

February 1, 2026
4th Sunday in Ordinary
Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday Jan. 31 - 5:00pm

† Bill Eddis

Sunday Feb. 1 - 9:00am

† Bernice M. Bamber

Monday Feb. 2 - 8:30am

† Mass for the People

Tuesday Feb. 3

No Mass

Friday Feb. 6

No Mass

Saturday Feb. 7 - 5:00pm

† Helen Dudlek

Sunday Feb. 8 - 9:00am

♦ Mass for the People

Sanctuary Candle

The Living & Deceased
Members of the
MacKenzie Family

From the Pastor

Last weekend was quite the weekend with our winter storm. We had a full house at our Saturday Vigil Mass and only four people at our Sunday Morning Mass.

Please remember that Daily Mass on February 3rd and 6th is canceled because of the annual Priest Retreat in our diocese. Please remember in your prayers this week the priests from our Diocese.

The Blessing of Throats will take place after all the Masses this weekend since the Feast Day of St. Blasé is celebrated this week.

Fr. Dave

The Passion and Eucharist Lenten Bible Study will begin this Tuesday Feb. 3rd and will be held on Tuesdays until Mar.10th. Join this Lenten Bible study exploring the Passion of Christ through all four Gospels. We will compare Jesus' final words from the Cross and trace how the Eucharist is revealed within the Passion narratives. Each session includes Sacred Scripture, Catechism insights, and reflections from saints of the Church. A study designed to deepen our love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Sign-up by emailing Michael at Mikezart12@verizon.net

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass for World Marriage Sunday will be held **next Sunday, February 8th, at 1pm** at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark. Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary (i.e.25, 30, 35, etc.) or any anniversary beyond 50 will receive a special certificate from the Bishop. Reservations must be made by **this Wednesday, February 4th** by calling 302-295-0657 or by emailing OMFL@cdow.org.



Dear Padre

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I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of "pray, pay, and obey" were over.

The Code of Canon Law identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care "with the assistance of lay members of Christ's faithful" (CCL 519).

The intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the "knowledge, prudence, and integrity" of every member (CCL 228, §2). Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of goodwill. (See Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone take a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, "Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?" If honest and prayerful reflection reveals less-than-good intentions, now is the time for an attitude change and to acknowledge that a new start is needed. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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