



Assumption Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

SERMON *on the* MOUNT

MATTHEW 5-7



May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the opening of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus presents the Beatitudes, a profound roadmap for Christian living. As he sits on the hillside and teaches, he unveils a vision of life that contrasts sharply with the values of the world. The Beatitudes call us to recognize that true happiness and fulfillment are not measured by wealth, power, or status, but by virtues of the heart: humility, mercy, purity, and a thirst for righteousness. Each Beatitude points to a paradox: the poor in spirit are blessed, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven; those who mourn are comforted; the meek inherit the earth. Jesus teaches that God's justice and grace often overturn worldly expectations. In following Him, we are invited to embrace a life of compassion and selflessness, seeking not immediate reward but the eternal fulfillment promised by God.

The Beatitudes also illuminate the path of discipleship. They challenge us to live as instruments of peace, to act justly, and to persevere in faith even amid persecution. In doing so, we participate in God's transformative work in the world. They remind us that blessings are not only received but shared, as our actions reflect the mercy, kindness, and love of Christ to others. In this Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to reorient our hearts and priorities, cultivating a life rooted in God's kingdom. May the Beatitudes inspire us to live with courage, integrity, and joy, trusting that in following Christ, we discover the deepest and most enduring happiness.

Readings for Next Sunday,

February 8, 2026

Isaiah 58:7-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

Saints of the Week... Saints Timothy and Titus

Timothy was a convert of Paul around the year 47 and later joined him in his apostolic work. He was with him at the founding of the Church in Corinth. During the 15 years he worked with Paul, he became one of his most faithful and trusted friends. Timothy was comparatively young for the work he was doing. Known for being timid, one of Paul's most frequently quoted lines was addressed to Timothy: "Stop drinking only water, but have a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent illnesses" (1 Timothy 5:23).



Feast Day January 26

Titus has the distinction of being a close friend and disciple of Paul as well as a fellow missionary. He is seen as a peacemaker, administrator and great friend. Paul's second letter to Corinth affords an insight into the depth of his friendship with Titus, and the great fellowship they had in preaching the gospel. When Paul was having trouble with the community at Corinth, Titus was the bearer of Paul's letter and was successful in smoothing things out.

Saints Timothy and Titus are the patron saints of relief from stomach disorders. Their feast days are celebrated together because of their shared relationship with Paul and are honored as models of faithful pastoral leadership and Christian friendship.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Kara Breedlove, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Curtis Drew, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Sam Fazzalore, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Steve Grubbs, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Bob Harman, Shawn Hartman, Marion Hollingsworth, Kathy Jenkins, Diana Jiang, Sarah Jones, Charity Jones Kasraoui, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Francy Lyons, Rhonda Martin, Margaret McGee, Blain McLaughlin, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, George Rosedale, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Crystal Snitz, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Nick Trager, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock*, Barbara Willis.

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Beginning next month we will be sharing here the members of our parish family who are celebrating a birthday the coming week (dates only, no years!).

The information will come from our parish database. Since we haven't done this before, we ask that you please let us know if we have an incorrect date or if we miss your birthday so we can update our records. Also, if you would prefer that your birthday not be listed, please contact the Parish Office.

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The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5: 3-10

Greetings from India!



Fr. Thomas had the honor of celebrating the wedding of his nephew and new wife while he is in India! Please keep this beautiful couple in your prayers that they may have a life full of love and faith and patience!

World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated annually on February 2 to give thanks to all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life. In a special way we thank and pray for Fr. Thomas, Fr. Giles and all the priests, brothers and sisters who have served our parish!

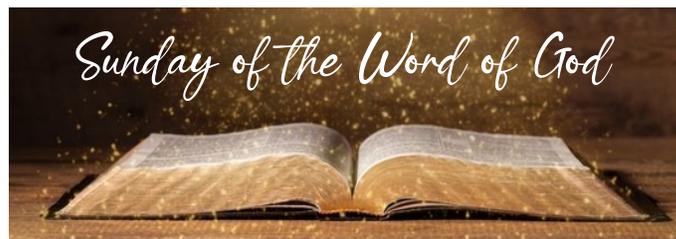
Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 31	4:00 pm	Souls of Fr. Ivan and Bro. Luke	Dena Turner
		Soul of Peggy Staggers	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Howard & Karen Barrick.....	The Barrick Family
Sunday, February 1	8:30 am	Souls of Michael & Adeline Delilo.....	Palma & Dino Devic
		Intentions of Lynn McQuinn	Buddy
		The Amoroso Family	Buddy
Monday, February 2	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 3	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 4	No Mass		
Thursday, February 5	No Mass		
Friday, February 6	No Mass		
Saturday, February 7	4:00 pm	Soul of Brother Luke Stone.....	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Dena Turner & Mary Shannon	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Intentions of Brent Barrick	The Barrick Family
Sunday, February 8	8:30 am	Soul of Tom Sauer	Knights of Columbus
		Intentions of Sam Fazzalore	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Intentions of Kelley Kuhn.....	Buddy



Reminder to All K of C Members

Please turn in all 300 Club tickets to Mike Landis by February 3!



Even though we weren't able to worship together last weekend to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, we do want to thank all those who proclaim the Word at our Masses. May God bless all of you in your service to our parish!

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| Fr. Thomas | Bill Lupis |
| Fr. Giles | Linda Marsh |
| Deacon Larry | Tess Maybury |
| Julie Alt | Doug Minnich |
| Gerri Bennett | Geoff Newlin |
| Paul Bogdan | Cathy Pardee |
| Celia Cole | Logan Stanislawczyk |
| Mike Dupuis | Derek Stephen |
| Patrick George | Alan Taylor |
| John Gustafson | Anita Tetreault |
| Sue Harber | Pam Williams |
| Kelley Kuhn | Kerri Wittman |
| Mike Landis | Karen Yowler |



Pepperoni Roll Sale!

The Assumption Ladies Guild is selling pepperoni rolls for Valentine's weekend!

- Price for a 5-inch pepperoni roll is \$5
- Pick up is at St. Mary's Hall after Masses on Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15

Place your order by this Sunday, February 1 in the Vestibule. Payment (payable to Assumption Ladies Guild) can be dropped in the offertory basket, left at the Parish Office, or made at the time of pick up. If you have questions, please contact Jean Harber 304-788-1729.

Your Faithful Stewardship

January 17-18, 2026

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,187
Loose Donations.....	\$1,534
Poor Box.....	\$306
Votive Candles.....	\$262
Total	\$4,329

Attendance

Saturday, 1/17	79
Sunday, 1/18	111
Total	190

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend for Church Missions in the United States, including Black & Indian Missions and Catholic Home Missions.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 7

- Lector: Gerri Bennett
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
EMs: Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c), Alan Taylor (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale

Sunday, February 8

- Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EMs: Jane Placka, Kelley Kuhn (c), Dave Minnich (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

Saturday, February 14

- Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk
Servers: Liam & Lucas Dupuis
EMs: Jean Harber, Sue Harber (c), Cathy Pardee (c)
Cantor: Mike Dupuis
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

Sunday, February 15 (Youth Mass)

- Lector: CCD Students
Servers: Evelyn Cole, James Maybury & Nick McKenzie
EMs: Charlotte Delilo, Beverley Iser (c), Tina Stephen (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: CCD Students

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

- February 5 Jean Harber
February 12 Meredythe Barrick

2026 Offertory Envelopes

Our 2026 offertory envelopes have finally arrived! Please pick yours up as you leave the church today. If you don't currently use envelopes but would like to start, please call or email the Parish Office.