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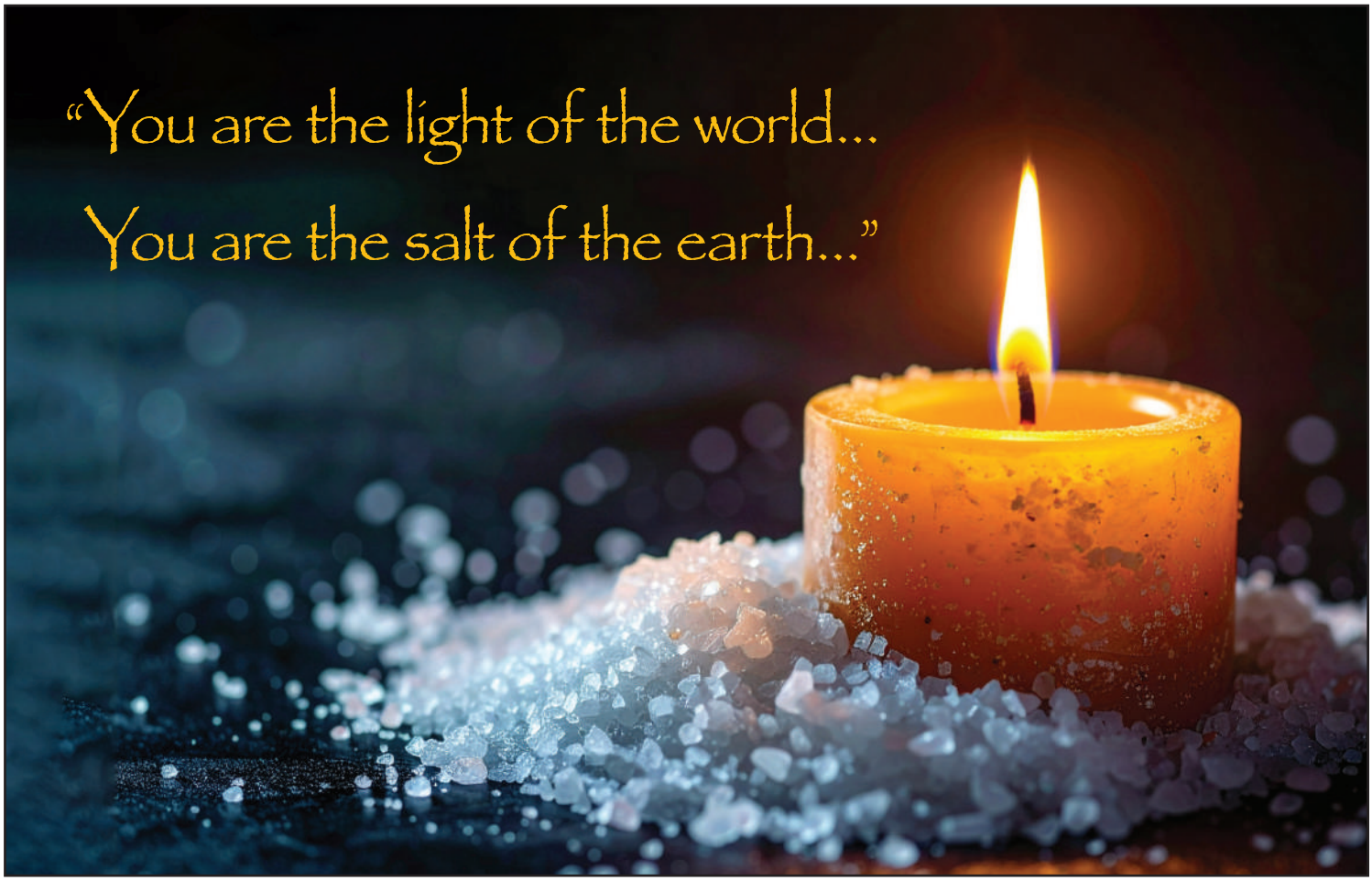
FEBRUARY 8, 2026 – FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



