



**Rev. Mike Austin, Pastor  
Deacon Bill Vrazel**

**Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.**

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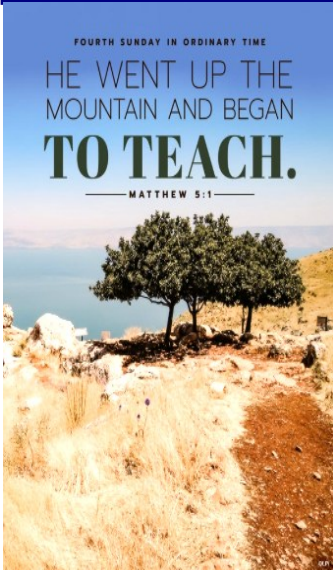
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February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## The Cross of Jesus Is Near

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: **"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"** (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad. — *Father John Muir*

Today's Mass Readings



Daily Mass Bible Readings

**First Reading:** But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

**Psalm:** Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Ps 146)

**Second Reading:** Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. (1 Cor 1:27)

**Gospel:** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

**Next Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

<p><b>Monday, February 2</b> —</p>	<p>- 7:25 am Rosary - Church</p> <p>- 8:00 am <b>MASS</b> - Church</p> <p>- 10:00 am Parish Prayer Group - Chapel</p>	<p>- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm <b>RECONCILIATION</b> - Church</p> <p>- 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adoration - Church</p> <p>- 5:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Chapel</p> <p>- 6:30 pm Father Mike's Bible Study - Conf. Center</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, February 3</b> —</p>	<p>- 5:00 pm KOC Officers and General Meeting - Parish Hall</p> <p>- 6:30 pm Novena To Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel</p>	<p>- 7:00 pm <b>Mass</b> - Chapel</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, February 4</b> —</p>	<p>- 6:30 am Java and Jesus Men's Group - Parish Hall</p> <p>- 7:25 am Rosary - Church</p> <p>- 8:00 am <b>MASS (with Moms)</b> - Church</p> <p>- 9:00 am Bible Study - Parish Office Conf. Room</p>	<p>- 10:00 am Altar Society Mtg. - Multipurpose Room</p> <p>- 6:30 pm Confirmation Class (High School) - Church Multipurpose Room</p> <p>- 6:30 pm OCIA Class - Conference Center</p>
<p><b>Thursday, February 5</b> —</p>	<p>- 7:25 am Rosary - Chapel</p> <p>- 8:00 am <b>MASS</b> - Chapel</p>	<p>- 9:00 am Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm - Chapel</p> <p>- 6:30 pm Father Mike's Bible Timeline Bible Study - Conf. Center</p>
<p><b>Friday, February 6</b> —</p>	<p>- 8:30 am <b>MASS</b> (Children's Mass during school year) - Church</p> <p>- 9:30 - 11:30 am Society of St. Vincent De Paul - Parish Hall</p>	<p>- 3:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Chapel</p>
<p><b>Saturday, February 7</b> —</p>	<p>- 1:00 pm Youth Ministry Setup - Parish Hall</p> <p>- 4:00 pm Vigil <b>MASS (RECONCILIATION offered 30 minutes prior to Mass)</b> - Church</p>	





# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Corbin Altese, Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Leota Ayuso, Lee Ayuso, Tammy Bates, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Jan Berry, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Asher Bonura, Dian Bradley, Jim Bradley, Richard Brasard, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Phylis Carlton, Jerry

Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, Tyler Corban, David Corollo, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Kim Desrosier, Dawn Domecq, Brenda Dubuisson, Jan Dubuisson, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Hannah Gest, Gerry Gough, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Olivia Hood, Daniel Huck, Betty Hughes, Paul Hughes, David H. James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Faye Johnson, Phillip Jones, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Thomas Koenem, Barbara Ladner, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Griffis Lamar, Anita Lambert, Vickie Landrum, Dustin Lechner, Charlotte Logan, John Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Lynda Lumpkin, Evelyn Lumpkin, Rod Malburg, Stephanie Marvel, Emily McGinnity, Laura Creel Meadows, Jack and Lorraine Miller, Lori Miller, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Kyle Patridge, Joshua Parker, Mattie Starita Pavolini, Larry Peterman, Konner Peterson, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, The Pruet Family, Emily Reaves, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Tammy Graham Rome, June Rutland, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter Leah Scott, Beth Sealy, James Senac, Joe Shaw, Liz Shaw, Rachel Singleton, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Father Truong Q Trinh, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Brittany Varney, Anastasia Virvilis, Bragg Williams, Nadia Williams, Billy Wood, Becky Wooley, Wayne Wooley, Paul Yaegar, Angie Parker Yonkin

