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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 9, 2025

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sundays

5:30 PM Saturday (anticipated); 8:00 AM, 11 AM (High Mass) 8:30 PM

Weekdays

8:00 AM (Monday through Friday)

12:10 PM (Monday through Saturday)

Holy Days of Obligation

8:00 AM, 12:10 PM

Novenas and Devotions - Immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass

Monday: Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary for peace in the world

Wednesday: Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Thursday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Friday: **Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament from
12:35 to 2:00 PM - First Friday of the Month**
Sacred Heart Novena

(during Lent: Stations of the Cross replace Exposition, Novena and Benediction)

CONFESSIONS - SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday from 11:55-12:05 PM and from 5:00 PM to 5:25 PM

Sunday from 10:30 AM to 10:55 AM and 8:15-8:25 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 11:55-12:05 PM

At other times please stop by the rectory

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are administered on Sundays at 12:15 PM. An instruction class is required for the parents and godparents. Please contact the parish office for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance of your proposed date of marriage. Pre-Cana instruction is required for the engaged couple.

VISITATION OF THE SICK - COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the parish office for visitation of the sick at home or in the hospital.

CCD - RELIGIOUS ED - SACRAMENTAL CLASSES FOR ADULTS

For the religious education of children in grades first through seven (including preparation for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) please contact Mrs. Elizabeth Rivera at the Parish Office.

Adults who would like to join the Catholic Church are asked to contact the parish office. Baptized Catholics who need to receive First Confession, First Communion and/or Confirmation are asked to contact the parish office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to Holy Family! Please register in the Parish Office or on-line.

ONLINE GIVING TO THE PARISH

Online Giving is available with WeShare. You can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. To enroll visit churchholyfamily.churchgiving.com.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025**

Sunday, February 9 th – <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
5:30 pm (Sat.)	
8:00 am	
11:00 am	Lillian Vassallo +
8:30 pm	Catherine & Patrick Gorman +
Monday, February 10 th – <i>Saint Scholastica</i>	
8:00 am	For the Intentions of Our Parishioners
12:10 pm	Laura Carrapatoso +
Tuesday, February 11 th – <i>Weekday</i>	
8:00 am	
12:10 pm	Sal Tharani +
Wednesday, February 12 th – <i>Weekday</i>	
8:00 am	Anthony Cregan (L)
12:10 pm	Rosario I. Gahol +
Thursday, February 13 th – <i>Weekday</i>	
8:00 am	
12:10 pm	Christopher Teng +
Friday, February 14 th – <i>Saints Cyril and Methodius</i>	
8:00 am	
12:10 pm	Sal Tharani +
Saturday, February 15 th – <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
12:10 pm	
5:30 pm	



The **Gospel** is St. Luke (Lk 5:1-11). How the wisdom of God differs from the wisdom of men! It is unlikely today or even in 28 A.D anyone would have chosen unknown or unlettered fishermen to set up a worldwide entity. Yet Christ, who was about to set up not only a world-wide institute but an everlasting church, chose simple fishermen as his assistants and successors in the work that he had taken in hand.

He was not restricted in his choice of his apostles, as there were educated priests and scribes in Jerusalem who could preach and instruct so much more eloquently than Peter or Andrew. Also, highly educated Roman officers in Palestine who would be more eagerly listened to in the Gentile world. Or, Greek philosophers whose very name would add prestige to the Gospel message had they been Apostles. Yet it was to none of these that Christ entrusted the arduous task of spreading the good news of the Gospel, or gave the keys of his kingdom.

Christ was not influenced by external qualifications. He judged the heart and the will. He knew the true worth of men. Furthermore, the church he was about to set up was not a worldly business concern but a path to heaven. The truths were not based on earthly wisdom of eloquence but were the eternal, divine truths which needed no propaganda, no help from mere men.

In the selection of his Apostles, Christ gives us proof of his own divine wisdom and origin of the Christian religion which we profess. Our religion is not man-made, God is its author.

Let us thank God for our Christian religion and appreciation as humble apostles by being willing to be helpers of Christ. We do so by living as true Christians in our homes, places of work, and recreations, by carrying our cross daily and giving a helping hand to others in need. This will be Christian eloquence, this will be a true apostleship of Christ, because actions speak louder than words.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
February 9th, 2025 (Year C, Cycle I). May be found:
<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings>

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:
February 2025: For vocations to the priesthood
and religious life**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

IN YOUR PRAYERS please remember:
Virginia Bird, Carmen Rios Caro, Melody Colligan, Carlos Cuerta, Rachel Dawson, Patick DeSarlo Gene Doyle, Deborah Feudo, Dorothy Gerber, Gregory Henry, Jacqueline Lugo, Ken Majuk, Father John McDonagh, Audrey Marshall, Ramona Pacheco, Joanne Perry, Frank Sajeski, Margie Skeels, Carmen & Julio Soto, Mateo Tobia, Virginia Vassallo and Cathy Vukovich, who are ill or disabled.



