

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Candlemas
Monday, February 2nd
6:00pm Candle-lit Mass

Welcome to St. Catharine

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WELCOME! We're so happy you're here today. God delights in you, and He desires to draw close to you in this Holy Mass. If you're visiting St. Catharine for the first time, thank you for praying with us—we're honored by your presence. Please silence your phones and help us keep a spirit of reverence in the church. **Restrooms can be found in the Undercroft and the Parish Center.** If you need help, just look for someone wearing a green lanyard. We hope you'll join us again soon!

TO THE PARENTS of LITTLE ONES... Thank you for your courage and love in bringing your children to Mass. Even when it feels chaotic, your efforts matter more than you know. God sees every sacrifice, and your children's presence is a powerful witness of faith.

If your children have some extra wiggles or need to let out a few extra joyful noises, we have a large **Quieting Room in the Church, as well as a video feed in the Parish Hall Gallery** should you need to step out. But please do come back—we want you here!

TO OUR PARISH FAMILY... Children remind us that the Church is alive and growing. Their joyful noises are music to God's ears. Let's welcome them with kindness and support their parents with a smile of encouragement.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Sunday-Friday

6:00am-12:00am

Saturday

6:00am-4:00pm



Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Fridays at 3:00pm

Children's Holy Hour

Saturdays at 3:00pm

Confession

Wednesday • 6:30pm

Saturday • 9:00am

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ADORE Night

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm

A candle-lit evening of Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.

This Week

Sunday, February 1st: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am	Holy Mass (Kolbe Roberts)
9:30am	Baptism Class
11:00am	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)*
12:00pm	Baptisms
5:00pm	Holy Mass (Rita McCafferty)
6:00pm	Lumen High School Youth Group

Monday, February 2nd: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

8:00am	Holy Mass
6:00pm	Holy Mass: Candlemas*
6:30pm	Scouts

Tuesday, February 3rd: Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr

8:00am	Holy Mass (Mary Agresti Gall)
7:00pm	Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Wednesday, February 4th

12p-2p	Parish Offices Closed
6:00pm	Holy Mass (Bob Kendrick)
6:30pm	ADORE Night (Confession/Adoration)

Thursday, February 5th: Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

7:30am	Men's Rosary
8:00am	Holy Mass
6:00pm	Courageous Daughters of the Eucharist

Friday, February 6th: Sts. Paul Miki and his Companions, Martyrs

8:00am	Holy Mass
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Saturday, February 7th

6:30am	Women at the Well
7:00am	That Man Is You!
8:30am	Holy Mass (Hilda Prunte)
9:00am	Confessions

Sunday, February 8th: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

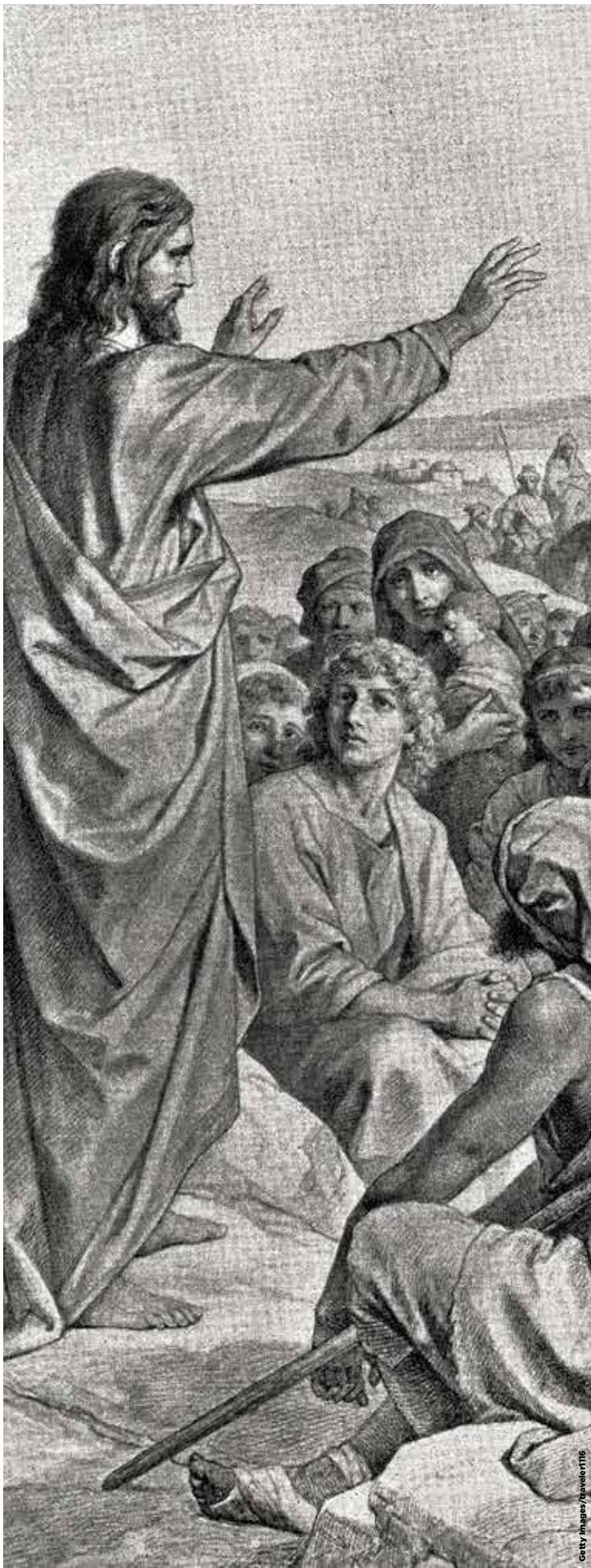
8:30am	Holy Mass (Hilda Prunte)
9:30am	Baptism Class
11:00am	Holy Mass (The Deceased Members of the Ghiloni Family)
12:00pm	Baptisms
12:00pm	K of C Supper Bowl
5:00pm	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)*

