. This is *The Way* we live our Covenant intentionally. This is *The Way* we remain in solidarity with others: in loving service, integrity and conviction which faith us into a future full of hope.

As we respond to the hungers in our *own hearts* and in the hearts of others, God gifts us with mutually-sustaining graces. When we compassionately give our neighbors "*bread to hold*" in their times of darkness, fear, loss, or feeling orphaned by community, we minister in Jesus' Name. In turn, Jesus ministers to us through them. In the weaknesses that limit us, God creates sacred space within us *to be* Light, and Salt, *to be* Bread to hold.

So put your head on the pillow to sleep, do so with this reassurance and challenge: *You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world in God's neighborhood, made so for the life of the world and God's glory.*"

In the One, we are one (Pope Leo) in CommUNITY,

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Be these.

Matthew 5:13-16

*Be the one
who,
when you
walk in,
blessing shifts
to the one
who needs it most.
Even if
you've
not been fed,
Be bread.*

~ Rumi

Dar: compartir tiempo, talento y tesoro

¡Buenos días, Iglesia!

Durante los bombardeos de la Segunda Guerra Mundial, miles de niños quedaron huérfanos y a merced del hambre. Los más afortunados fueron rescatados y llevados a campos de refugiados donde recibieron comida y buenos cuidados. Pero muchos de estos niños, que habían perdido tanto, no podían dormir por la noche. Temían despertar y encontrarse de nuevo sin hogar y sin comida. Nada parecía tranquilizarlos. Finalmente, a alguien se le ocurrió la idea de darles a cada niño un trozo de pan para que lo sostuvieran al acostarse. Con el pan en sus manos, estos niños por fin pudieron dormir en paz. Durante toda la noche, el pan les recordaba: "Hoy comí y mañana volveré a comer". ~ Durmiendo Con Pan

La Palabra de hoy reafirma la importancia de ser conscientes de la experiencia de los demás y estar atentos a las señales y mensajes de Dios, que nos ayudan a descubrir maneras creativas de ser Luz, Sal y Pan sagrados. Lo hacemos cuando servimos a nuestros hermanos y hermanas: a quienes claman por pan y justicia; a las personas sin hogar; a los pobres; y a quienes han sido despojados de su dignidad.

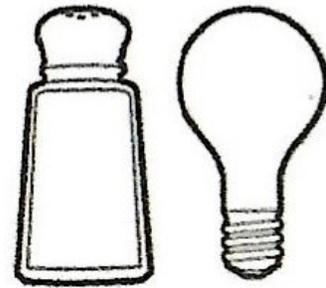
Este es el Imperativo Divino. Esta es la manera en que vivimos nuestro Pacto intencionalmente. Esta es la manera en que permanecemos en solidaridad con los demás: con un servicio amoroso, integridad y convicción que nos guían hacia un futuro lleno de esperanza.

Al responder a las necesidades de nuestro propio corazón y al de los demás, Dios nos concede gracias que nos fortalecen mutuamente. Cuando, con compasión, ofrecemos a nuestros prójimos un apoyo en sus momentos de oscuridad, miedo, pérdida o soledad, ministramos en el nombre de Jesús. A su vez, Jesús nos ministra a través de ellos. En las debilidades que nos limitan, Dios crea en nosotros un espacio sagrado para ser luz y sal, para ser un apoyo para los demás.

Así que, al acostarte a dormir, hazlo con esta certeza y este desafío: Eres la sal de la tierra... eres la luz del mundo en la comunidad de Dios, creado para la vida del mundo y para la gloria de Dios.

El la Uno, somos una, (Pope Leo) en ComUNIDAD,

spanis



Sé tú mismo.

