



# ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary

## Masses

- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel)  
(Monday-Friday, Rosary after)
- First Tuesday  
(of the Month) Anointing of the Sick & Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
(after 8am Mass)
- First Friday:  
(of the month) 8:00am(Chapel) Mass & Devotion To Sacred Heart

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm
- Sunday: 7:15 - 7:45am  
9:45-10:15am  
(Other times by Appointment)

## Adoration

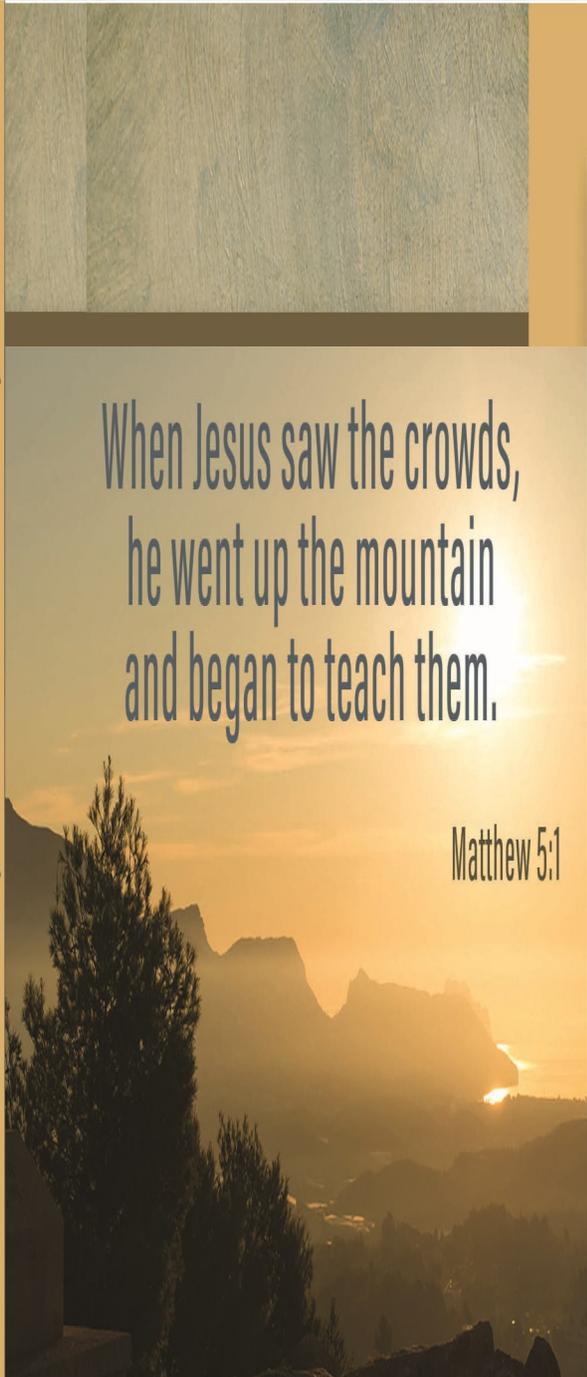
- Tuesday: 8:00am-6:00pm
- Friday: 8:30am-9:30am

## Office Hours

- Mon-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
- Wednesday 8:30am-12:00pm

Secretary Linda Bellocq

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



When Jesus saw the crowds,  
he went up the mountain  
and began to teach them.

Matthew 5:1

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## Today's Readings

### **First Reading** (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13)

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger. But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD: the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.

### **Psalm** (27:1,4,13-14)

**R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free.

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The Lord gives sight to the blind; the Lord raises up those who were bowed down. The Lord loves the just; the Lord protects strangers.

**R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

The fatherless and the widow the Lord sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

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### **Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

### **Gospel** (Matthew 5:1-12a)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

### **Gospel Reflection**

Matthew presents the Beatitudes as coming at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. He gives eight Beatitudes and the ninth being the explanation of the eighth. "Beatitudes" means blessed or happy. These beatitudes have lot of similarities with Isaiah 61:1-2. The Holy Bible tells us true and lasting joy comes from commitment, renunciation, self-denial, sacrifice, and accompanied by pain. "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake" says St. Paul (Colossians 1:24). "Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials..." James recommends (James 1:2).

1. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." We hold the principle of 'to each his own' but we are actually administrators of it, and will be called to give an account of our administration. The Psalmist says "The earth is the LORD's and all it holds, the world and those who dwell in it". By adding the 'in spirit,' Jesus tells that not all the poor are blessed but only those who strip themselves of all, by free choice and manage their assets according to God's plan are blessed. The poor in spirit decide not to possess everything for themselves and make available to others all that they receive. According to the Gospel, the poor are not those who have nothing, but those who do not keep everything for themselves.

2. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted". It is a mistaken belief that suffering is pleasing to God. Suffering really dehumanizes. Jesus—quoting the prophet Hosea—said that God desires love, not sacrifice (Mt 9:13). They are those who suffer from unscrupulous people.

3. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land". The 'meek' are those persons who do not react to provocation and passively accepts injustice without complaint. The term 'meek' is taken from Psalm 37, where those deprived of their rights and liberty are called 'the meek ones.' They are poor because the powerful people have taken everything from them. These people refuse to resort to violence to restore justice. They trust in God and await the coming of his Kingdom.

