

Dear friends,

The month of February of our silver jubilee year begins with an amazing **International Festival on Sunday, 1 February**, showcasing the beauty of our universal Catholic Church. The words of our Lord and Master ring true even today, sending his disciples to every corner of the earth to bring his good news of salvation. This festival celebrates our oneness in Christ, as the theme suggests, **“We are one in Christ, Webbed in Love.”** As a community of people from so many cultures, ethnicities, and countries, we celebrate not only our nation’s glory but that of the Catholic faith. Through our baptism and participation in the Eucharistic Table, we are united inseparably with Christ just as a web is united by all its strands. This is where our parish stands apart and proclaims the joy of the gospel. I am grateful beyond words to Janet Owens for chairing this event which began one year ago. She has been fearless in coordinating all of the “strands” required to get the job done. I am also grateful to the team leaders and so many others who came forward with joy in their hearts. **What a blessing it is to be part of this great family.**

Each year, we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise, patron of all throat-related illnesses, with the blessing of the throat. Though his feast day is **3 February**, we celebrate it the weekend nearest to it, this year **on 1 February after all the Masses.** May St. Blaise intercede for us, that we may be delivered from every disease of the throat!

On Monday, 2 February, we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This day is observed as World Day of Consecrated Life. It is fitting, therefore, to pray for the men and women who have embraced this way of life which attempts to imitate the life of Christ through their practice of the evangelical counsels.

Shortly thereafter, **we begin the sacred season of Lent**, that time with its prescribed disciplines that we so eagerly await. **We begin with Ash Wednesday on 18 February.** Because Lent is a time to go deeper with God, we would like to provide various means for doing so. **Every Tuesday of Lent, we will offer something special in the evening at 7 p.m.** We will also have an additional Mass every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Each day of Lent, the rosary will be prayed at the Grotto at 5.30 p.m.

“Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. **We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.** We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ...In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics(USCCB).”

May this grace-filled season help us to transform our lives to reflect true repentance!

Let us remember the following dates and days on which some significant events will occur during the month of February 2026:

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| 31 January/ | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| 1 February | <i>Blessed are the humble of the earth, blessed are the poor in spirit!
Such are the ones God has chosen to confound the strong of this world.</i>
Outreach Sunday |
| 1 February | International Festival —Mass at 11 am followed by food and entertainment in the Parish Hall |
| 2 February | Adult Confirmation – 5 pm in rooms 6-7. Will continue at the same time and place for the remainder of the month |
| 3 February | Seedlings of Hope – 4:00 pm in rooms 3-4 |
| 6 February | First Friday Devotion – 3 pm in the Fr. Patrick Peyton Room |

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news.

Outreach Sunday

7 February

First Saturday Devotion – 9 am in the Church

7 February

Medicare Workshop – 9:30 am in rooms 6-7

7/8 February

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Through the power of God, we can be a light to the world by our loving concern for others, especially the poor and the oppressed.

Tamil Mass – Sunday 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

7/8 February

Souper Bowl of Caring Drive – After all weekend Masses. Donations of non-perishable food items will be given to the Sharing Center of Central Brevard

9 February

Medicare Workshop – 6:30 pm in rooms 3-4

10 February

Love a Kid Luncheon – 9 am in the Parish Hall

10 February

Seedlings of Hope—4:00 pm in rooms 6-7

11 February

Sunshine Ministry —At 1 pm in rooms 3-4

14/15 February

CRHP Women's Retreat – Begins at 6 am Saturday in the Parish Hall and ends Sunday at 4 pm

14/15 February

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Happy are they who choose to keep his commandments and follow his ways.

Sensory Friendly Mass – Sunday 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Baptism Prep – Sunday 12 pm in rooms 6-7

16 February

Gratia Plena – 4 pm in the Parish Hall

17 February

SJE4Veterans – 5 pm in the Parish Hall

18 February

Ash Wednesday – Masses will be offered in the church at 8 am, 12:05 pm, and 7 pm

Deacon Michaels Bible Study on the Gospel of John –

Begins at 10:30 am in the Father Patrick Peyton Room and will meet at the same date, time, and place for the rest of the month

- 20 February** **Stations of the Cross** – 6 pm Friday in the Grotto with soup supper to follow.
- 21/22 February** **CRHP Men’s Retreat** – Begins at 6 am Saturday in the Parish Hall and ends Sunday at 4 pm
- 21/22 February** **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
- Our sinfulness is acquitted through one man, Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified.*
- 25 February** **CCW Meeting** – At 11 am in the Parish Hall
- 27 February** **Gratia Plena** – at 4 pm in the Parish Hall
- 27 February** **SJE Monica Ministry** – 7 pm in the Fr. Patrick Peyton Room
- 28 February**
- /1 March** **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
- In Jesus’ transfigured glory is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power.*
- Lenten Mission** – March 1-3.



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