



## January

**29 Gospel Sharing**, following Mass in the boardroom.

## February

**2 Presentation of the Lord:** Blessing of candles – see inside for details.

**Adult Faith Education** resumes in the boardroom at **9:15 am, following weekday Mass**. We will look at chapter 7 of *Hail, Holy Queen*.

**4 & 5 Fundscrip** forms are available this weekend.

**5 Coffee Sunday** – Please bring a dessert to share.

**18 Vocation and Virtue** series continues with **Sacrifice, Making the Other Holy**, 10:30 am in the parish hall.

## Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

### For Christian Unity:

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Sunday Mass:

Saturday (vigil) 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

### Weekday Mass:

Tuesday – Wednesday 7:00 pm  
Thursday – Friday 8:30 am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:30-4:45 pm;  
Sunday 9:30-9:45 am, or anytime on request.

## BAPTISM

It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation. Baptisms are scheduled on the third Sunday of the month at noon.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish before setting the wedding date.

## VISITING THE SICK

Please contact Fr. Robert if you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital. He will gladly visit.

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## WARDENS:

2017: Winston Redman, John T. Sullivan;  
2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond;  
2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.



**TAKE ST JOSEPH HOME!**

As part of this year's vocation theme, we invite parishioners to pray for vocations in their home with a small statue of St. Joseph, provided by the parish. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church. **Please begin praying today:**

**PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION**

O Great Saint Joseph, you were completely obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for me the grace to know the state of life that God in His providence has chosen for me. Since my happiness on earth, and perhaps even my final happiness in heaven, depends on this choice, let me not be deceived in making it. Obtain for me the light to know God's Will, to carry it out faithfully, and to choose the vocation which will lead me to a happy eternity.

**VOCATION AND VIRTUE SERIES**  
**CONTINUES:**



During our last workshop, Father Robert described **sacrifice as making the other holy**. Join us **Saturday February 18 at 10:30 am** as we discuss how this positive twist on sacrifice can change the way we live the upcoming season of Lent. We have been receiving a lot of positive feedback with regards these sessions. No sharing required – listeners welcome! Sessions last about 45 minutes.



**WHO IS JESUS?** Join us this **Sunday January 29** after Mass as we discuss the following Sunday's Gospel reading. Attendance at previous sessions is not required. All are welcome, adults, youth and children. Sharing is not required!

**ADULT FAITH EDUCATION** sessions continue in the boardroom this **Thursday February 2 at 9:15 am**, following weekday Mass. We will look at chapter 7 of *Hail, Holy Queen*.

**WEEKDAY**  
**MASS SCHEDULE**

Mondays - No Mass  
**Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 7 pm**  
Thursdays & Fridays - 8:30 am

**THIS WEEK'S**  
**OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday, 9 am to 12 pm**  
**Friday, 9 am to 4 pm**



**COFFEE SUNDAY**

Join us next **Sunday February 5** in the parish hall, following Mass, for coffee and fellowship. Please bring something to share. Please let us know if you can help prepare the coffee before Mass or help clean up afterwards.



**THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF**

**THE LORD:** Known originally as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Church at Jerusalem observed the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century. The feast celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth.

**WHY CANDLEMAS?** Inspired by the words of the Canticle of Simeon ("a light to the revelation of the Gentiles"), by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Canticle of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas.

**In keeping with this tradition**, Father Robert invites you to bring candles to Mass this Thursday morning. Place it on the communion rail near the altar before the celebration begins and Father Robert will bless it. You can retrieve it after Mass.



**Saturday January 28, 2017 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm August Giger  
*Requested by Virginia and Gills St-Cyr*

**Sunday January 29, 2017 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am Thérèse Dabbous  
*Requested by Antoinette and Farid Tannous*

**Tuesday January 31, 2017 – St. John Bosco**

7:00 pm Pro Populo  
**Wednesday February 1, 2017**  
7:00 pm Richard Baruk  
*Requested by the Baluch family*

**Thursday February 2, 2017 – The Presentation of the Lord**

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin  
*Requested by the Estate*

**Friday February 3, 2017 – Saint Blaise/ Saint Ansgar**

8:30 am Gaetano Martinez  
*Requested by the Ianuziello family*

**Saturday February 4, 2017 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm Pro Populo  
**Sunday February 5, 2017 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 am The deceased members of the Harb family  
*Requested by Jeanette Harb*



The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. We invite you to have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized in the name of a sick person, a deceased loved one, or a special intention for a donation of \$20.00. Please contact the office to arrange a memorial for the Sanctuary Lamp.

**This week** the Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January – see back cover.

The sole end of man is to be happy, and Jesus Christ came only to give us the means of being so. The source of all good is to place happiness where it ought to be; and the source of all evil is to place it where it ought not to be. Suppose, then, we have said, "I wish to be happy," we have next to see how we may become so: to see in what end happiness consists, and what are the means of obtaining it. Now, we shall find the end set forth in each one of the eight Beatitudes, for eternal happiness is the subject of them all, but described by various names. Thus, in the first it appears as a kingdom, in the second as the promised land, in the third as true and perfect consolation, and in the fourth as the fulfillment of all our longings. In the fifth, we find it as the final act of mercy that shall free us from every evil and bestow on us every good. In the sixth it is named by its true name, which is the vision of God. In the seventh it is set forth as the seal set on our adoption; and in the eighth, once more as the Kingdom of Heaven. Here, then, we have the end throughout; but as there are several means, each Beatitude proposes one of these to us, whilst all of them together must bring about man's final happiness.

BISHOP JACQUES-BENIGNE BOSSUET  
Bishop Bossuet was a French bishop and theologian.

**PRAYERS:**

**For the sick:** Jean-Pierre Belair, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Paul, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Judith and Marina Zogalis.

**For those who have died:** George Geertsens, Brendan Madigan, Gaetano Martinez, Noé Miranda.

**For the recently baptized:** Emilie Gagnon-Dudek.

**For vocations:** Blest are they who...take a good look at the beatitudes. These are the gifts of spiritual leaders. Encourage them wherever you see them growing. (Matthew 5:1-12)



**STEWARDSHIP:**

Our collection last week was for \$1,467. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*  
*Matthew 5:3*

This one confuses people. Replace the word "humble" for "poor" and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.