



# ST. PRISCILLA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 29, 2023



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter  
every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be  
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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# PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 4:30 PM

† Judy Touhey by Graziano Canini  
 † Charlie Camilleri by wife, Cathy  
 † Judy Blades by Pete & Gloria Arciero  
 † Ruben Enerio by Family

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 9:00 AM

Kelly Kewley by Friend  
 † Aldo Pirino by Silvana Carta  
 † Judy Touhey by Graziano Canini  
 † Dec'd Members of the Fernley & Perttunen Families  
 by Ralph & Diane Fernley

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 11:00 AM

The People of St. Priscilla  
 Virginia Aisporna by Amy Golonka  
 † Dale Giguere by son, Darrick  
 † Leo Haldas by Marian & Dennis Belaire

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1:00 PM

Fr. Mark Tibai by Choraszewski Family  
 † Deborah DuCharme - 10th Anniv of Eternal Life  
 by Robert Wenderski

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 8:00 AM

† Judy Touhey by Graziano Canini

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 8:00 AM

Cecile Jean by Friends  
 † Judy Touhey by Graziano Canini

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 7:00 PM

Katherine Balleza by Friends  
 † Pietro Mauti by Family

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 8:00 AM

Michael LaGozza by Amy Golonka  
 † Daniel Jay Butkiewicz by Parish

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 4:30 PM

The People of St. Priscilla  
 † Seymour Forbing by Beverly Hoderith  
 † Leona & Michael Baran by Pete & Gloria Arciero

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 9:00 AM

Leo Pearce by Friend  
 † Judy Pyrkosz by Linda Pyrkosz  
 † Jennifer Shepan by Family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 11:00 AM

Genny Brown by Friend  
 † Peter Vu by Vu Family  
 † Concetta Russo by Family  
 † John Vandekerckhove Jr by Parish

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 1:00 PM

The People of St. Priscilla  
 Mary Ellen DuCharme & Family  
 † Lawrence & Katherine DuCharme



God the Father, Hear Our Prayers. Hear Us God The Son. Holy Spirit, Hear Our Prayers. Mercy On Your People Lord.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Rena Bandy	Joe Zeniewicz	Glen Brown
Gregory Dwyer	Peggy Gatter	Mary St. Jean
Mary Giganti	Vi Hanis	Steve Moskal
Rob Shepley	Chuck Stimac	Joe Marino
Steve Lee	Mary Gigante	Sharon Hamilton
Paul Vu	Ryan Patrick	Daniel Himm
Rosemary Krawcke	Mays Family	Karen Kelley-O'Brien
Fr. John Wheeler	Nathan Stafford	Dorothy Pongracz
Margaret Gehringer	Gideon Graham	Jim Pongracz
Audrey Benzinger	Mary Lou Buechel	MaryAnn Statetzny
Bill Schneider	Jennifer Mattson	William Statetzny
Peggy Grainer	Ricky Canini	Pete Arciero
Roger Godbey	Pam Pickens	Antonio Gabbana
Magdalena Hang Vu	Peggy Nakamura	Kenneth Ricer
Bernadine Buoncompagno	Chris Gehringer	Connie Lark

REMINDER: Names remain on Prayer List for the Sick for 90 days unless the office is notified of continued need or prolonged illness. Please do not ask to add a name to this list without prior permission from the family.



## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Natalie Yurgil	Coast Guard
Benjamin Schmidt	Air Force
Brian Golonka	Army
Kyle Nelson	Marines
Steven Siemieniak	Air Force
Joseph James Prokes	Army

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



Each Monday following Morning Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration All Day until Benediction at 7:00PM with Prayers to St. Joseph

You may now schedule an adoration time slot on-line through Sign Up Genius. Each Week visit [www.saintpriscilla.org/adoration](http://www.saintpriscilla.org/adoration) to sign up.

***"Motherhood is a woman's vocation. It is an eternal vocation, and it is also a contemporary vocation... We must do everything in order that children, the family and society may see in her that dignity that Christ saw."***

-Pope St. John Paul II

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Many years ago, when I was in middle school, I took a civics class which was required for all students. Before school began that year, my mom was SO excited for me to have the civics class. She gave me a brief rundown of all the topics I would learn. Branches of government, how society works together, various movements in history to bring us to where we were at the end of the 1900s (isn't that crazy to hear??). For me, that sounded incredibly boring because I never liked history class. I am terrible at remembering dates! Her excitement was short lived. Every day she would ask me what we were learning in civics class. Most of the time, when I would show her my text or explain what my teacher taught, my mom's face would drop in horror. She would often say, "no, no, no. That is not what happened. I lived through that. This is what happened." To which was followed by another history lesson (insert the teenager eye roll).