**In Memoriam ~ Debra Diane Bradford, Patricia Ann Vial, Sander Ian Findlay, Mary Helen Allen, Mary Ann Pagano Scarborough, John Warren "Jake" Erwin**

*For additions and deletions ~ 228-452-4686.*



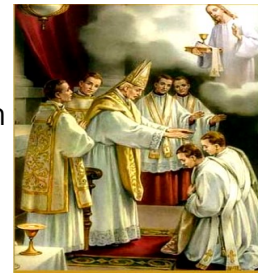
## January 26, 2026 Weekly Operating Credits

**Offertory/Collection:** \$9977.00  
**Building Fund:** \$80  
**Youth:** \$110  
**Masses:** \$130  
**Memorials:** \$5  
**Pickle Jar:** \$95  
**Cemetery:** \$55  
**Second Collection:** \$1804  
**Poor Box & Local Charity:** \$672  
**TOTAL:** \$12,928  
**Additional:**  
**T Shirts:** \$330  
**Special Donations:** \$5,000  
**Weekly Fixed Expenses**  
**Payroll and Benefits:** \$4,800  
**Building Insurance:** \$1,800  
**Repairs/Maintenance:** \$1,600  
**Other Overhead:** \$2,300  
**Debt Service:** \$1,000  
**Youth/Other Ministries:** \$1,600  
**Tuition Assistance/School Support:** \$3,000  
**Diocesan Support:** \$1,500



*"O Holy Mother of God, pray for our priests Your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by Your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditations, efficacious in preaching and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen".*

**Sun., February 1:** For Pope Leo XIV  
**Mon., February 2:** For Msgr. John McGrath  
**Tues., February 3:** For Joseph Mensah  
**Wed., February 4:** For Fathers Paddy Mockler and Everardo Mora -Tores  
**Thur., February 5:** For Father George Murphy (Retired)  
**Fri., February 6:** For Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F. Kihneman III  
**Sat., February 7:** Please Pray For An Increase In Vocations



**February 7 & February 8, 2026**

**4:00 pm - Saturday Vigil, 2/7/26**

**LECTORS**

Ken Austin

**EEMs**

Gayle Nolan, Jane Ward and Lauri Wood

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Solomon Molsbee, Gage Garriga and Kaleb Garriga

**8:30 am - Sunday, 2/8/26**

**KOC CORPORATE COMMUNION**

**11:00 am - Sunday 2/8/26**

Andrew Koslosky

Angele Boudreaux, Joy Burke, Lena Farr, Stuart Farr and Charles Lowe

Ashton Gamboa, Cohen Kraft and Thomas Cooper

**5:00 pm -Sunday, 2/8/26**

Asa Jones

Rusty Bohn, Joy Miller and Aimee Tramontana

Eleigh James Burge, Olivia Robin and Carleigh Russo

# February

Mondays OR Thursdays **Until February 13** - 6:30pm - Father Mike's Bible Study, *The Great Adventure Through the Bible - The Story of Salvation History Mass* - **Conference Center**

Wednesdays - 6:30pm - **OCIA CLASSES** - **Conference Center**

Wednesdays - 6:30pm - **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** - **Church Multipurpose Room**

THURSDAYS - **YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE** - 3pm - 3:45pm - **Church**

Wednesday, February 4 - **Altar Society Mtg** - 10am - **Church Multipurpose Room**

Friday, February 6 - 3pm - **Divine Mercy Chaplet** - **Chapel**

Mondays OR Thursdays in LENT beginning February 16 - 6:30pm - 8pm - **Holy Family's 2026 Lenten Spiritual Journey, "When You Pray"** - **Conference Center**

Tuesday, February 17 - **Parish Office Closed for Mardi Gras**

ASH Wednesday, February 18 - **MASSES** - 8am **at Church**, 10am **Children's Mass at Church**, 12pm **at Chapel**, 7pm **at Church**  
Monday - Friday During Lent - February 18 - March 27 - **NOON MASS** - **Chapel**

Fridays During Lent - **Stations of the Cross** - 5pm - **Church**

Fridays During Lent - **Vietnamese Stations of the Cross** - 5pm - **Chapel**

Saturday, February 21 - **Vietnamese TET New Year's Celebration MASS and Reception** - 10am - **Church and Conference Center**

Wednesday, February 25 - **Healing Face of Jesus Healing Ministries Healing Service** - 6:30pm - **St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Ocean Springs**

Beginning January 5th, **NEW HOURS FOR MONDAY ADORATION 5:00pm - 10:00 pm at Church**



THE MONSIGNOR LEECH COUNCIL 4472 INVITES GENTLEMEN AND LADIES OF THE PARISH TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY.

