



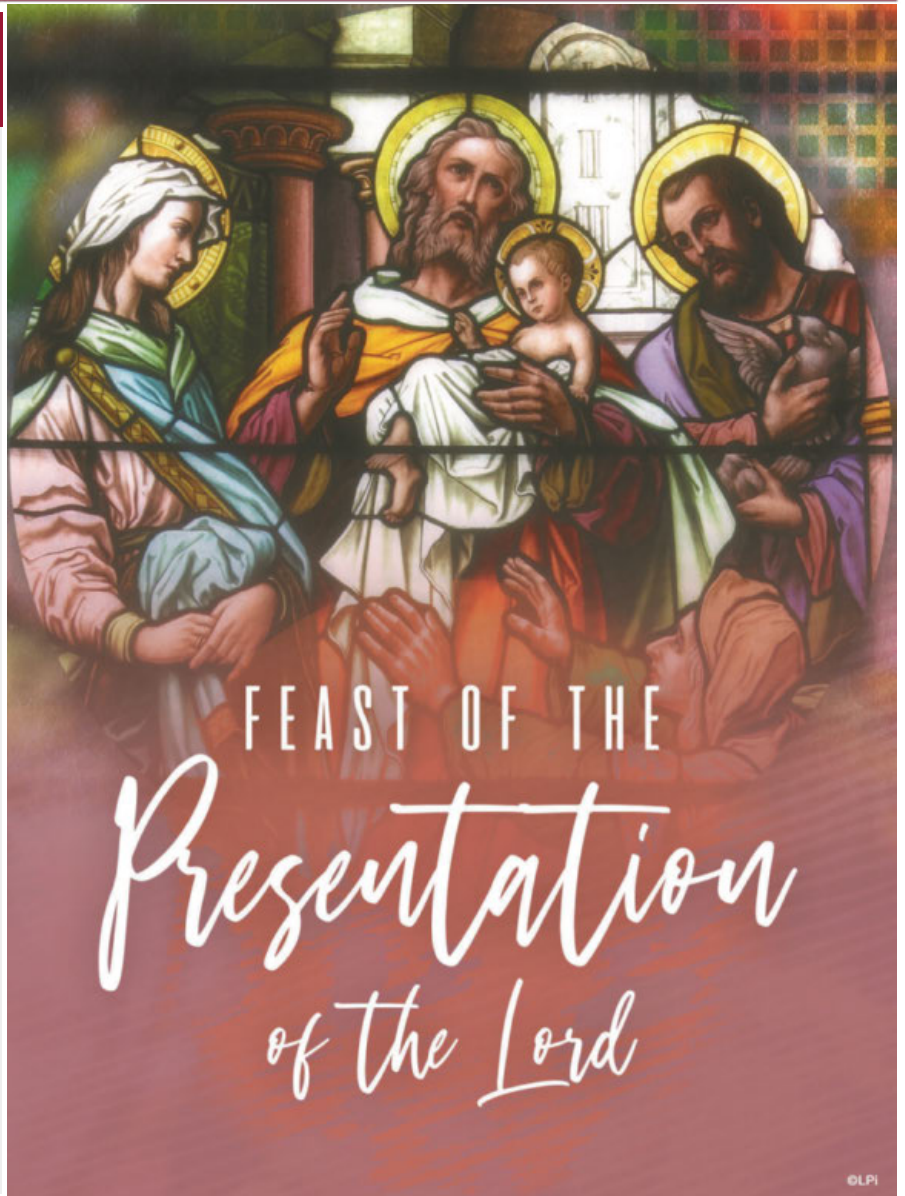
# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

*~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~*

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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

#### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

#### Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
in the Sister Carol Center

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open:**  
**Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 5:00pm**  
**Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**OCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

#### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

#### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am  
Wednesday @ 6pm

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm





**As the Story Goes:** Last week, I mentioned that I didn't remember much about the ride home from the surgical center. I remember getting dressed, being put

in a wheelchair, and being taken out the front door, where we eventually found my sister Jackie, who was already at the front door with the car. I don't remember much about the conversation, but I remember people wondering why it took Jackie so long to get my prescriptions and meet us at the front door.

