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JANUARY 25, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men

Matthew 4:19



PASTOR'S CORNER

***"The people who sit in darkness
have seen a great light."*** *Matthew 4:12-23*

St. Matthew today is not just giving us a geography lesson reporting the travels of Jesus. He mentions the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali and he recalls the spiritual collapse of a nation. What led to their catastrophe was a spiritual and moral weakening of the people. Religion and morality had become divorced from public policy. The weak and the poor could find no justice in the judicial system. The darkness of gloom and despair covered the nation.

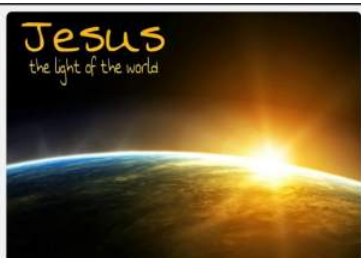
In the words of St. John Paul II, we need always be aware of the "eclipse of the sense of God and man." When we black out the light of God's revealed truths, we lose a sense of our dignity and transcendence. Human life is less respected; no longer seen as a gift. We begin to subjugate life to our own whims and be manipulated as we please. Shadows of death are all around us...in a culture that promotes abortions, that turns a blind eye to child abuse, human trafficking, the proliferation of pornography, and the promotion of euthanasia. In Europe and now here in America, a contraceptive culture is leading to a "demographic winter." Low birth rates & high death rates will have catastrophic results. The aging population will have little or no one to care for them, especially in the area of human service.

As He did thousands of years ago, Jesus comes to our own land of Zebulun and Naphtali. He is the light that comes to overcome the darkness of our times. By becoming one of us and one with us, Jesus gives human life its greatest affirmation - all life must be cherished from conception to natural death. May His light continue to shine through us by:

*"feeding the hungry, visiting the sick,
caring for the stranger, giving drink
to the thirsty, clothing the naked."*

His formula for living
will overcome all the
shadows of human
existence.

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm ~ John & Maureen O'Malley & Fam

8:30am ~ Thomas Lieberher, Sr.

10:30am ~ Annette Bernauer

(Opening of Catholic Schools Week Mass)

Monday, January 26, 2026

Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

8:00am ~ Dorothy Mari

***** Adoration 8:30am - 4pm**

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Leader

8:00am ~ Patrick Callahan

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of Church

8:00am ~ Ann Hare

Thursday, January 29, 2026

8:00am ~ Jack Duffy

Friday, January 30, 2026

8:00am ~ Patrick Callahan

Saturday, January 31, 2026

5:00pm ~ Celeste Tate

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ William and Rosemary Wynne

10:30am ~ Angelo Mattia

The 2026 Mass Book for Announced Masses is open.



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**We have recently entered
Ordinary Time in our Liturgical Year...**



What Ordinary Time Means in the Catholic Church

Because the term “ordinary” in English most often means something that’s not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet, this Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

Why is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called “ordinary” not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word “ordinalis” which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word “ordo” from which we get the English word “Order.” Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church, the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. It’s appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time always features either John the Baptist’s acknowledgement of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ’s first miracle ~ the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives.

There’s nothing “ordinary” about that!

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**SUNDAY,
JANUARY
25**

OPENING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

- 10:30 AM- Opening Liturgy, all students, alumni, and families are welcome.
- 11:30 AM-1:00 PM- Open House for ALL

**MONDAY
JANUARY
26**

PARISH AND PARENT APPRECIATION DAY

- We will celebrate with parishioners by attending 8:00 AM Mass
- Students will have a Sports Dress Down Day

**TUESDAY
JANUARY
27**

INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ AND OPEN HOUSE

- 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM Open house for all family and friends
- Registration for all NEW families in PreK through 8
- Visit our International Café hosted by the 6th grade to learn about cultures around the world.