My mom did not have an easy childhood. She grew up with an abusive step-mother which led my mom to leave her home life at a very young age and live with an older sibling. It was this new life (along with various movements at the time), that morphed my mom into what you would call "feminist." This meant that I was raised with many of these same beliefs--women could do whatever a man could do, women are just as smart as men, women can work and raise a family, women should always vote because it was such a struggle to earn that right, etc. Despite all that, I remember my mom for the longest time never voting for a woman to take seat in a political position. I asked her about that when I was young and she responded, "many countries around the world don't give women equal respect. So, if we have a woman in power, other countries won't 'hear' us." That was disappointing to hear but I understood.

A lot has changed since that conversation and honestly, I feel like the feminist movement is constantly in our face nowadays. Coming from my mom, who was so heavily focused on raising her daughters to be bold, independent, and earning a great living, you would think that I have the same mentality as my mom. However, in some aspects, that is not the case--especially since coming into the Catholic Church. The Blessed Mother is my role model. More than just my role model in her trusting response to say "yes" at the Annunciation. Mary is the Blessed Mother, not the Blessed 9-5 Employee and Mother. I know. This is a sensitive topic for many, but if we can discuss the

importance of the Sacrament of Matrimony, then we should also discuss the importance of the role of a woman in that union.

I have written about St. Joseph's role and his example for men in the past. Mary had a very important role within the Holy Family. She was to be St. Joseph's wife and Jesus' mother--our Mother. Those two roles in and of themselves is a huge undertaking! I am not diminishing women's rights (well, most of the ones women fight for). Women should be able to vote if they want to vote. Women should be able to have the same rights in court as a man. Women should be able to take out a loan, work with equal pay, etc. I am not dismissing all of the movements and challenges to get to that point. But what I am not in agreement with is this more recent idea of feminism where a woman is less of a woman if she decides to put her husband and family before climbing the corporate ladder. God established roles for men and women. Both man and woman are created in His image. The role of the man is equally as important as the role of the woman but each role is different. God does not make mistakes. He created the roles of man and woman to complement each other and together the roles complete the family and the work of the Church.

St. Joseph provided for the Holy Family on his own. Unfortunately, it is no longer financially feasible for most families to live solely off the income of the husband. But we know that "history repeats itself." Right? I hope that is still the case. I have hope that a shift is coming...not a shift that takes away the voice of the woman...but a shift that eliminates the desire to put a career before family. This hope comes from scrolling through TikTok videos of women complaining that "something is wrong with the system." Women around the world are beginning to realize that they don't want to work long hours, they don't want a daycare to raise their young children, they don't want only 6 weeks of maternity leave. Women around the world are craving the motherhood role. And that makes sense because God did not tell Eve after the fall to "toil [the ground]...all the days of your life...by the sweat of your face shall you get bread to eat." No, he told Eve, "you shall bring forth children...your urge shall be for your husband." God did not diminish the power of women. He actually gave women a power that only she can have--bear children to keep the Church going. Thanks be to God!

## SAINT VS. BLESSED

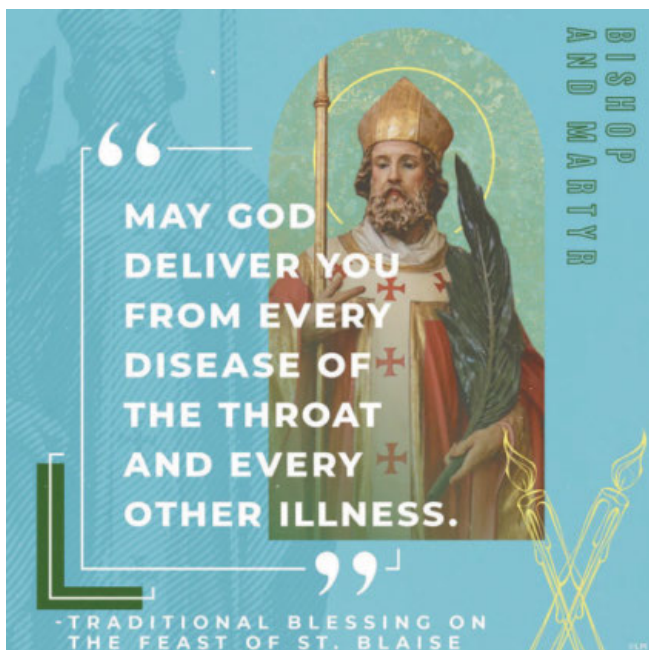
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**Question:** What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “Blessed”?