Mateo 5:15-16

**Sé tú
quien, al entrar,
haga que la
bendición
se dirija a quien
más la necesita.
Aunque tú
no hayas
sido alimentado.
Sé pan.**

~Rumi

F E B R U A R Y	
01	4th Sun OT All events cancelled
03	All events cancelled
04	Zoom OCIA 2, 6:30p; No Choir, 7p
 08	5th Sun OT Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
09	Ladies Guild cancelled
 10	Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p Being Catholic, 1p
 11	OCIA, 6:30p. Choir, 7p 
14	Valentine's Day ♥
 15	6th Sun OT World Marriage Day ♥ Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
 16	Give Blood, Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p 1st Baptist Church, Gwyn Ave
 17	Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p
18	Ash Wednesday  Service of Ashes, 6:45p
 19	Wise Ones, 1p Cowboys Host: Karen G
20	Stations of the Cross, 6:30p
21	Men's Group @ Breakfast Time, 8:30a 
 22	1st Sun Lent Rite of Election Faith Formation ALL parents & children, after Mass
  24	Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p OCIA 2, 6:30p
 25	OCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 

Weather Alerts / Church Schedule

Watch WXII (NBC), WGHP (CBS),
or FOX 8 for news
of cancellation of church events.

Consulte WXII (NBC), WGHPKJ (CBS)
o FOX 8
para obtener información.
sobre los horarios

LENT
COMMUNAL PRAYER
Stations of the Cross
Fridays of Lent, 6:30p
Feb 20 & 27
Mar 6, 13, 20, 27

🌿 Mass Intentions	
01	+Georgette & William Dyer
08	+Bob Horneck r/b Lana
15	Married Couples +Penny Davis; +Dustin Transou
22	OCIA Candidates & Sponsors

Birthdays & Anniversaries



01 Jusselly Loyola	23 Gabby LaCashio
02 Julie Cortez	Margarita Lara
Jovanny Lopez	24 Andrew Ange
08 Marbel Garcia	Laura Barrientos
14 Karen Gochnauer	Allan Lara
17 Brittany Reece	Marcus Orta
19 Ryan Treannie	Sutton Kegeorge
21 John Castillo	Kiera O'Reilly
22 Wendy McClamrock	27 Catalina Hernandez
Julie Colglazier	28 Giovanni Mariano

17 Catalina & Sergio Hernandez

*We live in a world in which
we need to share responsibility.
It's easy to say.*

*It's not my child, not my community,
not my world, not my problem.
Then there are those
who see the need and respond.
I consider those people my heroes.*

~ Fred Rogers

Those who see the need and respond
live the gospel and are
Saints-in-the-making.

Women of
Jerusalem
Good Friday
April 3



PRAY the ROSARY DAILY

...for peace in U.S., in Ukraine & Russia;
for Presidents Zelenskyy, Putin & Trump;
for Abbas & Netanyahu for the end to all bombings in Gaza, a peaceful and just end to these wars, and all wars...

Tri-C Almsgiving <i>Thank you so much !!</i>		
JAN Canned tomatoes Spaghetti sauce	MAR Laundry detergent	MAY Toilet paper
FEB Corn meal	APR Canned fruit	JUN Tooth paste



PRAY FOR AN END
TO VIOLENCE,
ESPECIALLY GUN VIOLENCE



**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING
YOUR INK HERE.
IT'S GOOD for the EARTH
and IT'S HELPS THE CHURCH.**

Kindly complete this survey for Catholic Charities: **All survey responses will remain confidential and will only be used in summary form to identify trends and key themes.**

Thank you for helping ensure the voices of our Diocese are heard. Your partnership is essential as we work together to guide this important process and strengthen our shared ability to care for the most vulnerable in our communities.

Catholic Charities, under the direction of Bishop Michael Martin, is entering a time of visioning for the future. To guide this important work, Catholic Charities is inviting everyone in our parish—and throughout the diocese—to take part in a short survey.

The survey will help identify the most pressing human needs in our communities and shape how Catholic Charities serves people in the years ahead. Your input is vital to this process of listening and discernment.

Please take a few minutes today to complete the survey, there's a QR code in the parish bulletin and on our website. Thank you for sharing your voice and helping Catholic Charities continue to be a sign of God's love and mercy in our diocese

Complete the survey here:



[https://www.surveymonkey.com/tr/DOCPARISHES?DG=\[DG_value\]](https://www.surveymonkey.com/tr/DOCPARISHES?DG=[DG_value])

Por favor, complete esta encuesta para Caridades Católicas:
Todas las respuestas a la encuesta se mantendrán confidenciales y solo se utilizarán de forma resumida para identificar tendencias y temas clave.