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY
28**

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

- Teacher Gameshow
- Favorite Color Dress Down Day
- Teacher Luncheon provided by Home and School

**THURSDAY
JANUARY
29**

STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY

- Student Game Show
- 1:30 PM-The St. Hilary School Showcase Theater 2025- ALL are welcome!
- Gym uniform worn by all students

**FRIDAY
JANUARY
30**

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

FACULTY RETREAT DAY



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WED., FEBRUARY 4, 2026
7:00pm - in the Parish Center

The St. Hilary Knights of Columbus are holding a Degree Exemplification, followed by their monthly business meeting, on Wed., Feb. 4 in the Parish Center (2nd Flr.) Any men interested in joining the Knights should reach out to Father Murray. Thanks for your consideration!



The goal of a Catholic Liturgy is to communicate a transcendent awareness of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ.

Faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist demands great beauty, dignity, and reverence.

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2026 CYO SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

We are excited to announce that Spring Sports Registration is now open for the 2026 season for St. Hilary parishioners! Below is a list of the sports being offered. Practice schedules will go out once all teams secure a coach. Game schedules will go out after the region-wide scheduling meetings. *** Link to sign up is below.

Varsity Track & Field - birth years: 2016 thru 8th grade

Bantams Track & Field - Kindergarten thru birth year 2017 (no PreK)

Co-Ed High School Volleyball - Grades 9-12 (no practices; just games)

Girls Flag Football - Grades 5-8; JV & Varsity levels

Baseball - Grades 5-8 boys; JV & Varsity levels

Co-Ed Cadet T-Ball - Grades PreK thru 2nd grade

Multi-family discount available thru Feb. 3. Registration closes Feb. 13. Thanks for your continued support and commitment to our student-athletes - looking forward to a fun & faith-filled, spring sports season!

***** LINK:** <https://registration.teamsnap.com/form/49948>

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

after all the Masses on January 24/25,
(\$6 per box; cash or Venmo)



BACK TO THE BASICS

Resolutions, it seems, are made to be broken. Some folks poke fun at this reality by proposing New Year's vows that are, shall we say, attainable.

Here are a few from social media:

- * Wave to fellow motorists at stoplights.
- * Sign up for a marathon. Don't run it.
- * Stop procrastinating - tomorrow.
- * Get lost without any help from Siri.
- * Unfriend everyone on Facebook who posts their workout regimen.

The concept of a fresh start, however, can be serious business. The exiled people of Judah desperately needed one. Just over two decades into their seventy-year captivity, God brought encouragement to them through the prophet Ezekiel, promising, "I will now restore the fortunes of Jacob." (Ezek. 39:25)

But the nation first needed to return to the basics - the instructions God had given to Moses eight hundred years earlier. This included observing a feast at the new year. For the ancient Jewish people, that began in early spring. A major purpose of their festivals was to remind them of God's character and His expectations. He told their leaders, "Give up your violence and oppression and do what is just and right" and he insisted on honesty. (Ez. 45:9-10)

The lesson applies to us, too. Our faith must be put into practice or it's worthless (James 2:17). In this new year, as God provides what we need, may we live out our faith by returning to the basics: "Love the Lord your God." and "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

Tim Gustafson



Celebrating the Feast of St. Hilary of Poitiers

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez has proposed a bold vision for the future of the Catholic Church of Philadelphia in his pastoral letter, *Trust and Hope* (more information can be found at TrustandHope.org). The Catholic Church of Philadelphia is not defined by its structures, but by its greatest treasure – it's people. To plan its future, the Archdiocese is working with the Steier Group, a national Catholic fundraising firm, to conduct a campaign planning study. Please accept the invitation to share your feedback on the the Church of Philadelphia's proposed plans. This is our moment to renew the Catholic Church of Philadelphia – to strengthen parishes, form missionary disciples, and bring Christ to a world in need. **YOUR VOICE MATTERS!** Impact our future by taking our survey at: <https://forms.office.com/r/9fcs95U5B4> or scan the QR code.



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What is a Missionary Hub?

