

Dear Padre,

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.



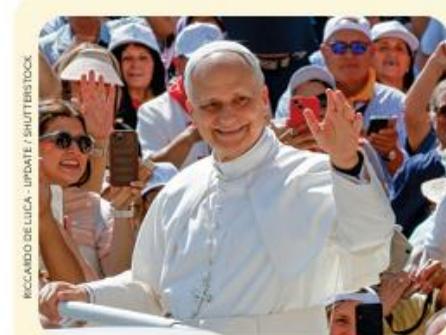
The *Code of Canon Law* identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care “with the assistance of lay members of Christ’s faithful”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

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 2 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32	February 3 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43	February 4 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Mk 6:1-6	February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13	February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29	February 7 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34	February 8 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The desire to work together for a common purpose reflects an essential reality: no one is Christian alone! We are part of a people, a body established by the Lord.... The Christian life is not lived in isolation.... It is lived with others, in a group and in community, because the risen Christ is present wherever disciples gather in his name.

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The New Evangelization

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This season of the Church we call “Ordinary Time” is full of Jesus’ teaching about how to live our Christian lives. Today’s readings are especially rich. When Jesus takes his place as the New Moses to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, he begins, fittingly, with a new version of the commandments, but instead of “Thou shalt not,” they are blessings! And they are paradoxical; always a sign of the divine touch. The “poor in spirit” get the kingdom of heaven; mourners are blessed, for they shall be comforted.

Now, who is supposed to do the comforting? *We* are. If the beatitudes are new commandments, we disciples are to obey them, even rejoicing in the blessing of persecution. What kind of people sign up for this? Saint Paul describes to the Christians in Corinth what kind of people God chooses: the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised, the nothings of this world, to shame and confuse those who seem to run things. The wisdom of God seems like nonsense in a world where power reigns supreme. That sweet soul Zephaniah, author of today’s first reading, saw the shift coming, from “don’ts” to “dos,” from bossy to beatitude: “Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land” (Zephaniah 2:3). You will be “a people humble and lowly” who will pasture your flocks (and do the work God intends you to do) with “none to disturb” you (Zephaniah 3:12, 13). Sign me up for that! ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

How do Jesus’ teachings work in the “real world”?

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:12a



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) February 2, 2026

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of Feb 2, 2025

Mon.	Feb.	02		No Mass
Tues.	Feb.	03	7:00 AM SJ	No Mass
Wed.	Feb.	04	5:30 PM SA	No Mass
Thurs.	Feb.	05	5:30 PM SB	No Mass
Fri.	Feb.	06	8:30 AM SJ	No Mass
Sat.	Feb.	07	5:30 PM SJ	Brian Ringer Family
Sun.	Feb.	08	9:30 AM SA	Deborah Breuer †
Sun.	Feb.	08	11:00 AM SB	Mark Pandorf †

Save The Date!

St Agnes will be hosting Totus Tuus this Summer!
June 21-26th.

Registration will open March 16th.

Students that have completed K to 12th grade are invited.



- Brad Atkins Feb 4th
- Delanie Weinman Feb 4th
- Hadley Brogan Feb 5th
- Carol Kennedy Feb 6th
- Steve Pandorf Feb 6th
- Jaden Baker Feb 7th



Mr. & Mrs. Chancy Boeser Feb 2nd

Ministry Schedule

Date: Feb 7-8	St John's	St Agnes	St Boniface
Time	Saturday 5:30 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Hospitality	Luke & Tara B.	Julie B.	Rod & Janel B.
Lector	Molly W.	Mary A.	Dylan P.
Server	Cotter J. & Tate B.		Erin F. & Emma S.
EMHC	Steve & Cindy F.	Charles F. & Gary M.	John R. & Mike P.
	Music: Dailey Family		Communion to shut ins Mike P.

St. John's
Our Gifts to God & Church
January 25, 2026
Total Collection: \$1419.00

Diocesan Appeal
Dollar Goal \$4150 of \$5179
with 11 of 15 Donors

CCD Wed, Feb 4th
PreK to 5th 3:40 PM
6th -12th Supper 6:30 Amos
Class Begins 7:00 PM

St. Agnes
Our Gifts to God & Church
January 25, 2026
Total Collection: \$198.00

Diocesan Appeal
Dollar Goal the
GOAL is MET!!!

Thrift Store
Open Feb 13 9AM to 4PM
CCD Wed Feb 4
Elementary 3:40 PM
High School 7:30 PM Meal J. Pelster

St. Boniface
Our Gifts to God & Church
January 25, 2026
Total Collection: \$1812.00

Diocesan Appeal
Dollar Goal \$6800 of \$7452
with 15 of 17 Donors

CCD Wed. Feb 4th
PreK to 2nd 4-5 PM
Supper 6:10
Class 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Parish Potluck Feb 15th after
mass. Hosted by Stewardship
Group 2

Registration Opens Feb 1st – Feb 8th
Higher Ground Extreme Faith July 5-9 Grades 6-8
Steubenville (June 19-2) Grades 9-12
Higher Ground May 24-29 or May 3 -June 5
Grades 10-12
Each parish has stipends to help cover the cost.

Blessed Pope Pius IX (1792-1878)
Feast Day February 7

"Holy water has a special power to defend us against all attacks of the devil. When we make the sign of the cross with holy water, we gain each time an indulgence of one hundred days."