I don't mean to pick on my sister Jackie, but she does this to herself, and any activity or outing with Jackie will make you laugh. She innocently and unknowingly provides us entertainment, whether at our family gatherings, the Parish Center lunchroom table, or simple activities EVERY DAY. And I mean EVERY DAY. There are people at the Parish Center, especially Catherine, our Music Director, who dread missing our daily lunch gatherings simply because they don't want to miss out on the latest "Jackie-ism." They are always so priceless. But this one beats them all.

I remember Jackie and my mom laughing all the way home, but I was still too out of it to understand or even hear the whole conversation from my back-row seat. But when I did come to later in the evening, and they re-told the story maybe for the fifteenth time already that evening, I knew this one HAD TO BE featured TALLer Tales article.

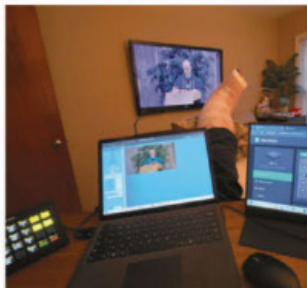
While I was getting dressed and preparing for my departure from the surgical center, Jackie was entrusted with getting my prescriptions. She was told she would see a drive-thru outside with white pillars. She just needed to pull in and get the prescriptions at the surgical center's pharmacy. It was right around the corner, and then she could return to the front door to pick us up.

As the story goes, Jackie got frustrated from the get go because she couldn't get out of the parking lot. It became a maze to her, and no matter where she turned, she couldn't find the exit. To her defense, the parking lot was a little maze. For those who have doctors or had surgery at the

UnaSource Center in Troy, you know it's a series of big buildings and a rather complicated parking lot.

So, the parking lot scenario got Jackie very frustrated and somewhat discombobulated. She finally left the lot and looked immediately for a white building with pillars. The surgical center's description of where this was didn't add to what was happening in real-time, but she knew she needed to get these scripts and get back because we were waiting for her.

So, she pulled into the drive-thru at the white building with pillars. A friendly voice came over the intercom, "How can we help you?" Jackie responded, "I'm here to pick up prescriptions for Michael Bugarin." There was dead silence. Jackie reported that



the person inside looked confused. She then continued with a follow-up question: "Isn't this the pharmacy?" To which the person inside said over the intercom, "NO, you're at Comerica Bank." Jackie said she just let out a big sigh. This could ONLY happen to Jackie.

A few days later, I needed another prescription picked up. I got this text from Jackie: "I'm going to pick up your prescription. Where is it? Did you need anything else?" Being the smart-aleck brother, I texted back, "Comerica Bank." She immediately texted back, "Are you drugged? Where am I going?" Then, a few seconds later, it was obvious she finally got it when she texted back: "FUNNY!"

**Reconstruction Update #4:** When Dr. Fortin told me this would be a very complex and painful surgery, I had no idea what I was getting into. It has been painful. I've tried a few times to forgo some of my pain meds, but that usually only led to some painful hours waiting for the pain meds to kick in. It was also a whole different story when the nerve block pump catheter I went home with was pulled from my leg four days after surgery. I was warned that when the nerves in my leg "woke up," they would be pretty angry.

It has been a good thing that my mom and I have been watching Martin Scorsese's The Saints series on Fox Nation. While I've known the stories, hearing again now about the pain and suffering of saints like St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Sebastian, John the Baptist, and indeed Christ, helped put my pain into perspective. What I'm going through is nothing compared to Christ's suffering and pain and the pain of the saints. It became essential for me to do what I tell so many to do who are dealing with any pain, namely, to unite my sufferings to the sufferings of Christ for the salvation of the world. When I started to do that, my instances of pain ... while pretty painful ... also became moments of prayer.

The extent of the complexity of my surgery was revealed to me on Tuesday when we went for my first post-op appointment. When the surgical padding was taken off, I saw the extent of the work. WOW! Five incisions, 50+ stitches (we stopped counting at 50). It was some major surgery. Based on the x-rays, the screws looked like three or four-inch deck screws. I never imagined the screws being that big. The plate and pins seemed dwarfed in size in comparison to the screws.

