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Sacrament of Eucharist

Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Mass

Monday: 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays: 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day Mass

Vigil: 4:00 P.M. Day: 8:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 P.M. — 4:00 P.M., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Sister Hilda Sandoval, 2 months in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Parish Office, 6 months in advance.

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*We have seen a great light: Jesus, the Messiah,
who heals us of our sin
and who is our unity and peace.*

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MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 26 – FEBRUARY 1, 2026 MASS READINGS

Mon 26 5:30 P.M. †Lance Gureghian
Tue 27 8:30 A.M. †Peter Da Roza
Wed 28 8:30 A.M. †James and Carmel Cormack
Thu 29 8:30 A.M. Joseph Kerr
Fri 30 8:30 A.M. †Bertha Smathers
Sat 31 4:30 P.M. †Donald Nevin
Sun 1 8:30 A.M. †Lance Gureghian
11:00 A.M. People of St. Peter Parish

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Mon 26 Reading 2 *Timothy* 1:1-8
Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 96:1-3,7-8a,10
Gospel *Mark* 3:22-30
Saint Angela Merici, Virgin
Tue 27 Reading 2 *Samuel* 6:12b-15,17-19
Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 24:7-10
Gospel *Mark* 3:31-35
Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Wed 28 Reading 2 *Samuel* 7:4-17
Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 89:4-5,27-30
Gospel *Mark* 4:1-20
Thu 29 Reading 2 *Samuel* 7:18-19,24-29
Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 132:1-5,11-14
Gospel *Mark* 4:21-25
Fri 30 Reading 2 *Samuel* 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17
Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 51:3-7,10-11
Gospel *Mark* 4:26-34
Saint John Bosco, Priest
Sat 31 Reading 2 *Samuel* 12:1-7a,10-17
Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 51:12-17
Gospel *Mark* 4:35-41
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun 1 Reading I *Zephaniah* 2:3;3:12-13
Responsorial Psalm *Psalm* 146:6-10
Reading II 1 *Corinthians* 1:26-31
Gospel *Matthew* 5:1-12a

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January 25, 2026 *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do — rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness and gloom of original sin, have been born again into the great light that is God's grace in us. We have become cherished members of God's family.



What a privilege!

Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home.

In our second reading, from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul urges us to keep the responsibility of sharing the Gospel our foremost priority. In this passage he addresses the divisions and rivalries that have cropped up in the Christian community in Corinth. He urges the Christians there to "be united in the same mind and the same purpose," reminding them that it was Christ and only Christ Who was crucified for us. We owe everything to Him. Our lives are therefore not about us, our egos, our personal ambitions and loyalties. Those things cannot satisfy us, anyway. Our loyalty must be to Christ above all else and our priority must be to bring His light to everyone He puts in our path.

And there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life. We see this in our Gospel passage from Matthew, where we find Jesus on the move. He has left Nazareth and goes to live in Capernaum, fulfilling what was said of Him through the prophet Isaiah, as we recall from today's first reading. "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait!

Later in this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord sees Simon and his brother, Andrew, living an ordinary day as fishermen when He said to them, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." The two did not hesitate. They didn't think about themselves or how this might disrupt their business. Rather, "at once they left their nets and followed him." Then, Jesus called two more brothers, James and John. They, too, were living an ordinary day as fishermen, working alongside their father mending nets in their boat. Jesus called them and "immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." They did not worry about their personal lives and how their father might react. They put our Lord and His will first and responded without hesitation.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do — it's who we are.

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FATAL DETRACTION: THE SIN NO ONE TALKS ABOUT

By Deacon Greg Kandra

*It's easier to think the worst of
others than the best,
but what is that "dark joy"
doing to our souls and society?*



Every now and then I'm reminded of just how clever Satan can be, especially at the approach of Lent

Consider, for example, a pernicious little sin that seems to have taken root and grown in the age of social media: detraction. I've been seeing it more and more. Nobody really talks about it or the harm it inflicts — though the pope has stressed, often, the inherent evil of its close cousin, [gossip](#). (The pontiff has even compared gossip to [terrorism](#).)