## Upcoming **FEBRUARY** Events:

- **KOC Monthly Meetings:** 5pm - 8pm - First Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall - **February 3, 2026**
- **KOC Monthly Corporate Communion:** Sunday 8:30 am Mass following the first Tuesday of the month - **February 8, 2026**
- **KOC Parish Fellowship, Coffee and Donuts:** Sunday following the first Tuesday of each month after 8:30 am Mass - **Conference Center - February 8, 2026**
- **Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meetings:** 6:30 pm - Second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall - **February 10, 2026**
- **KOC LENTEN FISH FRY:** 5pm - 7pm - **Fridays, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2026**
- **KOC Fifth Sunday Rosary:** After 8:30 am Mass - **March 29, 2026**

## Upcoming 2025 Second & Special Collections

**Ash Wednesday, February 18: Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa**  
**February 21 - 22 Black and Indian Missions**  
**March 14 - 15: Catholic Relief Services**



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, January 31, 2026	<b>4:00 pm</b>	† Wayne James Special Intentions for Pat Titus Special Intentions for Father Mike Austin
Sunday, February 1	8:30 am  11:00 am  5:00pm	† Ray and Mary Gallagher † The Lang Family Special Intentions for Holy Family Church Special Intentions for Johnny Nastas  † Doug Black † Robert Black Special Intentions for Bragg Williams and Family  † John Keefe Hecker † Robert Fett
Monday, February 2	8:00 am	† Jody Compretta † Henry Stiller Special Intentions for Megan and Theresa Bermond
Tuesday, February 3	7:00 pm	† John Keefe Hecker † Mary Helen Allen Special Intentions for Crescend Schonberg and Family
Wednesday, February 4	8:00 am	Special Intentions for Dr. and Mrs. Zach Gross Healing for Liz Shaw Healing for Phylis Carlton
Thursday, February 5 ( <b>Chapel</b> )	8:00 am	† Dick Levens
Friday, February 6	8:30 am * † <i>The Repose of the Soul</i>	† Anthony Puthiyakunnel

## Altar Society Meeting

Wednesday, February 4th  
10:00 am  
Church Multipurpose Room

*If you are interested in joining Holy Family's Altar Society, or want to learn more about us, please come and see!*

We meet first Wednesday of the month between September and May of each year.

*For questions, please call the Parish Office at 228-452-4686.*



**Holy Family Parish  
Altar Society**

Please join us every **FIRST FRIDAY** of the month for the **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

The next Chaplet is **Friday, February 6th** 3:00 pm at St. Paul's Chapel



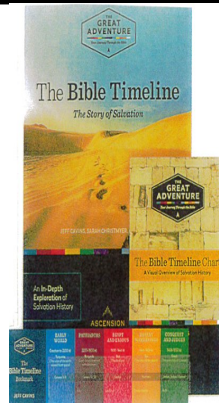
*For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

## The Great Adventures Through the Bible The Story of Salvation History

A reminder that Father Mike's Bible Study is one day a week.

**Mondays OR Thursday's**  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Conference Center

For questions, please contact the Parish Office at 228-452-4686.



## CONGRATULATIONS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4472 RECIPIENTS OF THE STAR AWARD

Congratulations to Holy Family's Knights of Columbus Council 4472 who received the Star Council Award. The Star Awards recognize outstanding achievement during the year. Council 4472 participated in the planning of the Biloxi Diocese Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage. They also had a record-breaking year with their Toys For Tots fundraisers, Coats for Kids, Thanksgiving Dinner program and the October Silver Rose Celebration. Council 4472 also participated in emergency hurricane relief programs in Florida and North Carolina.

**Congratulations Council 4472**



Pictured is KOC Council 4472 member, Teddy Fields, receiving The Star Award on behalf of Council 4472 Grand Knight Christopher Smythe

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