Gracias por ayudarnos a garantizar que se escuchen las voces de nuestra Diócesis.
Su colaboración es esencial mientras trabajamos juntos para guiar este importante proceso y fortalecer nuestra capacidad conjunta para cuidar a los más vulnerables de nuestras comunidades.

Caridades Católicas, bajo la dirección del obispo, Monseñor Michael Martin, está entrando en un tiempo de proyección para el futuro. Para guiar este importante trabajo, Caridades Católicas invita a todos en nuestra parroquia —y en toda la diócesis— a participar en una breve encuesta.

La encuesta ayudará a identificar las necesidades humanas más urgentes en nuestras comunidades y a definir cómo Caridades Católicas brindará asistencia a las personas en los próximos años. Su aporte es fundamental para este proceso de escucha y discernimiento.

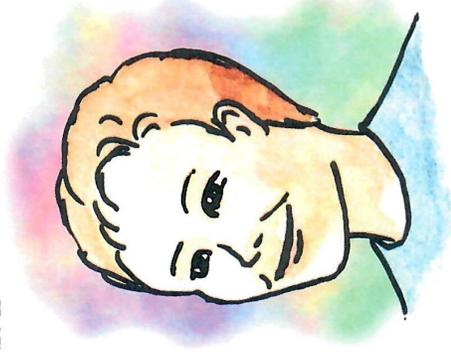
Por favor, tómese unos minutos hoy para completar la encuesta; hay un código QR en el boletín parroquial y en nuestro sitio web. Gracias por compartir su voz y ayudar a Caridades Católicas a seguir siendo un signo del amor y la misericordia de Dios en nuestra diócesis.

How to be Happy!

*In today's Gospel Jesus teaches the eight beatitudes.
Beatitude means happiness.*

Here are some ideas on how to live the beatitudes:

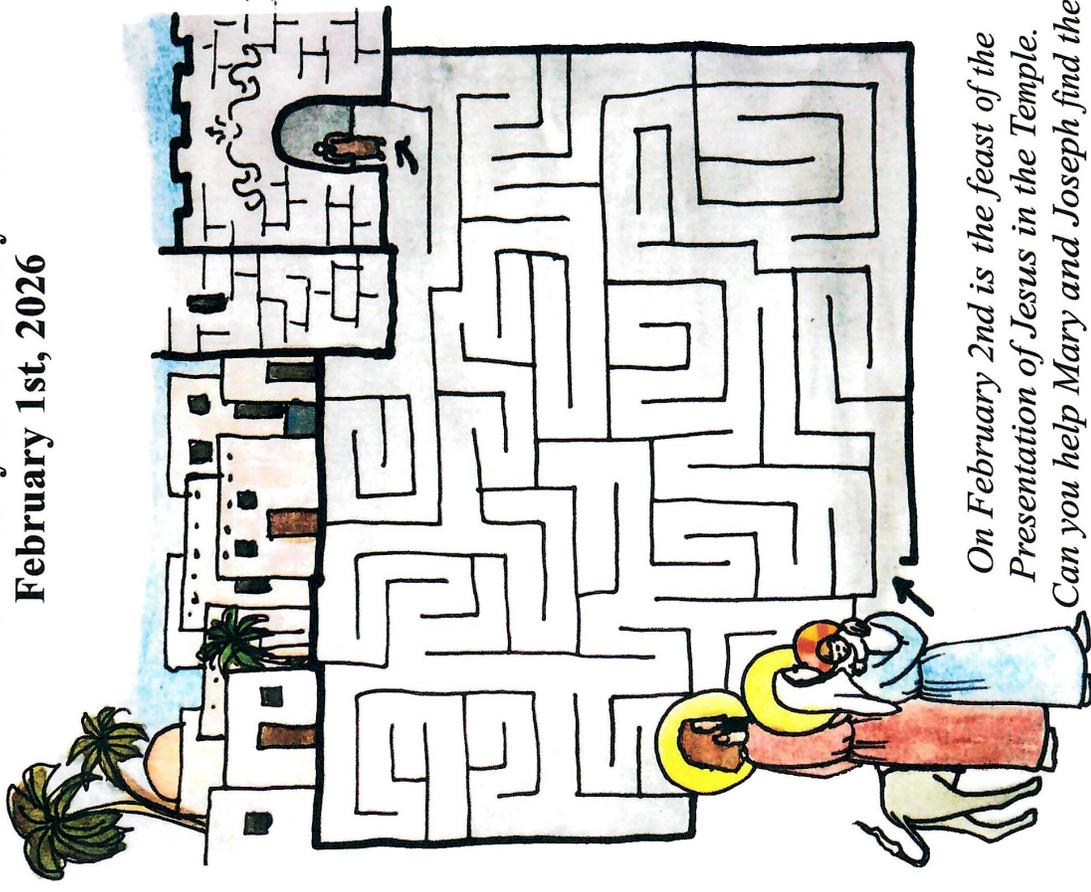
1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you share your nice things and don't let your stuff be the most important things in your life then you will be happy.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. If you are sad now, remember that in Heaven there will be no more suffering.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Don't be selfish or pushy about things. God will make sure you get everything you need!
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. If you try to do what is right then God will make the right things happen.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. If you forgive other people when they hurt you, then God will forgive you when you are sorry for your sins.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. If God is the center of your life, then your heart is pure and ready to see Him in Heaven when you die.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. God loves peace, and loves it when we try to avoid getting into fights.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you suffer for the truth, God will give you a joyful reward!