*Denotes the use of incense

Upcoming Holy Days and Feasts

Weds, February 18th	Ash Wednesday
Thurs, March 19th	Solemnity of Saint Joseph
Weds, March 25th	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Sun, March 29th	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion+
Sun, April 5th	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord+

+Denotes Holy Day of Obligation



February 1, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13 | 1 Cor 1:26-31 | Mt 5:1-12a

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

There have been many times when I have experienced “imposter syndrome” in my work, where I doubt my own ability. In these times, I often looked to others to try to determine if I was doing enough. But instead of giving me the validation and encouragement I was seeking, this act of comparison frequently led to dissatisfaction. I began to wish I was more like others — more outgoing, more disciplined, more organized. But who I am and the gifts that I have to offer are exactly what I am being called to give in my vocation. Saint Paul reminds us in his First Letter to the Corinthians that we were not called because we possess a specific talent or personality; we have been called to bear witness to the work Christ is doing in us. And this witness comes from living our vocation authentically, with the gifts we naturally possess. When we not only accept but love and value our unique qualities, we give glory to the One who so lovingly and perfectly created us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In proclaiming the beatitudes, Christ reveals that those who will experience the rewards of heaven aren’t those we might consider “blessed” by human standards. What our culture values as markers of success and happiness are not always what is valued in the kingdom of God. Indeed, the joys of life in the kingdom are deeper than those here on earth; we were created for fulfillment greater than what this world can offer. Therefore, we must live confidently in the hope of Christ’s promises instead of comparing ourselves to others who might appear more successful. And as we live our vocation, we are called to live out the countercultural message of the beatitudes — a radical trust in the eternal promises of God in spite of earthly poverty, grief, or persecution. In doing so, we invite others to see and experience the joy of the abundant life that Christ proclaims.

REFLECT

As we go through life, there can be times when we feel unprepared for the vocation God has called us to. Consider how these feelings of inadequacy may be an invitation for us to rely more fully on Christ working within us. Bring this to prayer and ask the Lord to reveal how he may be using this particular circumstance to draw us closer to him.

Mass Intentions

We currently have many open dates available for Mass intentions in 2026. A Mass intention is a sacred way to unite a specific prayer or need with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in which Christ offers Himself to the Father for the salvation of the world.

Mass intentions may be offered for any intention: for the living or the deceased, in thanksgiving, for healing, guidance, anniversaries, birthdays, or special needs. Sacred Scripture reminds us of the Church's call to intercessory prayer: "Supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone" (1 Timothy 2:1).

The customary offering associated with a Mass intention is not a payment for the Mass, which is beyond price, but a way to participate in the Church's prayer and support the mission of the parish (cf. 1 Corinthians 9:14). Please note that dates cannot be reserved until the offering is received.

To request a Mass intention for 2026 or for more information, please contact the parish office at 614-231-4509 or info@stcatharine.com



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Peggy	Tom	Michael	Sr. Christella
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Beatitude Revolution

By Deacon Chris Reis

This Sunday, we have just heard a revolutionary teaching! Jesus, the new Moses, overturns all worldly wisdom!



