

From the Desk of the Pastor

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today and for the next five Sundays we shall hear Jesus' inaugural address – the Sermon on the Mount step by step, inviting us to invest ourselves into the manifestation of the kingdom of God.

The words delivered here last for a lifetime and then some.

The Prophet Zephaniah in the first reading had an inevitable task of bearing bad news. Judah was in deep trouble at the time. Pagan cults were openly practiced in the once holy city of Jerusalem, and Judah languished at death's door.

The prophet addresses the 'faithful remnant', the humble of the earth, to seek the Lord and to seek justice and humility. This remnant is not just the leftovers or castoffs. They are the cream of the crop; they are the salt of the earth, the nucleus of a new community, a restored people.

St. Matthew presents Jesus in a sitting position, adopting the posture of a teacher, on a mountain, which at once recalls Moses and Mount Sinai, (Old testament) and interfaces it with the new Covenant. In the new Covenant, it is Jesus who is the new Moses, and the Beatitudes are the new law of God's reign.

Jesus sets forth the qualities that make for blessedness or beatitude for his disciples. St. Matthew depicts Jesus as one who embodied these beatitudes. He possessed the qualities of soul his followers also could possess.

CUARTO DOMINGO DEL AÑO

Hoy y por los siguientes cinco Domingos oímos el discurso inaugural de Jesús - el Sermón en el Monte. Las palabras pronunciadas aquí duran toda una vida y más.

Sofonías en la primera lectura tuvo una tarea inevitable de tener que dar malas noticias. Judea estaba en serios problemas en ese momento. Cultos paganos practicaban abiertamente en la una vez sagrada ciudad de Jerusalén, y Judea decaía en la puerta de la muerte.

El profeta se dirige al 'resto de los fieles', el humilde de la tierra, a buscar al Señor y pedir justicia y humildad. Este resto no es sólo las sobras o desechos. La crema de la crema, lo mejor de todo, es más fino, son la sal de la tierra, el núcleo de una nueva comunidad, un pueblo restaurado.

Jesús es presentado en una montaña, que a la vez recuerda a Moisés y el Monte Sinaí, (Antiguo Testamento) y lo conecta con el nuevo Pacto.

En el nuevo Pacto, es Jesús quien es el nuevo Moisés y las Bienaventuranzas son la nueva ley del Reino de Dios.

Jesús establece las cualidades que hacen de la santidad, o bienaventuranza para sus discípulos. San Mateo representa a Jesús como uno que encarnaba estas Bienaventuranzas. El poseía las cualidades del alma que sus seguidores también podrían poseer.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

January 19 – 25, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 354.55

Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,167.00

Music Ministry.....\$ 628.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

February 1: Reserve Fund

February 11: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

March 1: Reserve Fund & Easter Flowers

March 8: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

A A A 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$31,021.00
YTD we paid:	\$25,223.82
Balance we owe:	\$ 5,797.18
Pledges Balance	\$ 75.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The Blessing of Candles

On February 2nd, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. All are invited to bring candles along when you come for Mass. They will be lit and blessed. The Blessing of Candles will take place right at the beginning of the 9am Mass.



La Bendición de las Velas

El 2 de Febrero, celebramos la fiesta de la Presentación del Señor. Todos están invitados a traer velas con ustedes cuando vengan para la Misa. Las velas serán aprendidas, iluminadas y bendecidas. La Bendición de las Velas se llevará a cabo al principio de la Misa de 9am.

The Blessing of Throats

St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, is known as patron of throat illnesses. His feast is celebrated on February 3rd. In his memory, the traditional blessing of the throats will take place at the end of the 9am Mass before dismissal on Tuesday, February 3, 2026



La Bendición de Gargantas

San Blas, obispo y mártir, es conocido como patrón de las enfermedades de la garganta. Su fiesta se celebra el Martes, 3 de Febrero. En su memoria, la tradicional bendición de las gargantas se llevará a cabo al final de la misa de 9am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 7

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
January 31, 2026	February 1, 2026	February 2, 2026	February 3, 2026	February 4, 2026
9:00am † Henry Falcon	8:00m † Henry Falcon	9:00am Gerard Redublado 🕯️ Fr. Ray Reyes & Fr. Francis Garbo † Sol Balleza † Ethel Gerakas	9:00am † Albert & Michael Gagnani † Victor Apalit Lani Bercasio 🕯️	9:00am † Henry & Teresa Thran † Manuel Simpliciano † Mary Redublado 🕯️ † Aurora Conner Bishop Jesus Cabrera
4:30pm Parish of St. John	10:00am † Juanito Caceres † Henry Falcon † Deceased Members of the Ventura Family Zenaida Mosquera			
		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		February 5, 2026	February 6, 2026	February 7, 2026
		9:00am † Cesar Rabara † Benjamin Caceres	9:00am Young Men's Insitute	9:00am Parish of St. John
	12:00pm Parish of St. John			4:30pm † Luis & Tranquilina Baron † Leonisa Celis

