

# FEBRUARY 2, 2025

## MASSES AND INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 1st

5:00 p.m. Mary Regan by Carolyn Hoover

### Sunday, February 2nd

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:30 a.m. Salvatore Leone, Jr. by Rosalia Leone

### Monday, February 3rd

No Mass

### Tuesday, February 4th

For the People

### Wednesday, February 5th

8:00 a.m. For the People

### Thursday, February 6th

12:00 p.m. Patrick Shea by Eileen & Robert Shea

### Friday, February 7th

12:00 p.m. Funeral Mass for Tommy Hogge

### Saturday, February 8th

5:00 p.m. Cathy Weathers by Ruth Weathers

### Sunday, February 9th

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:30 a.m. Daniela LaFata by Rosalia Leone

Sacrament Chapel vase flowers are a perpetual living memorial for Anna Lupei

Tabernacle Candle Shines in loving memory of Anne & Sonya Bradley



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal

### 2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: SHARING HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS

Over the past couple of weekends, you have been hearing about the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

With a goal of \$4,676,409.00, the 2025 Appeal will provide critical funding to many diverse and impactful ministries that affect the lives of thousands of people in our Diocese.

In early February, many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2025 Appeal. It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament comes easily. Never feel worried if you find you have no thoughts at all while you are before the Blessed Sacrament. Never feel inadequate about being an adorer even if you have not developed a spirit of devotion, if you are numb, down and out, weakened by life. The all-important factor is that you are before the Lord. Before Him who knows you inside-out. He reads your innermost thoughts and He still loves you immensely. **Imagine that!**

St. John Vianney once compared Adoration to spiritual sunbathing. You are taking in the warmth of the grace and love radiating from the Sacred Host.

**Join Deacon Jose for monthly Adoration and Benediction on the Third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Jesus is Our Hope in the Blessed Sacrament**



### THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph meet weekly on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

The sign-up calendar for altar flowers needs your attention. We have weekends available between now and Ash Wednesday (March 5th,) and more available after Pentecost (June 8th.) Consider how beautiful our altar looks with your arrangement or even flowering/foilage plants. Remember your donation keeps on giving after the weekend Mass as it is placed in the chapel or before the statue of St. Therese for all to enjoy. Arts and Environment appreciates your help making the altar beautiful.

### KITCHEN/PANTRY CLOSURE

The kitchen/pantry facilities will be closed through February 7th for repairs.

### BINGO

There will be no Bingo on Tuesday, February 4th.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is available during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children, ages 3 to 2nd grade are invited. Please contact Nadine McGrady for more information.

### IS YOUR CHILI UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

Come test it out at the **First Annual Chili Cook Off**, on February 16, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Sign-up sheet is in the Commons; sign up to bring a delicious pot of your homemade chili, or to bring corn bread muffins or desserts. The Youth Group will be judging this year's entries.

### MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our group meets on Thursday mornings 10:15-11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. New participants are always welcomed and may join the group at any time. For more information, please call Sid Dugas at 804-642-5869 or email at [spdugas@cox.net](mailto:spdugas@cox.net). or call Kim Green at 804-824-1073 or email at [kwg853@yahoo.com](mailto:kwg853@yahoo.com)



### FOOD PANTRY

Please CONTINUE giving to the Food Pantry. The shopping cart is in the social hall. Please note their new addresses as well.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council gathers on the First and Third Thursdays of the month. Rosary is at 7:00 p.m. and a meeting is to follow. BYOK!!!

### THE THERESIAN SOCIETY

The ladies of the parish are invited to attend our next meeting in the Social Hall on Friday, February 7th. Please join us for some social time at 9:30 a.m., followed by our meeting at 10:00 a.m., as we plan for the year ahead.

### STUDY GROUP ON

**BLESSED JULIAN OF NORWICH** will begin on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, at 11:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room. The book we will use is *The Showings of Julian of Norwich*, published by Paulist Press (The Classics of Western Spirituality). Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome!

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Church has a long history burdened with weakness and sinfulness but still the instrument of the Kingdom of God and the germ of a new creation. On **February 16**, between the morning Masses (starting about 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will give an overview of **Church History** in the Meeting Room. All are welcome, Catholic or not!

**OUR NEXT TNT (Theatre 'N' Theology)** will be on **Friday, February 28** (note the date change), beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come to our St. Therese Movie Theater (the "Meeting Room"). After the movie (the "Theater" part), we discuss the relevance of the film to our life in Christ (the "Theology" part). We will have an intermission midway through the film, and if anyone wants to bring refreshments to share, we will have refreshments at intermission! Our February feature will be the 1966 British film *A Man for All Seasons*. It's a splendid film based on Robert Bolt's play about St. Thomas More's personal conflict when King Henry VIII asks his support in a break with the Pope and formation of the Church of England. Paul Scofield's rich characterization of St. Thomas is matched by a superb cast starring Wendy Hiller, Leo McKern, Robert Shaw, Orson Welles, Susannah York, John Hurt, and Vanessa Redgrave. Vivid atmosphere. Six Oscars: Best Actor, Director, Picture, Screenplay (Robert Bolt), Cinematography, and Costumes. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

**TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP**

Please join us for Bible readings, saying the Rosary, meditation, and sharing. Our main purpose is to pray for Christian Unity as our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked of us. Point of Contact is Trudy Vanderhoof. You may reach her at [btcentauri@aol.com](mailto:btcentauri@aol.com). We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Church in the library.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Anchored in Christ Retreat  
Saturday, March 29, 2025  
8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

**CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS TO SERVE IN LITURGICAL MINISTRIES!**

Prayerfully consider which of the liturgical ministries you are drawn to. We need USHERS, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, MASS COORDINATORS. We need adults and children for the ALTAR SERVER ministry. If we have more people involved in these ministries, serving won't fall to the same dedicated ministers every week. Contact Kerry Fallon in the office at 804-693-5939 or email [k.fallon@stthersglo.org](mailto:k.fallon@stthersglo.org).

**THE FOUR PILLARS OF OUR FAITH**

Join the Adult Faith Formation team for a study of the second pillar of our faith: The Sacraments. We began in January for 12 weeks on Saturdays from, **3:00-4:30 p.m.** You can order the workbook yourself through [AscensionPress.com](http://AscensionPress.com) (click on "Bible Studies" and scroll down to "**Pillar 2: The Sacraments**"), or Kerry Fallon can order the book for you. Please contact Kerry Fallon in the office or via email, [k.fallon@stthersglo.org](mailto:k.fallon@stthersglo.org).

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE**

Prayer shawls are available to gift for the holidays, holy days, birthdays and more.

Slippers, hats and scarves are now available! Each is crafted with the prayer that the recipient knows they are loved not only by the giver but by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Contact Nadine McGrady at [N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org](mailto:N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org) or 804-693-5939, ext.3 for special orders or for more information.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Church of St. Therese Youth Ministry  
Grades 6 - 12  
Sundays 12:00 Noon-1:30 p.m. at the YLC

**YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR****Save the date: Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage**

We will not be going to Rome, but we can still go on a pilgrimage.

Plan on joining the youth of the church on a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond. The Youth Ministry Program is sponsoring a Pilgrimage during this Jubilee Year of Hope to the diocesan church. A plenary indulgence can be received by going to Reconciliation, Eucharist and praying for your loved ones. Everyone is invited. More information will follow in future bulletins.



**CHURCH OF ST. THERESE YOUTH GROUP** and parents spent two hours on Saturday, January 18, at Newington Baptist Church Clothes Closet. The Clothes Closet offers clothing for free on the third Saturday of each month. The youth emptied out donated bags of clothes and hung them on hangers and then took the clothes to individual rooms for distribution. The youth also straightened shelves and replenished hangars wherever needed. Members present were Mary Foley, Elise Flynn, Sarah Flynn, Mia Bennett, Kristin Bennett, Izzy Bennett, Heidi Hoffman, and Kyle Hudson.

**ARE YOU RECEIVING NOTIFICATIONS?**

Your registration information may need updating. Please contact the parish office with updates on address, phone number or name changes.

Welcome, new parishioners! Please register with the parish. Forms are located in the Commons next to the office entrance.

**OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE**

For the weekend of January 19, 2025

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 24/25 \$699,286.00  
Amount needed per week to maintain budget is \$13,447.81  
Actual Plate Contributions: \$4,182.00  
E-giving: \$3,282.00  
Other Contributions: \$1,899.50  
Weekly Grand Total: \$9,363.50  
Weekend Mass Count: 322

**2nd Collection Schedule**

February 1/2 – MMR

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.

**SAINT BLAISE**

*Saint of the Day: February 3*

*Patron Saint of Relief from Throat Ailments*

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

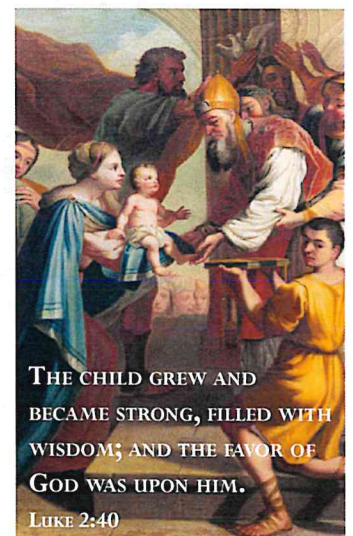
We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day, a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fishbone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time, he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

Blaise is seen as one more example of the power those have who give themselves entirely to Jesus. With faith we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blaise's protection.

Read the full article: "[Saint Blaise](https://franciscanmedia.com/saint-blaise/)"  
Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
[franciscan1stg.wpengine.com/saint-of-the-day/saint-blaise/](http://franciscan1stg.wpengine.com/saint-of-the-day/saint-blaise/)



**THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH WISDOM; AND THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.**

LUKE 2:40