When it was time to cast me, the staff was surprised that I picked my favorite color ... and it wasn't black, but RED for St. Joan! So, now I'm bedecked with a shiny red cast with white trim for at least the next 8 weeks. I'm working on getting the SJA logo put on the cast. Until then, I'll look like an undercover agent for the North Pole!

Thanks for all the best wishes and prayers.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 02, 2025



## St. Josephine Bakhita: A Story of God's Rescue

Join Sister Imelda as she shares the amazing story of St. Josephine Bakhita, who, after being taken captive and made a slave, finds freedom by giving her life to God.



## The Presentation | Episode 5 | Mysteries of the Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries

The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested and reaches its fulfillment at Calvary.



## Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

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Every so often, a t-shirt shows up on some random person: "Question Everything," it says. "Yeah," our rebellious selves reply, "*question everything!*" Some of us have a persistent inclination to do just that. In fact, 'questioning everything' has a long history among humans. The saying, "Question everything. Learn something. Answer nothing" is credited to Euripides, a Greek playwright who lived in the 5<sup>th</sup> Century BC. Many of us today have continued to carry the torch of inquisitiveness. Wanting to know "Why?" seems built into our DNA.

Consider any six-year-old, late in the evening. Dad says: "It's time to turn the TV off." "Why?"  
 "Because you have to go to bed."  
 "Why?"  
 "Because you have to get up early for school." "Why?"  
 "So you can be smart and know how to do things." "Why?"  
 "So you can have a good and happy life." "Why?"  
 "Because I SAID SO!" "Oh."

As much as we might think this childish way of thinking comes to an end as we "grow up" and start assuming adult responsibilities, it still kind of persists in some of us. We continuously question what occurs all around us in our daily activities. This can help us learn about and understand different things and situations at depth.

We are thus able to make improvements and develop new ideas. But, in the process, we also often question *ourselves*. We become very introspective and self-analytical . . . even self-critical. This can be good to a point – but only to a point. For instance, self-reflection is needed for a good examination of conscience, or simply to review the day to evaluate how everything went, for better or for worse. We can decide if we should pat ourselves on the back or if we need a stiff kick in the rear. All in a good day's work! Yet, we can also get stuck in a spiral of self-analysis that leads nowhere and can be counter-productive or destructive. We can find ourselves questioning the very foundations of our personal existence. "Why am I here?"

Am I really a good dad or mom? As a priest or religious sister, am I really helping people? Am I truly meant to be single – or am I just wasting my life? Does this 'nowhere job' that I trudge off to every day mean anything? Is the educational path that I am spending so much time and money to follow really the path I should be on?" These are deep-rooted questions that arise from the depths of our spirits.

From a practical standpoint, though, to be obsessed with these foundational questions about our personal existence can suck the life out of us. As much as a proper amount of reflection on these life issues is necessary to maintain good direction, excessive concentration on these concerns will eat us up. The damage comes when our obsession with our self becomes *only* about ourself. In other words, we need to view our calling in life in terms more focused on *other* people than on ourselves. It is far too easy to get caught up in *our own* happiness. We can look at our marriage, parenthood, single status, or religious vocation too much in terms of *our* personal satisfaction. But to have such tunnel vision is a guaranteed dive into misery.

Depending upon ourselves for enduring happiness is a sure way to let the happiness we *do* have slip away. Happiness that runs deep and wide – happiness that lasts – comes from God. When we turn to God for direction and meaning in life, we turn to him in faith. True faith is filled with trust, filled with hope. When we pray to God to guide us with his loving hand, we need to be confident that he grasps us right away. Every time we ask, "So, is this *really* what you want me to do, God?" we are tugging the reins of our lives out of his hand. Not to say that we shouldn't reevaluate and check-in with God on a regular basis. But then, we should slide right back into trusting in *his* will for us. We can relax into his care if only we think about the stark reality of our individual life situations.

