



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

This week (Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>) the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

This feast once again, as the Incarnation and Christmas, reminds us about the important virtue that Jesus Christ our Lord wanted to teach us not by His word but by action. That is the virtue of humility.

The Son of God incarnated in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, was born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus Christ the Messiah followed the “law of the Lord.” How humble He is!

We must and should be humble before God! Unfortunately, the creatures today want to be creator and deny/refuse/reject their Creator. Mortal beings want to be immortal by their own ways, rejecting the Immortal One’s wisdom. Sinners want to discharge the Divine Law and the Church Law so they will not feel the guilt for their immoral/unethical life styles. The servants want to tell their Master to accept their evil will.

We are asked to be humble before other human beings. This must be very difficult and would seem to be impossible in reality, particularly when someone or the Church tells us that what we are doing is morally wrong or our life style is evil/wrong/unethical/scandalous.

During His ministry on earth Our Lord Jesus constantly taught us to practice the virtue of humility through His words and actions. This is the main virtue opposing the vice of pride.

Pride is listed first in the seven vices, and humility is once again the most important and very difficult virtue to practice. We must EARN this virtue; we must work to GAIN this virtue. This virtue is not given to us without our own hard work/practice.

Jesus Christ showed us how humble He was. “Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart”, Jesus said. With God’s grace to help us and with our efforts, we can confidently achieve this virtue, not just for one day but every day of our life.

On the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, let us first follow the example of the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph and present all our loved ones who are still with us or have gone before us and ourselves as well to God the Most-High. Then, let us ask God to bestow on us the blessings (the blessings we know and asked for; the blessing we do not know and God is the One who knows; or the blessing we do not know how to ask for), so that we can earn the virtue of humility and have courage to practice it, particularly when others misunderstand, slander, criticize, mock, or humiliate us!

May you and I always submit ourselves to God’s will and wisdom, knowing that God knows what is best for our eternal life with Him in heaven. Amen.

Peace, Fr. Tien

Contact our Parish Office if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2025. You can pick it up at the office or we will be happy to mail it to you!!!



**Please remember to keep Saint Francis Parish in your will.**



OCIA-Adult Education on Monday night February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. is **The Eucharist**. 'The source and summit of the Christian life'. How do we know Jesus was speaking literally when in John 6 he said to eat his body and drink his blood? How can it be his body and blood when it looks and tastes like bread and wine? What is 'transubstantiation'? Come join your fellow parishioners in the spirit of fellowship. Snacks provided.

Deacon David and the Education team

Jr. Tien will bless candles this Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the foyer of the Church. We will process into the church and place lighted votive candles (will be provided) around the altar steps. The votive candles will be supplied. You are welcome to bring any candles for your personal use to also have blessed.



Mark your calendars for Faith Formation's annual Fat Tuesday Celebration on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to this evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Please bring a dish to share for our potluck dinner. Following dinner, we will hold our annual procession to bury the Alleluia. Come join our students as we celebrate in preparation of the Lenten season.



The Knights of Columbus will meet at 7 P.M. this Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Family Life Center. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

**Pray for healing:** Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jiglau, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamen Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Patricia Ruehle, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Steve Keener, Connie Blackburn



**Rosary** is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

**Adoration** every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.  
**Reconciliation** ½ hour before Vigil Mass and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:  
Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriguez and Elizabeth Scoon



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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, January 31

Saint John Bosco Priest

4:00 P.M. **†** Felipa Diaz, **†** John Caroselli, **†** Bill & **†** Germaine Moffitt by Dee Moffitt  
Melissa Diaz, Brigida Ramos

### Sunday, February 1

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. **†** Gonzalo Barriga, **†** James & **†** Nancy Putnam  
Melissa Diaz

11:30 A.M. **†** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**†** Marciano Diaz Ordaz  
**†** Antonina Arango Diaz  
**†** Marciano Diaz Acevedo

### Monday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

9:00 A.M. **†** Fr. Jose Maria Parcon  
**†** Felipa Diaz, Betzayda Diaz

### Tuesday, February 3

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, Saint Ansgar, Bishop  
NO MASS

### Wednesday, February 4

5:30 P.M. **†** Felipa Diaz, **†** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Amber Whitlow

### Thursday, February 5

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 A.M. **†** Damaso Daniel Acevedo,  
**†** Francisco Ortiz, **†** Raquel Merlin

### Friday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs  
First Friday

9:00 A.M. **†** Damaso Daniel Acevedo, **†** Robert Rags  
Cheryl Bishof by Stan Michalik

### Saturday, February 7

First Saturday

8:45 A.M. Benediction  
9:00 A.M. Fr. Tien's intentions  
4:00 P.M. **†** Damaso Daniel Acevedo, **†** Serafina  
**†** Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Sunday, February 8

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. **†** Andrew and **†** Mary Kost  
Steve Keener by Debbie Keener  
11:30 A.M. **†** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**†** Misericordia Group intentions  
**†** Guillermo Ortiz