



**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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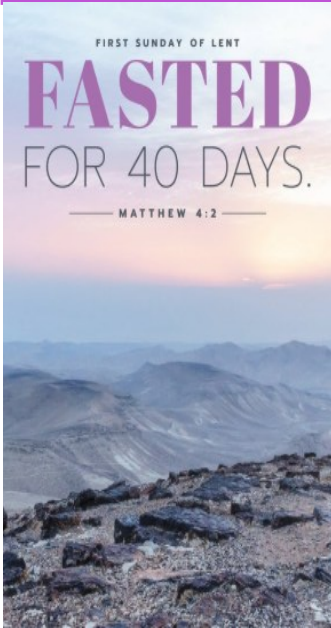
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February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent



The Christ Living In You

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.
Father John Muir

Today's Mass Readings



Daily Mass Bible Readings

First Reading: The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading: For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel: At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday, February 23	- 7:25 am Rosary - Church - 8:00 am MASS - Church - 10:00 am Parish Prayer Group - Chapel - 12:00 pm MASS - Chapel	- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm RECONCILIATION - Church - 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adoration - Church - 5:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Chapel - 6:30 pm 2026 Lenten Spiritual Journe Begins, When We Pray - Conference Center
Tuesday, February 24	- 12:00 pm MASS - Chapel - 6:30 pm Novena To Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel	
Wednesday, February 25	- 6:30 am Java and Jesus Men's Group - Parish Hall - 7:25 am Rosay - Church - 8:00 am MASS (with Moms) - Church - 9:00 am Bible Study - Parish Office Conf. Room	- 12:00 pm MASS - Chapel - 6:30 pm Confirmation Class (High School) - Church Multipurpose Room - 6:30 pm OCIA Class - Conference Center
Thursday, February 26	- 7:25 am Rosary - Chapel - 8:00 am MASS - Chapel - 9:00 am Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm - Chapel	- 12:00 m NOON MASS DURING LENT - Chapel - 6:30 pm 2026 Lenten Spiritual Journey Begins, When We Pray - Conference Center
Friday, February 27	- 8:30 am MASS (Children's Mass during school year) - Church - 9:30 - 11:30 am Society of St. Vincent De Paul - Parish Hall - 12:00 m NOON MASS DURING LENT - Chapel	- 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross - Church - 5:00 pm Vietnamese Stations of the Cross - Chapel - 5:00 pm -7:00 KOC LentenFish Fry - Conf. Ctr.
Saturday, February 28	- 1:00 pm Youth Ministry Setup - Parish Hall	- 4:00 pm Vigil MASS (RECONCILIATION offered 3:30 pm) - Church





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, Gerry Gough, Marian Governor, 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 Leochner, 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 Pruett 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, Fred Spence, 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.



February 16, 2026

Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection:

\$13,416

Building Fund: \$165

Youth: \$110

Masses: \$60

Memorials: \$5

Cemetery: \$5

TOTAL: \$13,761

Additional:

Lent Books: \$75

T Shirts: \$20

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

TOTAL: \$17,600



Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs. We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us, rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith. We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. We pray to You, O Lord, through Mary the mother of all priests, for our priests! Amen.

Sun., February 22: For Fathers Khoaa Phi Vo and Marcin Viktor

Mon., February 23: For Our Seminarians

Tues., February 24: For Our Deacons and Those Discerning

Wed., February 25: For Our Deceased Popes, and Bishops, Joseph Howze and Roger Morin

Thur., February 26: For Retired Priests, Extern and Deceased Priests, Brothers and Deacons

Fri., February 27: For Priest and Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and St. Stanislaus High School

Sat., February 28: For Our Parish Priests



February 28 & March 1, 2026

4:00 pm - Saturday Vigil, 2/28/26

LECTORS

Lauri Wood

EEMs

Jane Ward, Catherine Wood and Emmett Zimmerman

ALTAR SERVERS

Cooper Ferrill, Gage Garriga and Kaleb Garriga

8:30 am - Sunday, 3/1/26

Phylis Carlton

Carol Church, Jennifer D'Aquila, Rodney Keel, Jack Miller and Lorraine Miller

Asa Jones, Leo Jones and Ainsley Koenenn

11:00 am - Sunday 3/1/26

Richard Alarcon

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

Ashton Gamboa, Cohen Kraft and Thomas Cooper

5:00 pm - Sunday, 3/1/26

Sophie Leboeuf

Rusty Bohn, Michelle Hoskins and Linden Williams

Evelyn Giles, Jacob Robin and Olivia Robin

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

2025 Contribution Statements

If you would like a copy of your **Holy Family 2025 Contribution Statement**, please call the Parish Office at 228-452-4686. **THANK YOU.**



Annual Giving Statements

Upcoming 2025 Second & Special Collections

February 21 -22: *Black and Indian Missions*

March 14 - 15: *Catholic Relief Service*

April 3: *Holy Land*

April 25 - 26: *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*

May 16 - 17: *Catholic Communications*

June 20 - 21: *Special Father's Day for Diocedsn Priest Supplemental*

June 27 - 28: *Peter's Pence*



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, February 21, 2026	4:00 pm	† Wayne James † Adele Lafontaine † Chad Lafontaine
Sunday, February 22	8:30 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	† Tyler and Rob Weir and Family † L. J. Saint Pierre † Henry Stiller † Margaret Austin Special Intentions for The Rafferty Family Special Intentions for Bishop Kihneman † Justin and Stephanie Herring
Monday, February 23	8:00 am	† James Braly Healing for Janice Logan Special Intentions for Ann Alexander
Tuesday, February 24	7:00 pm	† Earl April † Keefe Hecker Special Intentions for Linda Williams
Wednesday, February 25	8:00 am	† Helen Cuevas † Glen Hughes Special Intentions for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olatin
Thursday, 25bruary 26 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Wayne and Sally James † Mike Burke † Henry Stiller
Friday, February 27	8:30 am * † <i>The Repose of the Soul</i>	Special Intentions for Saint Vincent De Paul Kids Special Intentions for Janice Logan



HOLY FAMILY Parish Shirt Sale

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to pick up your order.

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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**

Celebration of Holy Baptism

Congratulations to
Amelia Lanni Tran,
Daughter of Francis and
Huyentran Van



who received the Sacrament Baptism on
February 7, 2026

*“Let the children come to me, because the
kingdom of God is such as these.” Mark 10:14*

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Congratulations to
Maeve Suong Tran Turnipseed,
Daughter of Ian and Caterina
To-Uyen Hoang Tran
Turnipseed



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February 7, 2026

*“Let the children come to me, because the
kingdom of God is such as these.” Mark 10:14*

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