Answer to Beatitudes Word Find: Will be happy

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1st, 2026



*On February 2nd is the feast of the
Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.
Can you help Mary and Joseph find the
way through Jerusalem to present
Baby Jesus in the Temple?*

You are the Salt and Light!



Jesus says we are the salt of the earth. Have you ever tasted food that wasn't salty enough? It can taste pretty bland. But do you notice when food has the right amount of salt? Usually we don't think about it. It's kind of hiding in the food and making it taste good. Jesus wants us to be like the "salt" in the world, with the goodness and truth that He gives us.

Jesus also says that we are the light of the world. Can you imagine a completely dark world: no sun or lights or anything? It would be pretty scary. You'd never know what was happening or where you were going. That's what the world can be like for people who don't have the light of God's truth. It's our job to bring the truth to the world so that everyone can see that God loves them.

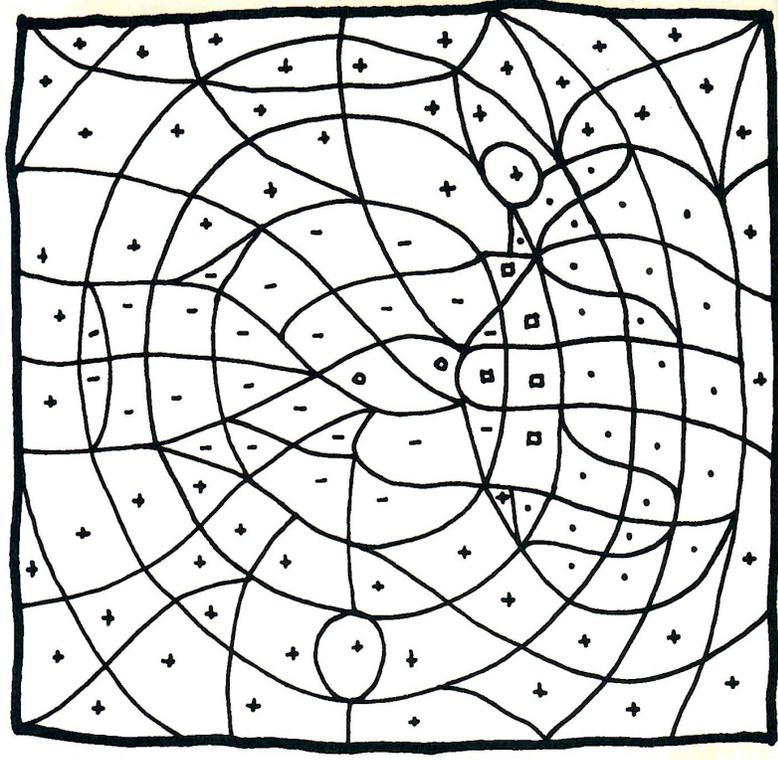
We have to bring God's light everywhere we go. But we must be gentle with people who don't understand the truth. Otherwise it would be like shining a light in someone's eyes, and they wouldn't be able to see anything. We need to start out like little candles, lighting the way so that people can follow us toward God.



