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## 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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### SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.  
(Church &  
On-line)

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m.  
(Rectory &  
On-line)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### LOCATION

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BLESSED ARE  
THE POOR IN  
*spirit*  
THE KINGDOM  
OF HEAVEN  
IS THEIRS!

*Psalm 146*



# JANUARY 29, 2023



## ON THE WAY.....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

This Thursday, February 2, which is liturgically called “Feast of the Presentation of the Lord,” has been known in the past as Candlemas. Candlemas or the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ or the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Christian holiday commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. (As an aside, this is not the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on November 21 who is the patroness of community of Sister Barbara and Sister Janet.) This feast is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22–40. In accordance with Leviticus 12, a woman was to be purified by presenting a lamb as a burnt offering, and either a young pigeon or dove as sin offering, 33 days after a boy's circumcision. Since Jesus' circumcision was held eight days after his birth on December 25 (that is, January 1), 2 February is traditionally celebrated as the 40th day (postpartum period) of and the conclusion of the Christmas–Epiphany season. While it is customary for Christians in some countries to remove their Christmas decorations at Epiphany, other Christian countries wait to remove them at Candlemas. On Candlemas, it has been a tradition to bring candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year. These blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World.

Many countries celebrate Candlemas more than does the US. In the British Isles February 2 is when leases were renewed, rents were paid and interest was due. Readers of English novels will recognize Candlemas as the beginning of the Spring term at ancient universities. In France, Candlemas is the day to eat crepes. Their round shape and golden color, reminiscent of the sun, refer to the return of spring after the dark and cold of winter. (In the English speaking world that custom has moved to having pancakes at Mardi Gras.) Candelaria is celebrated in many Spanish speaking countries. Puerto Rico has a major devotion to Nuestra Señora de Candelaria (Our Lady of the Light) whose statue is carried on the shoulders in procession. Others follow with lit candles until they reach the church where a mass is celebrated. In the evening, the festivities may continue with a giant bonfire and singing. In Mexico the people celebrate Nino Jesus (Baby Jesus) and eat tamales!

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This feast which celebrates Christ our light serves to remind us that those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

And, of course, in the US we call February 2 Groundhog Day and look on Punxsutawney Phil to tell us whether we are going to have a long winter or not. From the sublime to the ridiculous on this day.

In the Most Holy Trinity,  
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T.

<b>Sun 01/29</b>	<b>4th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Beatrice Fojtl by Amy Pellettiere</i>
<b>Mon 01/30</b>	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Dorothy Giaraffa by Amy Pellettiere</i>
<b>Tues 01/31</b>	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Hermina Eaton by Sister Bernadette</i>
<b>Wed 02/01</b>	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Parish Council (On-line)
<b>Thurs 02/02</b>	7:30 a.m. † 6:30 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Louis Marano by Mena Marano</i> Liturgy Committee (On-line)
<b>Fri 02/03</b>	7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
<b>Sun 02/05</b>	<b>5th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</i>



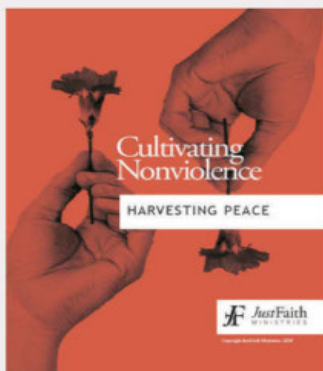
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Friday February 3rd**  
**8:30 am to 9:30 am (Chapel)**  
**and**  
**6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. (Chapel)**  
**Confessions available upon request**

## Cultivating Nonviolence: Harvesting Peace

Nonviolence is a way of life grounded in a deeply-held moral conviction. It is a method of confronting conflict or oppression that seeks to honor life.

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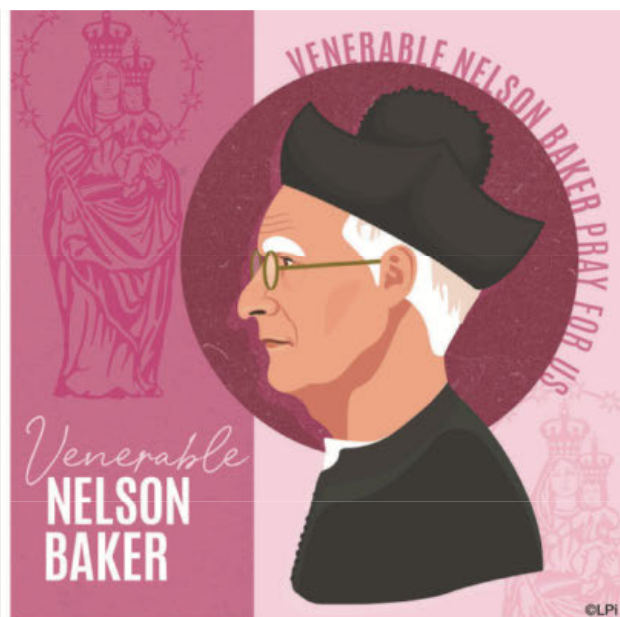
This 8-session program equips participants to respond to conflict with persistence, discipline, and courage, in order to end oppression and establish peace that honors the human dignity of all parties.



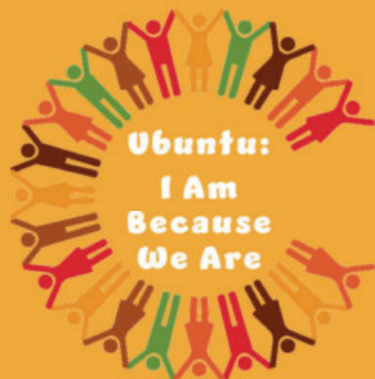
**Thursdays  
beginning 2/9  
6:30-8:30PM**

**St. James Rectory & Zoom**

Advance registration required at  
<https://bit.ly/SJNONVIOLENCE>



## AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION



**Sunday,  
Feb. 19, 2023  
10:30AM Mass**

**Luncheon afterwards in the lower level!**

**St. James Catholic Church  
2912 S. Wabash, Chicago**

To volunteer or bring food sign up on forms in the vestibule, see  
the link on our website under "Links", or contact

Jackie Drake ( [jdrake1000@gmail.com](mailto:jdrake1000@gmail.com) )

or

Sherri Seyfried ( [sseyfried@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sseyfried@sbcglobal.net) )

## Saint of the Week

A Union veteran of the civil war, Father Baker later donated his life savings to support the outreach institutions he ran. He created the Our Lady of Victory Association uniting Catholics around the USA in support of these successful missions.

## Prayer

Prayer for the Cause of V. Father Nelson Baker

Lord, you gave us Your Servant Nelson Baker as an example of service to the poor, homeless and the young. By Father Baker's ardent concern for those in need, inflame our hearts and lives with compassion for the poor, justice for the oppressed, hope for the troubled and courage to those in doubt.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory, if it be Your will, that Your Servant, Nelson Baker, may one day be canonized.

Amen.



## St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



## In Our Prayers



### Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer  
Margie Bass  
Paul Freeman  
Juanita James  
Barbara Southhall  
Dina Williams

### Our Sick:

Victoria Allen  
Aaylia Cooper

Joe Cunningham  
Patsy Cunningham  
Marvelean Doss  
Claude Fisher

Paul Kanzer  
Linda Griffin Kennard  
Nancy McCarthy  
Dot Nachel

Sandra Reynolds  
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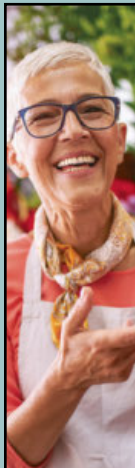
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