Consider the lives we each have. Would we ever have guessed that we would have the people in our lives that we do . . . parents, siblings, spouses,

children, friends, bosses, employees, and enemies to boot? What about the particular personal gifts and talents that we possess? How about the circumstances that determine the jobs we have or the places we live? How much actual control do we exercise concerning a specific educational path?

In all of these things, we are not the ultimate enabler. God is. God is not a puppet master, though. We are indeed free. But having reached out to him in faith, he fashions a world before us where we can choose to flourish. Once we have entrusted ourselves to God's providential care, it is basically a waste of time to wring our hands, constantly second-guessing everything we do. Rather than worry about whether or not we are "happy," our time would be better spent considering the goodness we bring to the people around us. If we are 'positives' in the lives of the people around us, **we're good!** And we will be truly happy.

Even lives that have been consumed by sickness and suffering can profoundly benefit others through the offering of that suffering in union with Christ's cross. Together with Jesus, our sacrifices can help save souls. In fact, the gift of suffering in union with Christ is uniquely powerful.

The bottom line, when it comes to excessive self-critique, is to give it up. It simply doesn't help. Sorrow for sins in one thing; we need that. Worrying that the best we can do is not good enough for God is a waste. God doesn't do such a thing to us. We do it to ourselves . . . with the help of the Evil One, the Accuser, who constantly tells us we are not good enough. Nonsense. We are saved by the Blood of the Lamb. In return, we give him the best we have each day. Therein we find our rest.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Bob

February 2, 2025

Written by  
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## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4 | Heb 2:14-18 | Lk 2:22-40

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Mary and Joseph bring their 40-day-old infant Jesus to the temple in order to fulfill the Mosaic law. There, they are met by Simeon and Anna, the faithful prophets who have spent their lives waiting for the coming of the King of Glory. These many years of waiting were like the “refiner’s fire” which the prophet Malachi describes in the first reading. Refined like gold by prayer and fasting, Simeon and Anna are prepared to meet their Lord. And in this moment, the Old and New Testaments meet and the fulfillment of the Old is foreseen. Imagine the splendor of the moment when they finally laid their eyes on this king of light and glory – the culmination of a lifetime of hope, prayer, and preparation. Overcome with peace and joy at seeing his Lord, Simeon declares, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,” for he had seen the glory of God.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Have you ever marveled at the beauty of a shiny, gold ring? Gold has long been regarded as one of earth’s greatest treasures, yet the gold we admire today doesn’t emerge in its pure, radiant form. To produce such beauty, gold must first undergo a process of intense refinement. A crude material is exposed to extreme heat to be melted and purified – until something of profound value emerges. Like gold, we, too, must be forged in fire to be made pure and holy. This is one way we can understand the prophet Malachi’s words. The “fires” we experience in our lives are not without purpose – God is purifying us so that one day we may live with him in eternity. He isn’t afraid of our “crude material”; rather, he gazes upon us with such intense love that our own beauty is revealed. As we undergo personal purification, let us stand in holy confidence like Simeon and Anna, witnessing to the truth that it is through the refiner’s fire that we are brought to glory.

### REFLECT

We can become discouraged, feeling that our prayers are unanswered or that a life devoted to Christ is too difficult. When these moments arise, consider the prophets Simeon and Anna, who gave their lives in quiet devotion, trusting in God’s promises. Pray Simeon’s canticle, meditating on the glorious gift we have been given in our salvation, and the promise that even in the darkest of days a bright and shining light awaits us.







## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 9 C

### Reading One – Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above. They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

### Responsorial Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth; and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD: "Great is the glory of the LORD."

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

Your right hand saves me. The LORD will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

### Reading Two – 1 Cor 15:1-11

I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, Christ appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### Gospel – Lk 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.



