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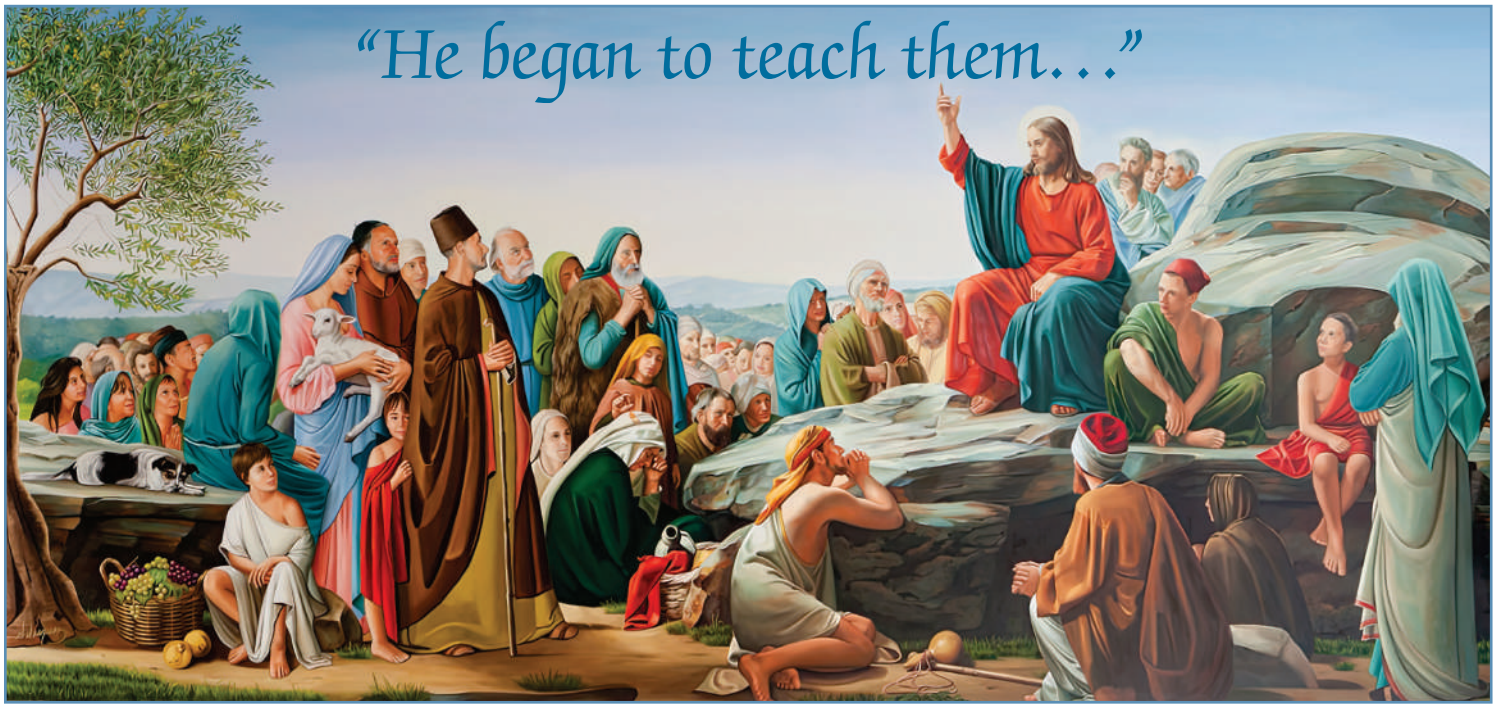
FEBRUARY 1, 2026 – FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



Clara Velásquez, Sermon on the Mount, adapted from Carl Bloch, The Sermon on the Mount 1877, Frederiksborg Castle.

OUR STAFF:

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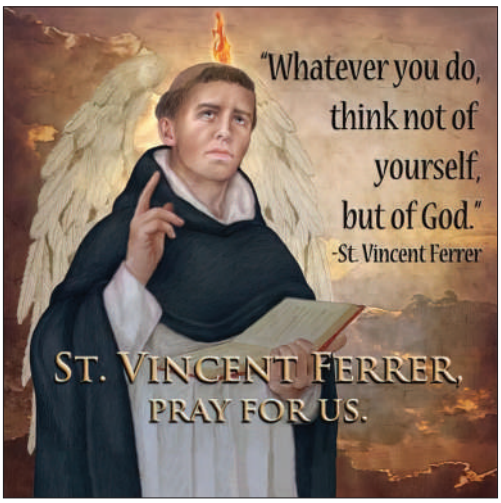