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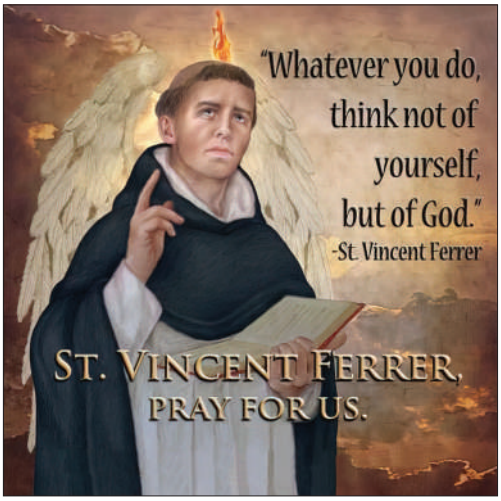

MASS SCHEDULE

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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Fifth Week in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 7 **5:00 p.m.**
Alison Matthew — In Thanksgiving

Sunday, February 8 **8:00 a.m.**
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings

11:00 a.m.
Marie Adams, George, Wingard and Jazna Jean — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Kathleen Nurse — In Memoriam — Third Anniversary
Requested by Cristina Gillies
Dave McIntyre — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Veronica McIntyre
Micki Arano — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Veronica McIntyre

Monday, February 9 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
All the Faithful Departed of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Tuesday, February 10 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Scholastica, Virgin
Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
All the Sick and Homebound of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings and Healing

Wednesday, February 11 **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of the Sick
Everard Addison — Blessings
Joseph Carter — In Memoriam
Requested by Evelyn Carter

Thursday, February 12 **9:00 a.m.**
Judy Pierre — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Friday, February 13 **9:00 a.m.**
Muzaf and Joyce Nasir —In Memoriam
Requested by Michelle Nasir

Saturday, February 14 **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
Rev. Monsignor Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Catherine B. Wood and Ella Brough — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Altar Candles
Sulette Baron — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Jean and Kenneth Chase — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
June Goggin — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Roy Redhead — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Monica Walker — Blessings and Healing

CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

Consecration to Saint Joseph
on the
Solemnity of Saint Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
March 19, 2026

Preparation begins February 15, 2026

Please contact any member of the Ministry of Mercy for information.

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Matthew 5:13-16.

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?

It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. What bad habits and sinful behaviors do I need to remove from my life? How can I replace these things with holier practices?

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket. When have I hidden my light under a basket? When have I failed to appreciate God's blessings?

It gives light to all in the house. Who has shared the light of Christ with me? How can I share the light of Christ with others?

Closing Prayer

Light shines through the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious and merciful and just.
Well for the man who is gracious and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice.

He shall never be moved;
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.
An evil report he shall not fear;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear.
Lavishly he gives to the poor;
His justice shall endure forever;
his horn shall be exalted in glory.

(From Psalm 112)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, February 8
Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16
Through the power of God (2), we can be a light to the world (Ps, 3) by our loving concern for others, especially the poor and the oppressed (1)..

Monday, February 9
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10 Mark 6:53-56
Solomon consecrates the temple (1), the resting place of the ark (Ps). All are invited to share in Messianic blessings (2)..

Tuesday, February 10
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11
Mark 7:1-13
Solomon offers praise (1) in the house of God (Ps).
How often our traditions obscure the spirit of God's commandments (2).

Wednesday, February 11
1 Kings 10:1-10 Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mark 7:14-23
The queen of Sheba acknowledges Solomon's great wisdom (1, Ps). Jesus speaks of evil in the heart (2).

Thursday, February 12
1 Kings 11:4-13 Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40
Mark 7:24-30
The Lord grew angry (Ps) with Solomon whose marriages with foreigners led to idolatry (1). Jesus heals the daughter of a Syrophoenician woman (2).

Friday, February 13
1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15
Mark 7:31-37
Jeroboam, an architect of the temple, learns of the kingdom's schism (1) for its failure to hear God's voice (Ps). Jesus heals the deaf and the mute (2).

Saturday, February 14
1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22
Mark 8:1-10
James encourages Jewish Christians undergoing trial: The poor shall be exalted and the rich humbled (1, Ps). Jesus is the sign of the Father (2).

Will Governor Hochul Opt-in To Support Kids & Schools?

