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## SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.

\*1:00 p.m.

\*Español/Spanish  
(Church & On-line)

## DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m.

(Chapel & On-line)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

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

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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the  
Month

8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

(Chapel)

## CONFESSION

Every Sunday before &  
after 9:30 a.m. Mass



# FEBRUARY 8, 2026

# ON THE WAY....



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

Chicago takes a certain pride in Fr. Augustine Tolton. He was an African American Catholic who served as the first openly Black Catholic priest in the United States, having been ordained in Rome in 1886. Born into slavery in Missouri, Tolton and his family escaped settled in Quincy, Illinois. Despite being very well-educated, multilingual, and fully supported by the local bishop in pursuing a vocation to the priesthood, Tolton was rejected by every North American major seminary to which he applied. The bishop arranged for his reception into the Pontifical Urban University in Rome, where Tolton was ordained. After a few years in southern Illinois, Tolton, in a highly important move for African-American Catholicism, spearheaded the development and construction of St. Monica's Church as an African-American "national parish" on Chicago's South Side at 36th and Dearborn Streets. Fr. Tolton died unexpectedly at 43 of heatstroke during the 1897 Chicago heatwave. He was declared venerable, the first step on the road to being declared a saint by Pope Francis in June 2019. The Church looks for a sign of God's approval by way of a miracle before declaring someone a saint. Several possible miracles attributed to the intercession of Fr. Tolton are currently being evaluated in Rome to assess their authenticity. When one of them is recognized he will become Blessed Augustus Tolton.

Did you notice that Fr. Tolton was the first "openly" Black Catholic priest. There were black priest before Fr. Tolton but they passed for white. The most famous of these were the Healy Brothers. America's first African-American priest (and he eventually even became a bishop!) was James Healy. His brother Patrick, was the first Black Jesuit, PhD, and university president (he was the 29th president of Georgetown.) Their father, Michael Healy was an Irish immigrant who established a cotton plantation in Georgia. There he fell in love with one of the slaves. Eliza, but since it was illegal in Georgia for blacks and whites to marry the Healy couple lived together as husband and wife from 1829 until their deaths a few months apart in 1850, Mr. Healy wanted something better for his nine children so he sent them to be educated in Boston. With the social capital of their education and father's wealth, the Healy children were accepted into northern U.S. and Canadian society as "white" Irish Americans.

James Augustine Healy (1830–1900) graduated valedictorian of the Holy Cross's first graduating class in 1849. He became a priest in the Diocese of Boston. He was later consecrated as Bishop of Portland, Maine on June 2, 1875. Patrick Francis Healy (1834–1910) became a Jesuit. He was the first American with African ancestry to earn a PhD, completing it at Saint-Sulpice Seminary in Paris. He was named a dean at Georgetown University in 1866. At the age of 39, on July 31, 1874, he assumed the presidency of what was then the largest Catholic college in the United States. Patrick Healy's influence on Georgetown University was so far-reaching that he is often referred to as the school's "second founder." An unusual story, an unusual family but even in our time Pope Leo has some ancestors of color who "passed" and sadly the family lost the memory of their roots.

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

Sun 02/08	The 4th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	10:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Peter and Anna Marano by Mena Marano</i>
Mon 02/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Gabrielle Martin by Lori Ortiz</i>
Tue 02/10	7:30 a.m. † 6:30 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>John Fiedler by Deborah Fiedler</i> Prayer Ministry (On-line)
Wed 02/11	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Louis Marano by Mena Marano Sarah and Bridget by the Gaggiano Family</i>
Thurs 02/12	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Jim Sherman by Dan and Patrick Sherman</i>
Fri 02/13	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Nancy McCarthy by Jim McCarthy</i>
Sun 02/15	6th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	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>George Germain by Marsha Germain</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Mass SPRED - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
	5:00 p.m.	Student Mass (Godbox)

**There will be a student Mass next Sunday, February 15, in the GodBox at 5pm followed by dinner at the ST House.**



**YOU ARE**  
*Welcome Here*

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**A big welcome to our sharing parish St. Edna! Thank you for all your support and for celebrating with us today!**



**February 21, 2026**  
**Suffering Alone with a Grief Kept Secret**  
**Saturday 10:30-11:30**  
**St. James Parish Lower Hall**

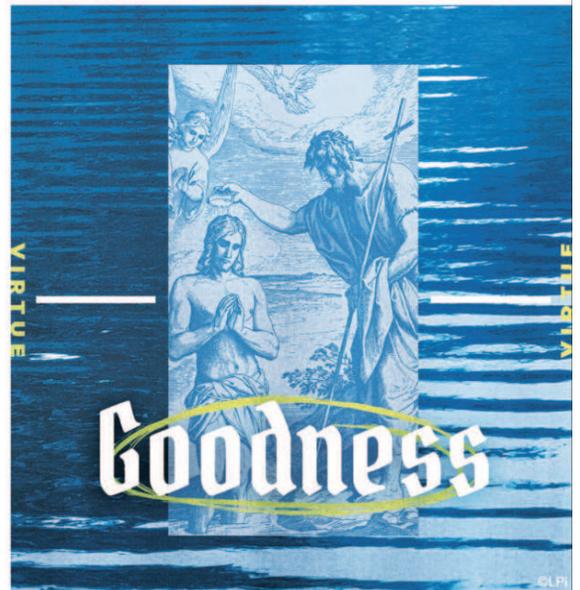
**What can help is feeling that our grief is shared, that it is a communal thing and we feel part of a community trying to support each other and get through this hardship.**

## **Observances for the week of February 8, 2026**

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
- Tuesday:** St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Wednesday:** Our Lady of Lourdes
- Saturday:** Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



### ***Virtues, Explained!***

In baptism, the Holy Spirit gives us the sanctifying grace of justification — the ability to grow in goodness through an increase in moral virtue (CCC 1266). Baptism, therefore, disposes us toward goodness.

### **Blessing of Mission**

Bless us on our way, O Lord.  
Share with us as we share with others.  
Heal us as we help others to heal.  
Provide for us as we open our hands in charity.  
Every gift comes from You.  
You are at the heart of all that is good.  
Share that goodness with us today, abundantly.  
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:**  
Aayliah Cooper  
Patsy Cunningham

Marvelean Doss  
Claude Fisher  
Paul Kanzer  
Linda Griffin Kennard  
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