**Answer:** The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.”

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.



## READINGS OF THE WEEK

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### MONDAY, JANUARY 30

Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-2

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 ST JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26b-27, 28, 30-32 Mk 5:21-4

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18 Mk 6:1-6

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 ST BLAISE, BP/MART; ST ANSGAR, BP

Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9 Mk 6:14-29

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-6 Mk 6:30-34

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 (4a) 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

## GOSPEL MEDITATIONS

— Father John Muir ©LPi

In my parents’ bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like that? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus’ form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It’s the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we’ll start to look like him.

## THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE by Mary Rice

Our first reading today is from a little-known prophet, Zephaniah. Let's talk a little about prophets.

When you open your Bible, you will find Minor prophets and Major Prophets. This is an unfortunate distinction. It seems to indicate that the Minor are less important than the Major. The only difference is the length of the prophecy.

I have often confused Zaphaniah and Zechariah. When I looked up Zephaniah, here is some information that I picked up: His name means: "God protects'.

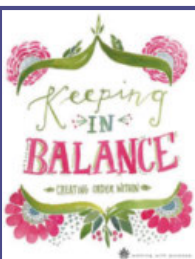
He writes about the "Day of the Lord" when the pagan religious practices will bring punishment upon God's people. That day will bring distress and devastation, "But there is hope"---the nations will be converted and a righteous remnant will be left in Israel.

The prophet's history goes back to Hezekiah, the great Judean king. Zephaniah fought against foreign influences and against the worship of other gods.

The idea of remnant is important in Jewish thought and in the teaching of Jesus. Notice how Jesus says that 'God choose the lowly and despised of the world'--Those who count for nothing. This focus on the humble is spoken by Jesus at another time: **Learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart.**

From the circumstances of his birth to his painful death, Jesus reached out to people that were despised.

Jesus and Zephaniah would have had a lot to talk about—they both had a heart for the poor and humble.



### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday's at 7:00pm in Room 4  
Order your book from Amazon or the Walking With Purpose website.  
Join us anytime.

## THE HUMBLE OF THE EARTH

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When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words Blessed are the peacemakers, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.

Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven's sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.

But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the down-trodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours. I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous. Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to?

What did the world tell you this moment should mean? What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

***God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.***

1 Corinthians 1:27

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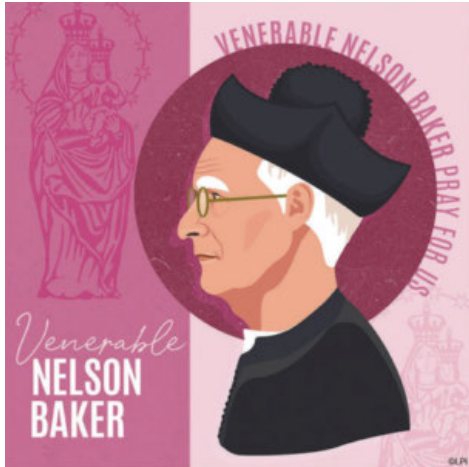
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# AROUND THE PARISH

## HIGHLIGHTING HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FROM THE AMERICAS ©LPi



Born February 16, 1842, in New York, his home community would eventually name Father Nelson Baker "Buffalo's most influential citizen of the 20th century." Before being ordained a priest, he served in the Civil War as a Union soldier in the 74th regiment of the New York State Militia. He entered Our Lady of Angels Seminary on September 2, 1869, and ordained on March 19, 1876.

After donating his life savings

to alleviate the debt accrued by the orphanages and other institutions Father Baker was inspired to begin The Association of Our Lady of Victory. Baker hand-wrote thousands of letters to Catholics across America soliciting donations to support the facilities. Catholics everywhere joined the Association of Our Lady of Victory with their twenty-five cent annual membership dues.