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, January 31 **5:00 p.m.**
Joshua A. Wong — In Memoriam — 41st Anniversary
Requested by Mary Wong

Sunday, February 1 **8:00 a.m.**
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jennie Bruno — Birthday Blessings
Requested by the Bruno Family

11:00 a.m.
Marie Adams, George, Wingard and Jazna Jean
— Blessings and Thanksgiving
Gale C. Logan-Mullings — In Memoriam
Requested by Father Antonius P. Gopaul
Joseph Carter — In Memoriam
Jordan Brathwaite — Birthday Blessings
Joylin Brathwaite — Birthday Blessings

Monday, February 2 **9:00 a.m.**
The Presentation of the Lord
Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
Shawn Maynard — In Memoriam
Requested by Shawnder Maynard (Mom)

Tuesday, February 3 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
Saint Ansgar, Bishop
Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
The Coutard and Chery Families — In Thanksgiving
Requested by Marie Coutard

Wednesday, February 4 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
All the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, February 5 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
Racquel Laborde – Birthday Blessings
Requested by Yvette Lubin

Friday, February 6 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
All Priests Who Have Served at Saint Vincent Ferrer

Saturday, February 7 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
All Religious Who Have Served at Saint Vincent Ferrer

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
The Levesque Family — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Altar Candles
Louis B. Cardiello —In Memoriam

Altar Flowers
Lyn Duplessy— Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Lucienne Previl — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Agnes Guy — Birthday Memorial
Requested by Jean Guy

Annunciation Chapel
Brigina Pharoan — Blessings and Healing

MASS INTENTIONS

THE 2026 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers.

Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date.

Place your request together with your name and phone number, in a sealed envelope in the offering basket.

Please make a $20 donation with each request.

SECOND COLLECTION

January 31/February 1:

Light and Heat

Please be generous.

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Matthew 5:1-12a.

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. In what ways have I become too reliant on my own abilities and resources? How can I place my life more fully in God's hands?

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. How have unclean thoughts and desires distracted me from God? How can I learn to quiet these thoughts and desires more effectively?

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. What parts of my life are marked by strife and disagreement? How can I help to resolve arguments and disputes that affect the people around me?

Closing Prayer

The LORD keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.
The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers.

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations.
Alleluia.

(From Psalm 146)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, February 1
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12a
Blessed are the humble of the earth (1), blessed are the poor in spirit (Ps, 3)! Such are the ones God has chosen to confound the strong of this world (2).

Monday, February 2
Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40
Jesus, the King of glory (Ps), yet like us in all things (2), comes to his temple (1) to be a light for all the nations (3).

Tuesday, February 3
2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19 Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mark 5:21-43
David weeps (Ps) over the death of his son (1). Jairus appeals to Jesus on behalf of his critically ill daughter (2).

Wednesday, February 4
2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mark 6:1-6
David seeks forgiveness (Ps) for his lack of faith in the Lord's power (1). Jesus' kindred put little faith in him (2).

Thursday, February 5
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12
(Psalm) 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd
Mark 6:7-13
David tells Solomon: be faithful to the Lord (Ps) and you will be blessed (1). Jesus sends the Twelve to preach repentance and God's love (2).

Friday, February 6
Sirach 47:2-11
Psalm 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 Mark 6:14-29
Ben Sirach praises David for his feats and his love of the cult (1) in which God's praises are sung (Ps). Herod has John killed, though bitterly regretting it (2).

Saturday, February 7
1 Kings 3:4-13 Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Mark 6:30-34
Solomon prays for wisdom (1), to know the Lord's will (Ps). Jesus nourishes us with the word of life (2).

Black History Month Cultural Heritage Celebration February 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22

To help us celebrate the cultural heritage of our parish, the Ministry of Mercy invites all members of the parish to share the name of their country or countries of origin. This will help us obtain flags and banners representing each country and its Marian Patroness, which will be part of a procession at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, February 14.

Please write your country of origin on the sign-up sheet located at the back of the church. Deadline for submissions is Sunday, January 25, 2026.

To enhance celebration, the Ministry of Mercy invites all men and young men of the parish to join a Men's Choir, which will sing at the 5:00pm Masses during the month of February. No matter your level of experience, your voice is welcome! It is a wonderful opportunity to come together in worship, fellowship and celebration through music.

To join, please see Carolyn Jack after the 5:00pm Mass, or contact her at 718-772-1742.