# LADIES TEA

Sunday, February 2, 2025

1:00-3:00 PM | St. Clare Vineyard

TITLE: THE HOPE WHICH DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

*Hope is a cardinal virtue. It does more than give us warm fuzzy feelings, it gives us strength for the journey of life on this side of the veil. Come and hear about Hope in Christ, the anchor of our souls, which does not disappoint.*

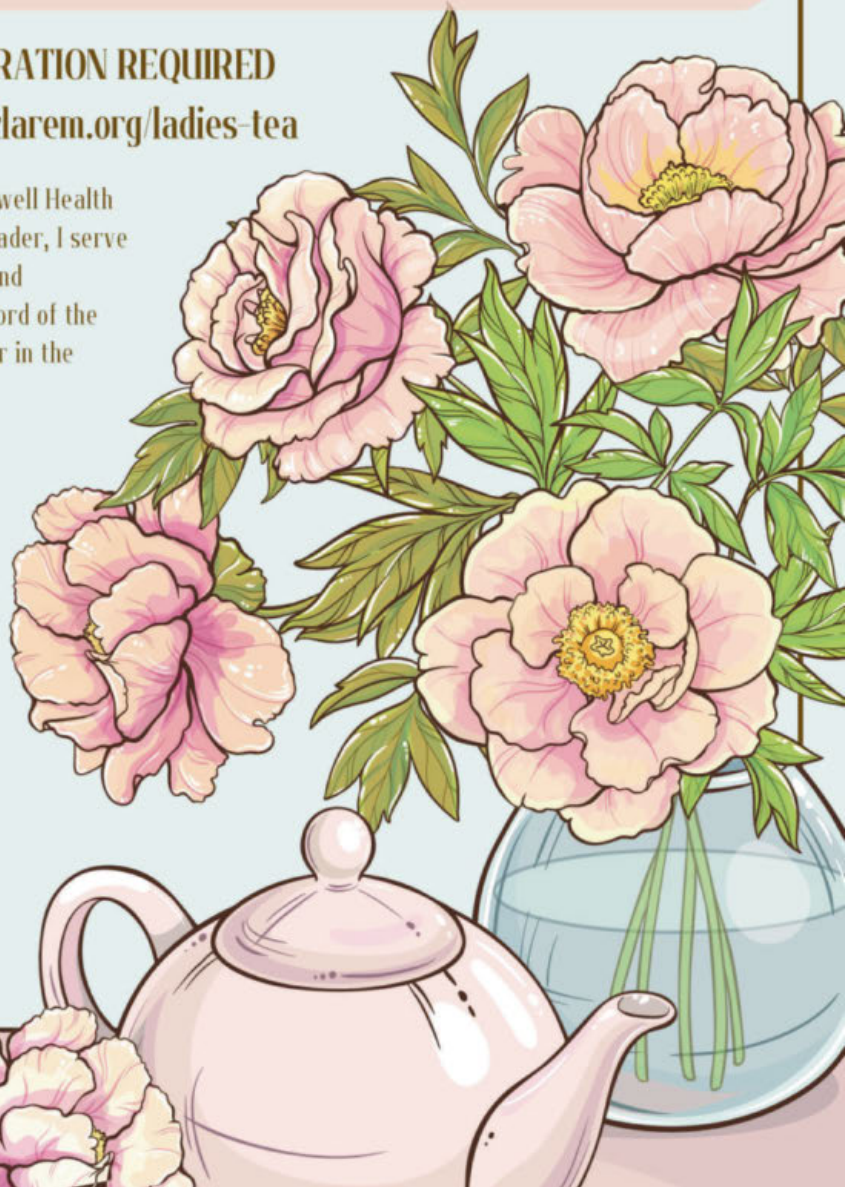
SPEAKER



Rosemary Thornton: As a PA, I work at Corewell Health Dearborn Emergency Room. As a Christian leader, I serve in a variety of capacities locally, regionally and internationally with the Word of Life and Sword of the Spirit, and previously as the women's director in the University Christian Outreach.



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# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** The oldest trick of the devil is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do — there are so many other things we could be doing. So, do we have the courage to look to our own hearts, to come face to face with our own choices, our own true selves?

### The Thoughts of Many Hearts

When Simeon cradles the infant Messiah in his arms, he speaks of salvation and glory and revelation. He speaks of his own death. He speaks of the fulfillment of God's promise to all people.