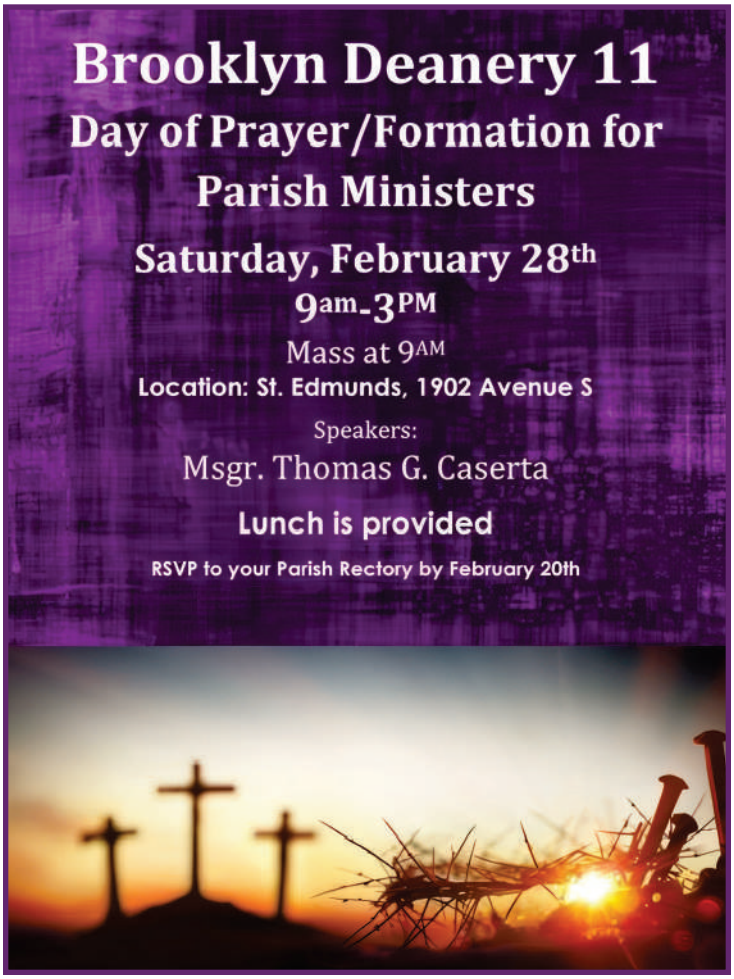
Starting in 2027, the new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit will let taxpayers redirect up to $1,700 of their federal income taxes to nonprofit scholarship organizations that provide tuition assistance for students in Catholic schools.

For example, a taxpayer owing $10,000 could direct $1,700 to scholarships instead of sending it to the federal government—directly helping families afford a Catholic education, and even additional services at public schools.

But New York families will miss out unless the governor opts in. Governor Hochul's participation would bring new scholarship dollars to Catholic schools, easing financial pressure on families and expanding access to faith-based education.

Tell Governor Hochul to opt in and support Catholic school families.

Please visit https://www.nyscatholic.org/action-center?vvsrc=%2Fcampaigns%2F133190%2Frespond to take action.



MINISTERS OF THE WORD SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2026			
	Saturday 5PM Mass	Sunday 8AM Mass	Sunday 11AM Mass
	February 14	February 15	February15
Lector # 1	Jamie	Jared	Aidan
Lector # 2	Alana	Anna	Donald
	February 21	February 22	February 22
Lector # 1	Jocelynne	Jeri	Marcia
Lector # 2	Alison	Carolle	Lester
	February 28	March 1	March 1
Lector # 1	Fritz	Anna	Elaine
Lector # 2	Mattheus	Daisy	Marina
	March 7	March 8	March 8
Lector # 1	Alison	Jared	Charmaine
Lector # 2	Mary Barker	Lancine	Gloria
	March 14	March 15	March 15
Lector # 1	Jonnett	Carolle	Donald
Lector # 2	Cynthia	Daisy	Geralda

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2026		
Saturday 5PM Mass	Sunday 8AM Mass	Sunday 11AM Mass
February 14	February 15	February 15
Jocelyne	Ignatius	Eric
February 21	February 22	February 22
Marie-Ange	Camille	Lydia
February 28	March 1	March 1
Margaret	Francesca	Gloria
March 7	March 8	March 8
Pat	Brenda	Marie-Rosa
March 14	March 15	March 15
Mary	Roxanne	Camille

Scripture Reflection

Carrying the Light

In their grim sadness, how could followers of the Way believe they carried the light Jesus urged them to share? Grief broke apart their world, left them discouraged and heartbroken, with sparse energy to lift off "the bushel basket." We know from gospel memories that days and weeks passed before their enthusiasm revived. The love that burned in the disciples' hearts rebounded with vigor only when the Spirit of Love arrived, rekindling their hearts and bolstering their faith. Only then could they trust that, yes, they were "the light of the world." Yes, they could go forth, not in spite of the tremendous loss of the Teacher, but because of it.