Answers to Cross-word Puzzle:
 Across: 4. must 6. earth 8. you 9. deeds 13. mountain 14. all 16. light 18. so 19. house 20. taste 21. to
 Down: 1. city 2. Jesus 3. are 5. said 7. hidden 10. world 11. salt 12. basket 15. losses 17. good 18. set

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 8th, 2026



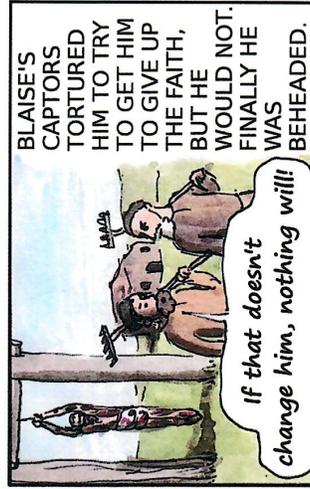
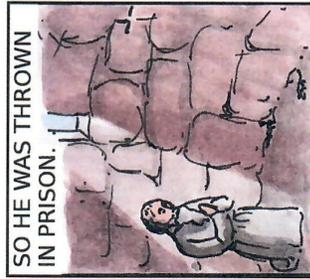
Matt 5:13-16

What did Jesus tell us we should be like?
 Colour in the spaces according to the code to find out!

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- brown
- white
- orange

SAINT BLAISE

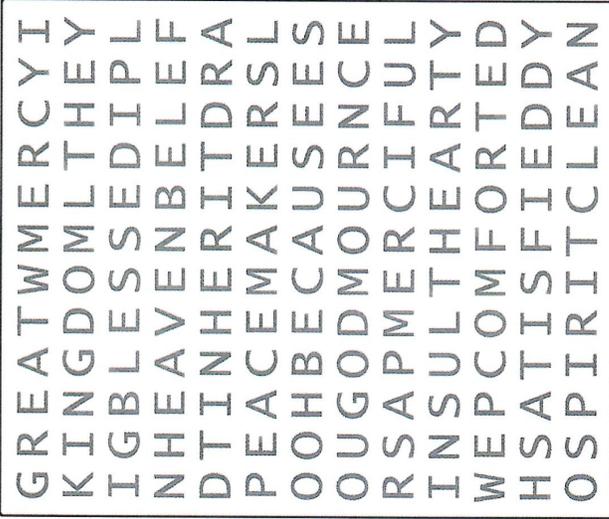
FEBRUARY 3



SAINT BLAISE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF PEOPLE WITH THROAT PROBLEMS, SO YOU CAN PRAY TO HIM IF YOU GET A SORE THROAT. SAINT BLAISE TEACHES US TO BE KIND TO WILD ANIMALS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY HE TEACHES US TO NEVER GIVE UP OUR FAITH IN GOD, EVEN UNDER TORTURE.

Beatitudes Word Find

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle and use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks.



"Blessed are the POOR in SPIRIT, for theirs is the kingdom of HEAVEN. Blessed are they who MOURN, for they will be COMFORTED.

BLESSED are the meek, for they will INHERIT the land.

Blessed are THEY WHO hunger and thirst for RIGHTEOUSNESS, for

they will be SATISFIED.

Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for they will be shown MERCY. Blessed are the CLEAN of HEART, for they will see GOD.

Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS,

for they will be called CHILDREN of God.

Blessed are they who are PERSECUTED for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the KINGDOM of heaven.

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, for your reward will be GREAT in heaven."

If you be like Jesus, you