But most memorable, in my opinion, are his words about the hearts of men. This Child, he says, will be the way "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Perhaps you're like me. Perhaps you don't enjoy scrutinizing yourself, your actions, your intentions. You don't like reflecting on why you feel or react the way you do, and you really don't enjoy measuring those feelings and reactions against what you know they could be.

It's exhausting to sit with God, your heart in your hands, both of us looking at it, talking about it. So far too often, I opt out.

The oldest trick of the devil, you see, is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do. There are so many other things I could be doing, after all. Answering emails. Catching up on laundry. Scrolling Facebook. Worrying about inflation and the election. Stressing about my kid's dance recital and next week's busy schedule.

But where is God truly at work? Where is the place God will point to, when my life on Earth has come to its close?

It is the very depths of my heart. The place where I am my most authentic self, for better or worse. The place where all my pretensions crumble away, and I am alone with the truth of who I am and what I choose to do.

Am I brave enough to look into the depths of my own heart?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

#### Answer:

February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.



### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, February 3rd**

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Tuesday, February 4th**

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Wednesday, February 5th**

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM: Reconciliation

6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Thursday, February 6th**

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

2:00 PM: Hearts a Fire - EH.

7:00 PM: Holy Hour - Live Streamed

#### **Friday, February 7th**

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM: Funeral for Anthony Minauro

#### **Saturday, February 8th**

11:00 AM: Reconciliation

12:30 PM: Baptism of Anthony J. Imbrunnone

4:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, February 9th**

8:00 AM: Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM: Family Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM: Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

### Words on the Word

#### ***February 2, 2025 – Policing Emotion***

Without a doubt, most of the world's problems could be solved, or at least managed, if people were simply able to see things from each other's perspectives. That's as true on an international, country-to-country scale as it is on an individual, person-to-person scale. And it applies to virtually every type of problem.

*The Detroit News* did a story a few weeks ago on a new initiative being implemented by the Warren Police Department, training officers in the concepts of emotional intelligence.

"The idea is for officers to learn how to deal with their emotions by being aware of what they're going through and what others are going through," an officer helping to lead the program was quoted in the story as saying. "This is about recognizing that everyone has emotions, including police officers..."

The 8-hour program, similar to training programs that have been used for years by many private companies, helps participants dig more deeply into components such as self-awareness, self-management, relationship management and social awareness, the story said.

If all goes well, the story indicated, the program could become a model for use by other law enforcement agencies across the state.

One hopes the program not only is successful, but also perhaps is implemented by increasing numbers of individuals, organizations and, perhaps, even governments to drive deeper empathy, understanding and peace. We can all benefit from understanding others.

It's but a shadow of the larger truth we recognize in Jesus' passion and death on our behalf.

"Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way," we hear in today's second reading from Hebrews. "Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested."

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# Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

## Mass Intentions

**Monday February 3, 2025 Weekday; Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop (Green/Red/White)**

7:00 am Concetta (Tina) Calisi

**Tuesday February 4, 2025 Weekday (Green)**

7:00 am Joel Byrne

**Wednesday February 5, 2025 Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (Red)**

7:00 am Special Intention for Peg Shaughnessy

6:00 pm John Spath

**Thursday February 6, 2025 Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (Red)**

7:00 am John G. Champine

**Friday February 7, 2025 Weekday (Green)**

7:00 am Al Rogier

**Saturday February 8, 2025 Vigil for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)**

4:00 pm Raymond Van Becelaere, Terri Smigels, William Dinan, Kathleen Kennedy Rieth, Paula Nagel, Bonnie Batche, deceased members of the Batche Family, deceased members of the Calisi Family who died in the month of February, Michael Bowman, , a Special Intention for the living and deceased members of the J. Champine Family, and the Thomas Family

6:00 pm Dennis Lex

**Sunday February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)**

8:00 am The Intentions of SJA Parishioners

10:00 am Thomas Sloan

12:00 pm Paula Nagel

## Daily Readings

**Monday, February 3**

Hebrews 11:32-40  
Mark 5:1-20

**Tuesday, February 4**

Hebrews 12:1-4  
Mark 5:21-43

**Wednesday, February 5**

Hebrews 12:4-15  
Mark 6:1-6

**Thursday, February 6**

Hebrews 12:18-24  
Mark 6:7-13

**Friday, February 7**

Hebrews 13:1-8  
Mark 6:14-29

**Saturday, February 8**

Hebrew 13:15-21  
Mark 6:30-34

**Sunday, February 9**

Isaiah 6:1-8  
1Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11



## I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.

**Theresa (Terri) Smigels  
Mark Hawkins  
Dalton Lingar  
Judith Frontera**

“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

*Minnie Louise Haskins*



## Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).  
5 wishing to report abuse.

Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.



# A Pastoral Note to Migrants from the Catholic Bishops in Michigan

February 2025



## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Roman Catholic Bishops in Michigan, write to offer our continued pastoral and prayerful support for migrant individuals and families who over the course of time have entered the country and today are making a living in this state. Our fraternal closeness to you and other immigrants, refugees, and those seeking humanitarian asylum is rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, where we find *"I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me... Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"* (Matthew 25:35,40).

We hear and empathize with families across the state who express anxiety and fear over mass deportations and harmful rhetoric that broadly demeans our immigrant brothers and sisters. As shepherds of our flocks, we pledge amid such uncertainty to promote through the Michigan Catholic Conference and in our respective dioceses unyielding support and respect for the human dignity of all migrant people in our midst.

We urge our elected officials to support policies that keep immigrant and undocumented families safe and united, and to protect those who arrived as children. We call on the Michigan congressional delegation to work for a humane immigration system that welcomes refugees and immigrants by providing a fair pathway to citizenship; one that also keeps borders safe and secure from criminal activity, including human trafficking and the smuggling of illegal drugs.

Mindful of the dire conditions from which many travel, oftentimes with children through great difficulty and despair, we encourage you, our migrant brothers and sisters, to be strengthened by our Lord's words *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you... Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid"* (John 14:27). Never fail to keep your faith and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, who promises a divine kingdom that we strive to inherit and together call our true home.

With abundant love and trust, we ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to hear the cries of the suffering and offer to her maternal compassion and protection all who seek her heavenly intercession.

## In Christ,



**Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron**  
Archbishop of Detroit



**Most Rev. Earl Boyea**  
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# Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Catholic Teaching on Immigration



February 2025

### What does the Church say about illegal immigration and undocumented migrants?

The Catholic Church affirms the rule of law and encourages the use of lawful immigration pathways. The Church does not encourage unnecessary or irregular migration. "Ideally, unnecessary migration ought to be avoided; this entails creating in countries of origin the conditions needed for a dignified life and integral development" (*Fratelli tutti*, no. 129). The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens" (No. 2241).

### Does the Catholic Church advocate for "open borders"?

No. The Catechism clearly states that political authorities "may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions" (No. 2241). This includes a sovereign country's right to regulate and secure its borders. The Church does maintain, however, that this right must always be balanced with the duty to welcome newcomers with charity and respect for the human person, as well as the rights to life and religious liberty.

### What is the Church's perspective on federal immigration reform and "mass deportations"?

As recognized by the Church for decades, the current immigration system is inadequate to address the needs of American families, employers, and communities, as well as immigrants themselves. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has consistently supported increased opportunities for legal immigration and the protection for immigrants' due process rights, while opposing an enforcement-only approach to immigration. Further, enforcement actions should be targeted, proportionate, and humane, and deportations and other enforcement actions should always be carried out with due regard for families, community ties, and religious liberty interests. In its most recent message on immigration, the USCCB stated that the country's immigration system should be one that:

- Offers fair and generous pathways to full citizenship for immigrants living and working for many years within this country.
- Keeps borders safe and secure, with enforcement policies that focus on those who present dangers to society, particularly efforts to reduce gang activity, stem the flow of drugs, and end human trafficking.
- Provides permanent relief for childhood arrivals, helps families stay together, and welcomes refugees.
- Serves as an effective asylum system for those fleeing persecution and protects vulnerable migrants and their families, many of whom have already been victimized by criminal actors.