Now they understood about the dying seed and the new life that would follow. Now they truly believed they were meant to be carriers of Jesus' message. They trusted they had the ability to do it. Their Guide did not abandon them. Instead, he was there as the Risen Seed, ever-present in an invisible and vibrant relationship. This Light would warm their faith-filled devotion to the Way and illuminate their path.

— Joyce Rupp, *Jesus, Guide of my Life*

Joyce Rupp is a writer, international retreat leader, and conference speaker. She is the author of numerous bestselling books, including Praying Our Goodbyes, Open the Door, and Fly While You Still Have Wings.

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

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2026 Lent/Easter Schedule — Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday

Ash Wednesday — February 18, 2026
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Mass
3:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Word & Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. — Mass

Fridays of Lent — Stations of the Cross — 7:00 p.m.
*** All Fridays during Lent are Days of Abstinence ***

✙ Holy Week ✙

Palm Sunday — March 29, 2026
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass — Solemn blessing of palm and procession
(assemble in front of the Rectory at 10:45 a.m.)

Reconciliation Monday — March 30, 2026
3:00-5:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard in the church
7:00-9:00 p.m. as well as in any other Catholic Church in New York

Holy Thursday — April 2, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Lord concludes at Midnight

Good Friday — April 3, 2026
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. — Seven Last Words
3:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Glorious Saturday — April 4, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
* NO 5:00 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. — Solemn Vigil of Easter
(gather in church at 7:30; Mass begins at sunset)

Easter Sunday — April 5, 2026
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

Ascension Thursday — May 14, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Mass

Pentecost Sunday — May 24, 2026
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

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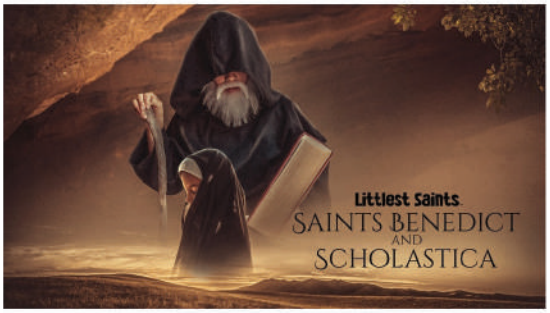
This Week on Formed

Week of February 08, 2026

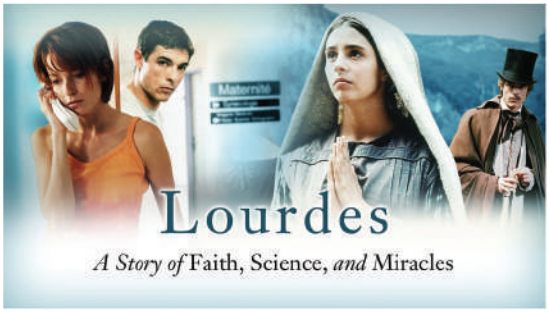


Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

Beloved

Beloved uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage. What if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage? Beloved invites all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do" ... whether you said it last year or many years ago.



Lourdes: Story of Faith, Science,

The film follows a journalist, his ancestor who met Bernadette at Lourdes, and the story of a woman healed by Lourdes' waters, tracing three lives.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Be a light in the world. Let others see your good deeds and praise God.

Draw ☺ for good deeds and ☹ for bad deeds.

What else did Jesus say?

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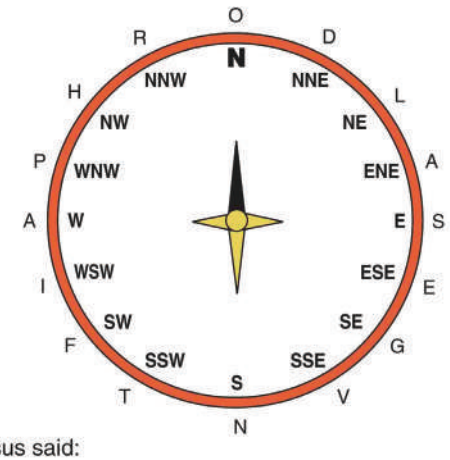

Jesus said:

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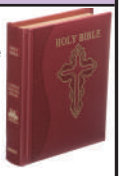

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