The Catholic Church of Philadelphia is launching Missionary Hubs across each of our five local counties. These hubs are designed to create a supportive network for missionary life, connection, and support, renewing parishes, schools, and communities, and engaging people across every stage of their faith journey. Five pilot hubs have already launched, and we plan to plant 50 Missionary Hubs over the next 10 years. Please share your thoughts by participating in the planning study survey. Click this post to share your feedback.

Learn more about the Missionary
Hubs at TrustandHope.org.



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Drawing will be held Sunday, May 24, 2026,
after the 10:30AM Mass.

**Each raffle ticket is \$10.
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**Raffle Tickets will be on sale after all Masses
at two of the Church entrances.**

**Raffle Tickets will also be on sale in the
Rectory Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:30am
to 4:00pm (closed from 12-1pm).**

**** It would be greatly appreciated if you
would take a packet of 25 tickets to sell them
(anyone can sell the tickets). There will be an
Instruction Sheet included. Please stop by the
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**If you have any questions, please call the Rec-
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN
PARTICIPATING IN THIS
RAFFLE FUNDRAISER FOR
ST. HILARY OF POITIERS!**

SAINT HILARY'S 55+ SPIRIT CLUB

St. Hilary's 55+ Spirit Club will have its next meeting on **Wed., February 11**. At this meeting we will be playing BINGO. Spirit Club Members who are going on the bus trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa on April 9th are asked to bring their \$25 to the February 11th meeting (make check payable to "St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club).

New members are always welcome - we are a fun & welcoming group! You don't need to be a parish member to join. If you have questions, please call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313 or Mike Schell at 215-206-4530. Looking forward to seeing you on Feb. 11 - doors open at 9am & meeting starts at 10am. Thanks!

Prayer For The Sick

Dear Lord, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and I peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus name, Amen.



PRAYER LINE

Help is needed for our Parish Prayer Line. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Line and be contacted to pray for the sick, please call Virginia at 215-663-1418.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Michael Dooley, Jack Avak, Michael Brown, Nicolas Liddy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonio, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Tina Savarino, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Devaney, Bob Steele, Linda Smithson, Eileen Burger, Brian Bailie, Lionel Melly Wright, Cole Plachter, Mary Jo Reaby, Kevin Rosenbaum, Capt. Schaffr, Dan Webb, Rhodena Thompson, Bruce Thompson II, Linda Urie, Sonna Alamar, Sharon Fainelli, Donald Budrejko, Maura Murphy, Gregory Marrone, Jim Comet, Ian Reilly, Kira McKeever, Michael Lucas, John Rieth, Holly Judge, Greg Ziembe, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Srdner, Theresa Williams, Bob Donnolly, Ilda Leal, Isaiah Walter, Regina Carberry, Scott Paris, Ben Paris, Michelle Hannah, Michael Keough, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell, Sandra Rogers, Timothy Funk, Michelle Stuetz, Kim Huntowski, Ariel Cleveland, Mary Garcia, Soon Lee, Thomas Decicico, Jr., Irene Tucci

Please pray for the souls of all of the deceased
Roger Gengler

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am,

WEEKDAY MASSES

8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM; Sundays in Lent after 10:30am Mass

HOLY DAYS

7 PM Vigil; 8 AM and 10 AM on holy day

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BAPTISM: Sundays after the 10:30am Mass. Please email or call the Rectory for more information.

MATRIMONY: Couples planning to marry should contact the Rectory six months before the desired date.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4pm; closed for lunch 12-1

Fridays 8:30am to noon

Please note that church envelopes, as well as Tuition payments and other school payments, can be dropped off in the secure BLACK lockbox outside the rectory during off-hours.



Snow is pretty and all...but not the snow bills! Not including last weekend's snowfall (and apparently another storm coming this weekend), our snow removal bills so far total \$6,075... and January isn't over yet.

If you'd like to donate to our snow removal bills, kindly mark your envelope "Snow Removal" and you can put it in the Sunday collection or drop it off in the secure black lockbox outside the Rectory. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

January 18, 2026

Sunday Offering: \$6,858

Electronic Giving: \$2,590

Total: \$9,448

January 19, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$8,278

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