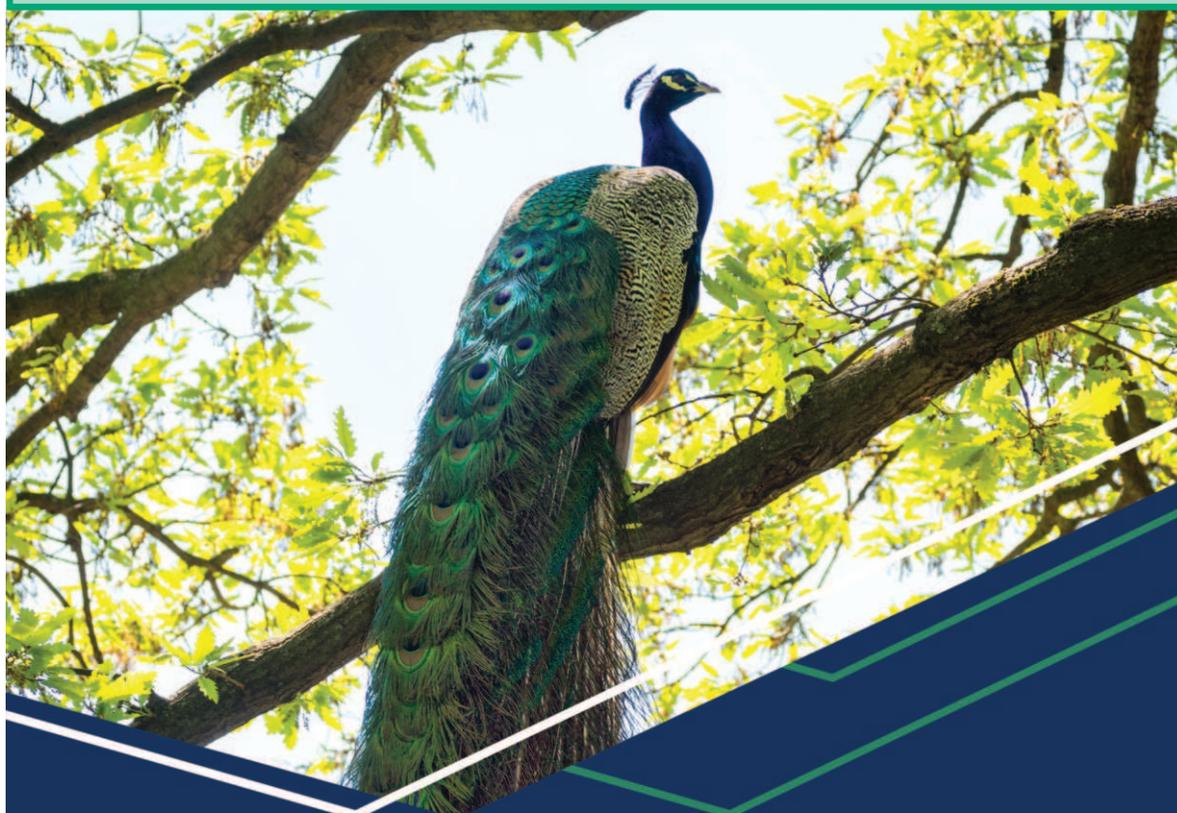


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First Friday of the Month
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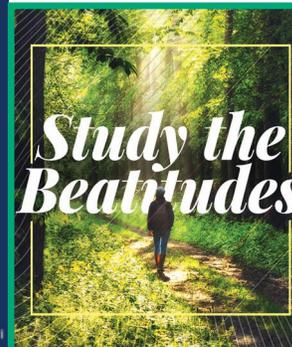
"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

4^o DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Dichosos los perseguidos por causa de la justicia,
porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos.

Dichosos serán ustedes cuando los injurien, los persigan y digan cosas falsas de
ustedes por causa mía. Alégrese y salten de contento, porque su premio será
grande en los cielos". - Mt 5, 10-12



FEBRUARY 1, 2026

ON THE WAY....



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

The Church provides reading from the Bible each Sunday over a three-year cycle. This year is Year A and it features the Gospel of Matthew. Movies and TV shows about Jesus, like The Chosen, smooch the ways the various New Testament authors talk about Jesus into a coherent narrative, picking and choosing elements from each of the Gospel which they like. Doing so loses something essential. The problem comes in that the four gospels were not written as biographies and were, in fact, not put in written form until fifty or so years after the events they describe. Each of the Evangelists wrote their gospel to bring others to come to believe in Jesus. They told the story in their particular way, and included specific incidents and sayings, because they considered them most important for the faith. Paying attention to how each gospel writer tells the story teaches us not only about what Jesus said and did but also about how his memory formed the church which followed after him. We need to approach this liturgical year being attentive to how Matthew tells the story.