Father Baker's community of faithful financial supporters continued to help him build resources for those in need. He tripled the number of children in his orphanages, built a home for unwed mothers, began a maternity hospital that eventually became a full-service hospital, built a debt-free church for worship. His vision became a safe location for destitute people to come and be cared for. Once the Great Depression hit, it is estimated that 500,000 people were fed at his church, Our Lady of Victory. In his 90's, he focused on serving and educating black Americans traveling north for work and opportunity.

Following his death on July 29, 1936, between 300,000 and 500,000 people visited to pay their respects before his funeral. The many Our Lady of Victory outreach institutions he championed can still be found operating today in Lackawanna, New York. Father Baker was declared Venerable in 2011 and is still awaiting sainthood.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ©LPi

Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does He beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does He ask you to make peace?



### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

**NOTE . . . MASS CHANGES AND MASS TIMES**

**8:00 AM Novus Ordo (English)**

**7:00 PM Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin Mass)**

**Please plan accordingly**

## St. VINCENT de PAUL

### PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK

Jelly, Cream of Wheat, Canned Peaches,  
Canned Carrots, Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix  
Laundry Detergent

**Thank you for supporting our pantry.**

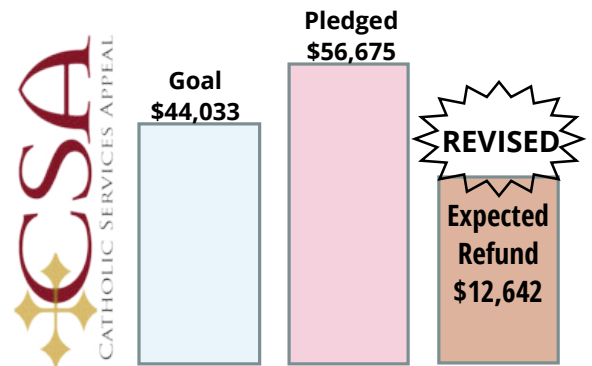
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<b>FEB 4 4:30PM</b>	<b>J GATELEY</b>	<b>PLEASE CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER</b>
<b>FEB 5 9:00AM</b>	<b>D TOTH</b>	
<b>FEB 5 11:00AM</b>	<b>B HARGAN</b>	

### USHER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2023

Saturday Team **B** Sunday Team **A**

### MARY'S HELPERS FEBRUARY 2023

**7th** S DeBRINCAT & I ZABOWSKI  
**21st** R SCHMIDT & A GOLONKA



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## PANCAKE Breakfast



**Sunday, February 19th**  
Following the 9 & 11 AM Mass  
**Proceeds to Benefit**  
**Seminarian Joseph Lennon**

Currently a philosophy II seminarian at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Joseph is from Divine Child in Dearborn. Keep Joseph in your prayers.



May the Holy Spirit send others to courageously discern Priestly Vocations.

### FEBRUARY 2, 7:00 PM MASS THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - CANDLEMAS

The Blessing of Candles used in Church for the year will take place at the 7:00 PM Mass. You are welcome to bring your prayer/devotional home use candles to be blessed. Please have them marked with your name and dropped off in the church or parish office by Wednesday, February 1st. NOTE: Scented-Decorative candles are excluded.

### FEBRUARY 3, 8:00 AM MASS FEAST OF ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS ...will follow the 8:00 AM Mass

## CHRISTMAS CLEAN UP

**We Need Your Help...**

The Art and Environment Committee Will Be Putting Away Christmas Decorations

**Saturday, February 4th at 10:00AM**

Please Meet In The Back Of Church.



### MASS SCHEDULE (REVISED)

**Sunday** 9:00AM & 11:00 AM  
1:00 PM Traditional Latin Mass (TLM)  
**Monday, Tuesday, Friday** 8:00 AM  
**Thursday** 7:00 PM  
**Saturday** 4:30 PM  
**Holy Days** 8:00 AM  
7:00 PM Traditional Latin Mass (TLM)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday** 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM  
**Friday** 8:30 AM - Noon

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday** - Immediately following 8:00 AM Holy Mass (See Page 2)  
Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

### RECONCILIATION

**Saturday** 3:30 PM

### SICK CALLS, WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.