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2026 MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrate Black history, heritage, shared faith, diversity, and the contributions of the Black community at the 2026 liturgical celebration hosted by the Diocese of Brooklyn and its Vicariate Office for Black Catholic Concerns.

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Day of Prayer/Formation for Parish Ministers

Saturday, February 28th
9am-3PM

Mass at 9AM

Location: St. Edmunds, 1902 Avenue S

Speakers:
Msgr. Thomas G. Caserta

Lunch is provided

RSVP to your Parish Rectory by February 20th

Scripture Reflection

God Draws Close

The exhortations from today's readings could hardly be stated more clearly. Couched not in parables, nor in texts easily dismissed as "historic," this call to humility and self-gift has no caveats: followers of Jesus are to be humble, "poor in spirit," and "clean of heart." I'm guessing your internal accounting comes up short as you read; mine certainly does.

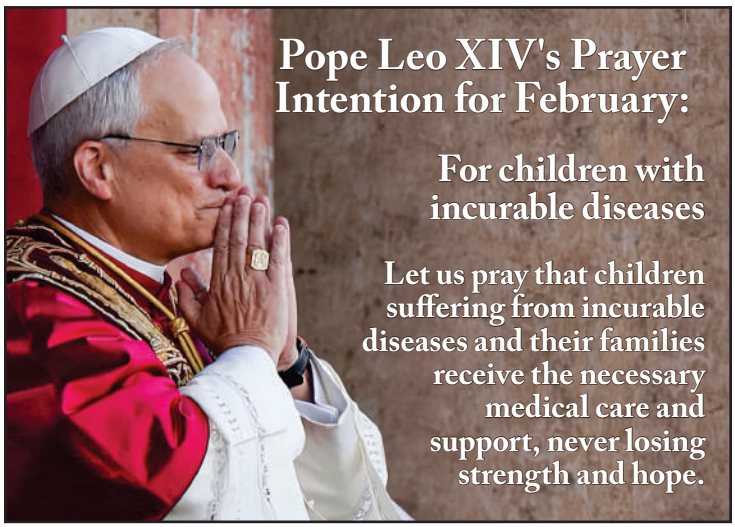
Taking in these words, seeking to recede in my own mind's eye and evaluation, I gain precious insight into the distance of God. Living the call to be humble leads not only to an awareness of my own frailty, it causes me to confront the glory of God, the unnameable difference between God and everything I call "mine." Lifting my eyes from the mirror of striving and boasting, of shame and false humility, I finally step away from myself, now standing more clearly in sight of who and what God actually is.

In this light, the arc of the Beatitudes is even more astonishing. In the face of our humility, God does not remain aloof; instead, the God who is infinitely distant draws close to those who are humble, actively choosing the weak and lowly. Knowing the poverty of those he created, God's mercy is ever-faithful: These will not be abandoned, they will be comforted, satisfied, named God's very own.

Perhaps the goal is not to see how humble we can be, but how near God is. Our poverty of spirit reveals the loving presence of God, born anew among us, even now. Dear God, humble me with your distance; console me with your closeness. Amen.

— Nancy Dallavalle

Nancy Dallavalle is director of the Center for Catholic Studies at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Connecticut.



SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Every second Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Please register at least 6 weeks before the baptism date. The child's original birth certificate must be presented at the time registration.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should speak to the priest at least 6 months before the desired date.
For complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese, visit: dioceseofbrooklyn.org/marriage-and-family/getting-married/.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Sick Calls: In case of emergency – any time.

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

A Prayer to the Holy Family

***Jesus, Mary and Joseph,** in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.*

***Holy Family of Nazareth,** grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.*

***Holy Family of Nazareth,** may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.*

***Holy Family of Nazareth,** make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.*

***Jesus, Mary and Joseph,** Graciously hear our prayer.*

Amen.

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Week of February 01, 2026

The Presentation

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When a young Christian girl is arrested and imprisoned in ancient Rome, she hears stories of martyrs like St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Lawrence the Deacon—will she find the strength to make the ultimate sacrifice for her faith?

Martyrs and Monastics

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss her Short Course: Martyrs and Monastics. Who are the early Church martyrs? What fueled their witness to the faith? How did monasticism develop? These questions and more are addressed in this show.

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus said, "Blessed are
the poor in spirit, for theirs is ..."

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The Beatitudes

Jesus went to the mountainside
and began to teach His disciples.

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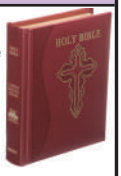

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