All of the evidence points to the fact that St. Matthew's gospel, even though listed first in our New Testament, was actually written after St. Mark. Matthew uses Mark's basic structure but adds to it to emphasize certain aspects of the life of Jesus. For example, Matthew has an infancy narrative which tells his version of the birth of Jesus (very different from the way St. Luke speaks of the birth of Jesus.) In addition, Matthew's gospel includes five great sermons – the most prominent of which is the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5, 6 and 7. Some scholars speculate that those five sermons are a way of describing Jesus as the successor to Moses who is considered the author of the first five books of the Bible (the Pentateuch.) In addition to the material Matthew shares with Mark there are also a number of sayings of Jesus that he has in common to Luke. Most likely Matthew and Luke used a common source (scholars call it Q after the German word for source) as the basis of these sayings.

Matthew will frequently cite Old Testament sources to help understand what was happening in the life of Jesus. During the year you will notice some variation of this formula: This was to fulfill the saying ... Matthew was in all likelihood writing for Jewish-Christians who were seeking confirmation between their hopes for a Messiah as Jews and its fulfillment in Jesus. You will also notice that there is some explicit conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees in Matthew's Gospel. This probably reflects the time that Matthew is writing as much as the time of Jesus. The gospel was written after the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Jewish state. The rabbis who were attempting to save the nation might have looked on Jews who became Christian as traitors to those efforts. As we go through the year, pay attention to Matthew's presentation of Jesus. Our own encounter with the Lord is so much richer.

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

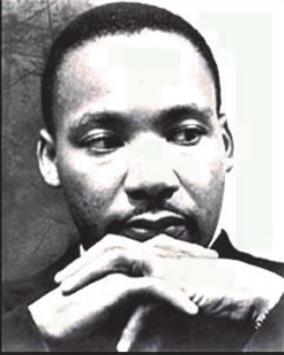
Sun 02/01	The 4th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Debra and Shirley Barker and Darren Haley by Phyllis Barker</i>
	11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Mass SPRED (Presentation Hall) Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 02/02	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Florence Eaton by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</i>
Tue 02/03	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Lee Fitzgerald by Jack and MaryAnn Farnan</i>
Wed 02/04	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Thurs 02/05	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 02/06	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Florence Eaton by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</i>
Sun 02/08	African American Heritage Mass	
	10:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Peter and Anna Marano by Mena Marano</i>



Eucharistic Adoration Friday February 6th

8:30 am & 6:00 pm (Chapel)

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— Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Time to serve, please remember to sign up for our African American Celebration which is on Feb. 8th, 2026.

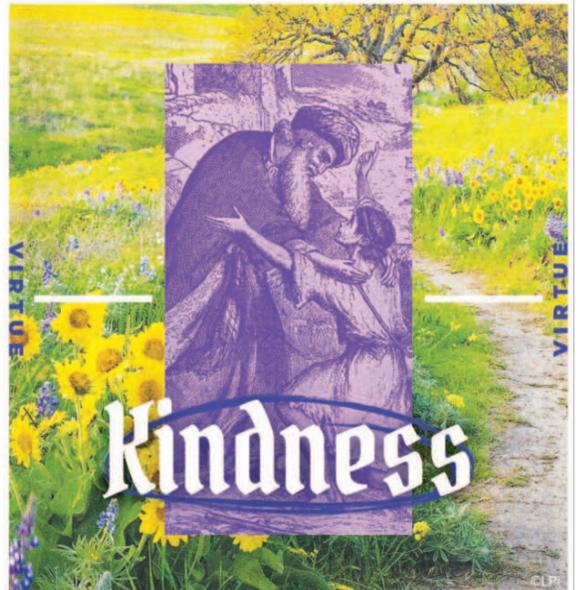
St James thanks you for your time, talent, and generosity!

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Blessed are the poor, the meek, the persecuted. These are radical words in a world that insists the opposite: blessed are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful. Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have what it takes to be radical?

Observances for the week of February 1, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
- Tuesday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day



Virtues, Explained!

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God, who has adopted us as His own.

Bless Us, Lord

Jesus,
You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way. Amen.



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Margie Bass
Paul Freeman
Orean Perry
Juanita James
Barbara Southhall

Our Sick:
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Patsy Cunningham

Marvelean Doss
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