You and I have heard the Beatitudes so often that their revolutionary thrust is muted. The Beatitudes are profound secrets; they are paradoxes—apparent contradictions—which take us into the very Heart of Jesus. The Beatitudes reverse and overturn the values of most societies. The Beatitudes have fueled the dreams and visions of saints for twenty centuries. These open-ended ideals have been spiritual dynamite for all who have sought wisdom from Jesus.

Last Sunday—our Snowzilla weather emergency—showed our utter dependence on God for everything. (Blessed are the poor in spirit!)

There are times in our lives when we have no choice but to rely on God. Our 12-inch snow event was a time when we realized we cannot do for ourselves!

Last Sunday and Monday were hard moments, but they were wonderful, grace-filled moments that were full of life-changing insights. We realized that the Lord was with us and knew that God can sustain us through difficult moments. Our Saturday pre-snow Mass attendance illustrated our humility and our deepest desire for God.

Our culture promotes self-sufficiency and independence; our Gospel promotes poverty of spirit instead. A beautiful statement attributed to Mother Teresa says, "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

Only someone who knows and accepts with humility the reality of their human limitation can experience the joy and freedom of being poor in spirit.

Matthew's Gospel also puts emphasis on the importance of mercy. (Blessed are the merciful.) Mercy is not just an inner emotional feeling; instead, it is expressed in concrete acts to alleviate the suffering of others. During our massive snowfall, we saw mercy in action: neighbors helping neighbors, Good Samaritans pushing cars out, elderly neighbors being checked on—breaking down walls of isolation and self-sufficiency.

When Jesus had mercy on someone, He didn't just feel sorry for them or offer to pray for them; He actually did something. As Christians, we are expected to be people who show the mercy of God to others through our actions. Our love of God is necessarily expressed in our love of neighbor, whether next door or on the other side of the world. Mercy has no limits. Matthew 5:16 says, "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

These events and the Sermon on the Mount can hopefully become breakthroughs for us. We're called to do everything with a face that shines God's love. We need to look to Jesus as He looks at us. The love He puts in our hearts in these sacred encounters can light up our faces, and we can better become God's love in action to the hungry world around us.

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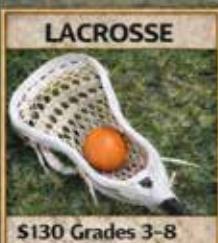
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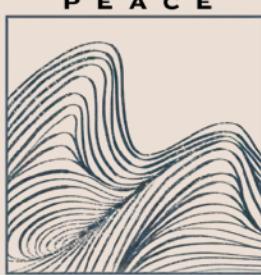
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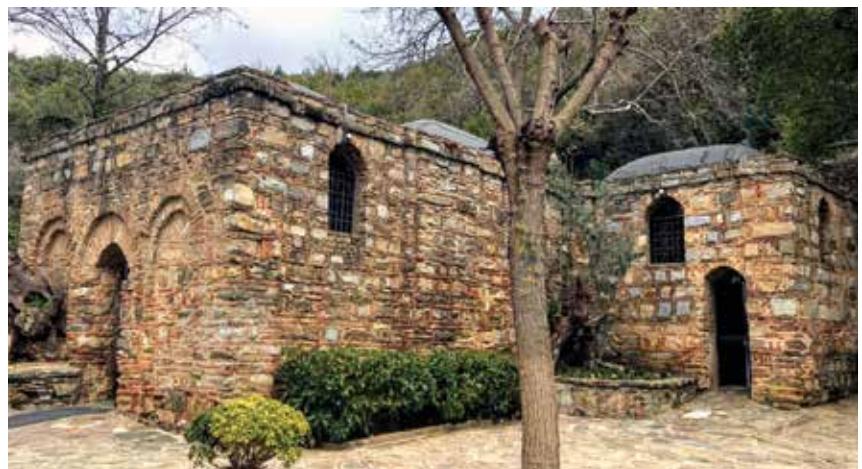


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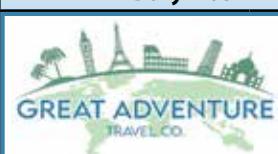
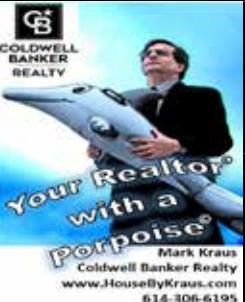
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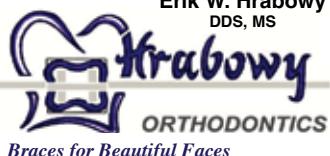


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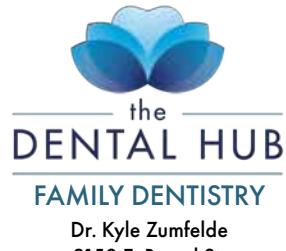
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40 DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS

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