4. "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied." Hunger and thirst are the basic human needs. Jesus teaches that with the same passion his disciples should hunger for 'justice.'

5. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy". 'Mercy,' is an action favoring those who need help. The best example is "The parable of Samaritan". The Samaritan showed mercy towards the one attacked by robbers (Lk 10:37).

6. "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God". Purity was one of the most noticeable characteristics of the Jewish religion. Any contact with pagan will make a person impure. But Jesus demands purity of heart. There is nothing external that makes a person unclean. Only what comes from the heart can make one unclean (Mt 15:17-20). The pure in heart are those who have an undivided heart and do not love both God and idols and will not serve both masters.

7. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God". The word 'peace' means '*shalom*' is not the absence of war but stands for total well-being and harmony with God, with others and with oneself. 'Peacemakers' are all those who are committed to making this life as suitable as possible for every person.

8. "Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". St. Paul says, "all who want to live religiously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Tim 3:12). Everybody expects that a messenger of peace is to be welcomed with open arms but the proclamation of the Gospel creates conflict. Jesus paid with his life for being a peacemaker and his disciples must not expect any different treatment. "No slave is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you" (Jn 15:20). Here the one who suffers for his faithfulness to the Lord and his mission is proclaimed blessed by the very fact of being persecuted. Persecution is a proof of following the right choice, according to the 'wisdom of God.'

**Blessing of Throats**  
 Thursday, February 2nd  
 Chapel 8am Mass

**Mass & Devotion to Sacred Heart**  
 First Friday: February 3 2023  
 8:00am - Chapel

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**  
 Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week  
 Tuesday: St. John Bosco  
 Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day  
 Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**Claiborne Hill Receipts**  
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**COFFEE SHOP**  
 Come by and have some Coffee, Breakfast & Fellowship after 8am  
 Mass Donations are accepted

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday January 28  
 4pm- Timothy Steen †  
 Sunday January 29  
 8:00am Parishioners  
 10:30am- Peggy Ladner †  
 Monday January 30  
 8:00am- Barbara & Bobby Simpson †  
 Tuesday, January 31  
 8:00am- Christine Bastine  
 Wednesday February 1  
 8:00am- Owen Sperry  
 Thursday February 2  
 8:00am- Rene Duffour †  
 Friday February 3  
 8:00am- Peggy Ladner †

**Baby Bottle Fundraiser**  
 Knights of Columbus are collecting baby bottles filled with loose money/coins. Empty Bottles are available in the Vestibule. Please return by Easter Sunday. The proceeds collected will go to the Pregnancy Center to Support Life.  
 Thank you for your generosity.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
 Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34



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<b>Financial News</b>	
Insurance	\$50,596.75
Diocesan Support	\$16,244.79
School Supplement	\$29,225.07
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$189,488.23
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$285,554.84
Amount needed each Week	\$5,491.43
Last Sunday Collection	\$3,337.50
Shortfall	-\$2,153.93

 **Church Cleaning**  
 Team 5 this week

**Prayer Request**

Jennifer Albrittin	Jean Lee
Dennis Alley	Walter Lonbourg
Judith Amm	James Lovett
Emilee Battaglia	Layla Mallett
John Battaglia	Jim McDaniel
Stacey Battaglia	Charles Meador
Bill Blaisdell	Kathleen Micell
Stephen Blaisdell	Shannon & Carol Moragas
Earline Blanchard	Barbara Moran
Gene Breazeale	Cleopatra Moran
Wilson Breux	Sonny Moran
Ernest Brown	Warren Moran
Ida Brown	Belinda & Kenny Morgan
Claude & Linda Burke	Patrick Murphy
John Byrnes	Bernadine Necaize
Barbara Cameron	Bernell Necaize
Robert L. Cassell	Janet Necaize
Kay Cerisier	Tyrone & Faye Necaize
Rosalind & Cynthia Dautat	Wilma Necaize
Cheryl Deschamp	Christopher Nugent
Jean Dohm	Louis Nunez
Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa, JoAnn, Jude, Shirley Cucurullo	Timothy Odom
Howard Edwards	Joy Patin
Lois Forest	Jameson Gerard Patin
Ivan Garza	Trudy Pecoul
Peggy Glynn	Larry Phillips
Robert Gould	Judy Richieu
Christine Green-Wood	Abby Rolison
Alexa Hardie	Brooke Rolison
Amanda Jones	Tina Roundtree
Jim & Mary Kenney	Carla Santiago
Donald Koenenn	Karrie Schultz
Linda Koenenn	Jason Schable
Nell Koenenn	Caleb Schwartz
Shelly Koenenn	Sonny Schwartz
Andy Ladner	Jerry Shavers
Barbara Ladner	Mike Shubert
Janice Ladner	Maura Strong
Shelia Ladner	Rose Tebo
Willard & Cecile Ladner	Josie Thomas
Patsy Ladner	Judy Thornton
	Shaylynn Whitfield
	Adrian Wilson

**Pray for our Troops**

Amir Darwis \_\_\_\_\_ US Army National Guard  
 Darrell Little \_\_\_\_\_ US Army  
 Devin Nelson \_\_\_\_\_ US Army  
 Brandon Witt \_\_\_\_\_ USAF  
 Evan Cameron \_\_\_\_\_ USAF  
 David Arceneaux \_\_\_\_\_ USAF  
 Lance Cuevas ..... USAF  
 Christopher Abney ..... US Navy

*Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

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