### Why do Catholic organizations serve people who enter the U.S. without authorization?

Faithful to Jesus' mandate to "welcome the stranger," Catholic-affiliated organizations provide basic human needs to migrants because all people are made in God's image and likeness and inherently possess human dignity. There is no evidence or research indicating that the humanitarian and religious services provided by Catholic organizations incentivize unlawful migration, as there are varied and often complex factors that influence a person's decision to migrate from their home country, including war, persecution, violence, lack of jobs, famines, and natural disasters.

Visit [usccb.org/migrationministries](https://usccb.org/migrationministries) for more FAQs and to learn how the Church serves migrants.



## Prayers Needed

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**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at [info@sjasc.org](mailto:info@sjasc.org).

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# Bringing Home the Word

*The Presentation of the Lord*  
February 2, 2025

## We Belong to God

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

Everyone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely *want* to belong; we *need* to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham; thus, we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind

everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound meaning of the presentation: though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the One through whom God saves all people. It also describes two important religious insights. First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God, and we all have a mission to the world. †

## Sunday Readings

### **Malachi 3:1-4**

And the LORD whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple; / The messenger of the covenant whom you desire.

### **Hebrews 2:14-18**

Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### **Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32**

[Simeon said,] "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation."



*Sometimes we forget to whom we really belong.*

## A Word from Pope Francis

[God's] loving plan...embraces and connects the generations.... For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead!

MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY, ROME, JULY 23, 2023



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How do I value the energy of the young and the wisdom of the old?
- What can I do to make connections among the generations?



# What an Impact One Family Can Have!

*Letter to Families from Pope Francis*



The evangelist Luke tells us that the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, in keeping with the Law of Moses, took the Baby Jesus to the Temple to offer him to the Lord, and that an elderly man and woman, Simeon and Anna, moved by the Holy Spirit, went to meet them and acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah. (See Luke 2:22–38) Simeon took him in his arms and thanked God that he had finally “seen” salvation. Anna, despite her advanced age, found new vigor and began to speak to everyone about the Baby Jesus. It is a beautiful image: two young parents and two elderly people, brought together by Jesus. He is the

one who brings together and unites generations! He is the inexhaustible font of that love which overcomes every occasion of self-absorption, solitude, and sadness. In your journey as a family, you share so many beautiful moments: meals, rest, housework, leisure, prayer, trips and pilgrimages, and times of mutual support.... Nevertheless, if there is no love then there is no joy, and authentic love comes to us from Jesus. †

From *Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Pope Francis* by John Cleary (826467). To order, visit [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org) or call 800-325-9521.

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

*From “Preparing for Our Final Journey: Life is Changed, Not Ended”*

The Catholic funeral is one of the Church’s greatest gifts. It celebrates the belief in resurrection and forgiveness. A funeral is an opportunity for those left behind to say goodbye. It can also be a way in which the deceased says goodbye to their loved ones. Talking about your funeral and making preparations may be a comfort for those who will mourn your passing. Everything you do to prepare for your death—the legal matters, the bequests you make, the provision for your survivors, and your funeral—all of these should be done with one concern in mind: building up the community of those left behind. Help them love each other after you are gone. This will be your greatest gift. Think about it: have you kept in mind the well-being of your loved ones after you die? Do your plans reflect your love for them? Try this exercise: write your own eulogy. Include all those virtues for which you would like to be remembered. Then, live it. Live your own eulogy.

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Faithful God, bless parents who are trying to raise children to know you, and inspire leaders to find ways to assist families who are struggling. Amen.

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

February 3–8

**Monday, Weekday:**  
Heb 11:32–40 / Mk 5:1–20


**Tuesday, Weekday:**  
Heb 12:1–4 / Mk 5:21–43

**Wednesday, St. Agatha:**  
Heb 12:4–7, 11–15 / Mk 6:1–6

**Thursday, St. Paul Miki and Companions:**  
Heb 12:18–19, 21–24 / Mk 6:7–13

**Friday, Weekday:**  
Heb 13:1–8 / Mk 6:14–29

**Saturday, Weekday:**  
Heb 13:15–17, 20–21 / Mk 6:30–34

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February 2, 2025

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