NEW PERMANENT PASTOR FOR OUR PARISH

On Saturday, February 1, Cardinal Dolan appointed Monsignor Douglas Mathers to be the pastor of the merged parish of the Holy Family/St. John the Evangelist/Our Lady of Peace. Monsignor Mathers is also the vice chancellor of the archdiocese and a judge on the metropolitan tribunal. He currently lives in the rectory of St. John the Evangelist and will be working very closely with Father Joe and Mrs. Rivera during these months of transition. Father LaMorte has been coordinating the first phase of the merger and will remain available for consultation. Thank you all for your patience during these past months.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

On Tuesday, when the Church keeps the liturgical memorial of *Our Lady of Lourdes*, once again we turn our eyes to those who suffer and call attention to the incurably ill, many of whom are dying from terminal diseases. As we pray for them, may they be encouraged to contemplate the sufferings of Christ crucified, and to know that their sufferings, united to those of Christ, will prove fruitful for the needs of the Church and the world.

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL CONTINUES

and serves many diverse communities across the 10 counties. Help enrich our Catholic faith through ministries, offices and works of charity. Jesus reminds us what it is to be a disciple of God, to act with mercy, compassion and love. The appeal assists with the well-being of our brother and sisters who are less fortunate. Please answer the call and make your commitment today. Our parish is asked to raise \$46,200. Last year, we were able to reach 128% of our goal. If all of us here today participate we would easily reach our goal this year. You should have received a letter from our Cardinal Dolan with a pledge card to make your gift. If not, you can pick up an envelope from the back of the Church. Make an online gift today at www.cardinalsappeal.org.

THE MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated next Sunday at 5:00 in our church.

...let us not remain prisoners of our failures. Instead of keeping our eyes fixed only on our empty nets, then, we are to look to Jesus and trust him. Do not look at your empty nets, look at Jesus! He will make you walk he will help you, trust in Jesus!

—Pope Francis, Jakarta, Indonesia, 5 September, 2024

FIRST RECONCILIATION On Saturday, February 8, the youngsters of our parish religious education program confessed their sins to the priests for the first time. Since this is a big step, we were grateful for your prayers for them and their parents. We congratulate:

Lauren Anderson, Sophie Anderson, Raphael Arzac, Ciara Bondi, Aiden Berishaj, Elizabeth Rodda Conerty, Haibo Couicaud-Zhang, Victor Della Valle, Isabel De Meo, Sophia Alejandra Gonzalez, Gerard Haines, Alexander Jones, Evan Lu, Jack Mabe, Daniel George Onyema, Sophia Grace Onyema, Jude Palath, Julieta Rivera, Mateo Rafael Tobia, Jacob Prado, Jayde Prado, Mateo Scaffidi and their families, and catechists and offer thanks to Mrs. Elizabeth Rivera and all who assist them with their religious education.

THE MASS INTENTION BOOK for January through May 2025 is now open. You may request Masses at the parish office which is open from Monday through Friday from 10:00 to 4:00. A donation of \$15 is requested for a single intention.

BE WITH ME, LORD It is hard to think of a more beneficial practice than daily Mass. Join those who come faithfully to our beautiful church to celebrate Eucharist at 8:00 and 12:10. You will find this half hour you give to prayer very rewarding.

ALL ARE WELCOME We are happy you are here and want you to stay so we could share our faith with you. If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly. If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely, with unconditional love. If you have been hurt by the Church, we are sorry. If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace. If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you. Join us each week so we can worship God together.

2024 DONATIONS TO THE PARISH If you'd like a contribution statement sent to you, we'd be happy to do so. Simply make a note on the front of your weekly envelope when you drop it in the offertory basket and include your email address. Our ability to provide this service is just one of the reasons for you to gift-wrap your donation in a church envelope or use *WeShare* each week. *We Share* will be mailing statements directly to you. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generous support to our parish all throughout the year.

We want to become holy and therefore we have to be thoroughly obedient. God never takes from us what we are not willing to give. We must give it to him with our own free will. --St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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