So what's the big deal? Let me count the ways.

First, the [catechism](#) teaches that detraction is a sin against the eighth commandment:

2477 *Respect for the reputation* of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. He becomes guilty:

- of *rash judgment* who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor;
- of *detraction* who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them;
- of *calumny* who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them.

2478 To avoid rash judgment, everyone should be careful to interpret insofar as possible his neighbor's thoughts, words, and deeds in a favorable way:

Every good Christian ought to be more ready to give a favorable interpretation to another's statement than to condemn it. But if he cannot do so, let him ask how the other understands it. And if the latter understands it badly, let the former correct him with love. If that does not suffice, let the Christian try all suitable ways to bring the other to a correct interpretation so that he may be saved.

2479 Detraction and calumny destroy the *reputation and honor of one's neighbor*. Honor is the social witness given to human dignity, and everyone enjoys a natural right to the honor of his name and reputation and to respect. Thus, detraction and calumny offend against the virtues of justice and charity. And the media, we are reminded, bear a special responsibility.

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2494 The information provided by the media is at the service of the common good. Society has a right to information based on truth, freedom, justice and solidarity:

The proper exercise of this right demands that the content of the communication be true and — within the limits set by justice and charity complete. Further, it should be communicated honestly and properly. This means that in the gathering and in the publication of news, the moral law and the legitimate rights and dignity of man should be upheld.

2495 "It is necessary that all members of society meet the demands of justice and charity in this domain. They should help, through the means of social communication, in the formation and diffusion of sound public opinion." Solidarity is a consequence of genuine and right communication and the free circulation of ideas that further knowledge and respect for others.

2497 By the very nature of their profession, journalists have an obligation to serve the truth and not offend against charity in disseminating information. They should strive to respect, with equal care, the nature of the facts and the limits of critical judgment concerning individuals. They should not stoop to defamation. No less a figure than the Rev. John A. Hardon, SJ, had this to say about the sin of detraction: Another person's good reputation belongs to him, and we may not do it injury by revealing, without proportionately grave reason, what we know is true about him.

Detraction is consequently a sin against justice because it deprives a man or woman of what they ordinarily value more than riches. Socrates' statement that the way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear highlights the effort required to acquire a good name. All of this, more even than accumulated wealth, can be destroyed by a single criminal act of detraction.

The seriousness of the sin committed will mainly derive from the gravity of the fault or limitation disclosed. But it will also depend on the dignity of the person detracted and the harm done to him and others by revealing something that is hidden and whose disclosure lowers (if it does not ruin) his standing in the public eye.

Not unlike the restitution called for in stealing, detraction demands reparation as far as possible to the injured person's reputation. Often such reparation is next to impossible to make, either because of the number of people informed or the complexity of the situation. But this merely emphasizes the warning of Scripture to "Be careful of your reputation, for it will last you longer than a thousand hoards of gold. A good life lasts a certain number of days, but a good reputation lasts forever." (Si. 41:12-16)

During this time of penance and prayer, it's worth asking ourselves whether we have, knowingly or not, been guilty of detraction. Have we intentionally taken away the good name of another? Have we sought to damage someone's reputation (even if we thought they had it coming)? Have we entertained the dark joy of gossip?

During Lent, it's important to remember that chocolate isn't the only temptation we need to resist. But other enticements can be just as alluring and unhealthy — and far more damaging to our souls. We are called to extend the hand of mercy to our brothers and sisters and see more and more their inherent dignity.

We need to add to the dignity of others by our speaking — not detract from it.



JANUARY 25, 2026 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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PARISH CALENDAR JAN. 26—FEB. 1, 2026

MON 26

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

5:30 P.M. Evening Mass

TUE 27

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:45 P.M. Religious Education

3:45 P.M. Confirmation

7:00 P.M. OCIA

WED 28

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:00 P.M. Religious Education

3:00 P.M. Confirmation

7:00 P.M. Confirmation

7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

THU 29

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

FRI 30

8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

SAT 31

3:00 P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:30 P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 P.M. Mass

SUN 1

8:30 A.M. Mass

11:00 A.M. Mass

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