

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time – February 1, 2026

“Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness.”

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat, Feb 7	4pm	Mary Kelly+ by Eithne dePencier Dorothy Aultman+ by Mike & Dawn Duffy & family
Sun, Feb 8	9am	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis
	11am	Stanley Jayasinghe+ by Sita & family Intentions of Jennifer Marie Whitmer with Prayers for Healing by Marlene & Jesse Afas

PRAYER LINE: *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Len Weisflock, Nancy Tremblay, Victor Veltri

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:

SCRIPTURE READINGS Feb 2 – Feb 8, 2026	
Monday	Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> World Day for Consecrated Life
Tuesday	2Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-26a,30 – 19:3++; Mark 5:21-43 <i>St. Blaise</i>
Wednesday	2Samuel 24:2,9-17; Mark 6:1-6
Thursday	1Kings 2:1-4,10-12; Mark 6:7-13 <i>St. Agatha</i>
Friday	Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29 <i>St. Paul Miki & Companions</i>
Saturday	1Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34
Sunday	Isaiah 58:6-10++ 1Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Matthew 5:2



The Beatitudes according to the Gospel of Matthew are proclaimed (cf. Mt 5:1-12).

“Who are the “poor in spirit”? They are the ones who know they cannot rely on themselves. They know that they are not self-sufficient, and they live as “beggars before God”. Those who are

poor in spirit treasure what they receive. Therefore, they desire that no gift should go to waste. Not wasting allows us to appreciate the value of ourselves, of people and of things.

The first challenge: not to waste the gift that we are. Jesus reminds us that we are blessed not for what we have, but for who we are. Let us struggle, with God’s help, against the temptations of believing ourselves inadequate, wrong, and to feel sorry for ourselves.

The second challenge: not to waste the gifts we have. Rather than waste what we have, let us disseminate an ecology of justice and charity, of sharing!

Finally, the third challenge: not to throw people away. It is especially the weakest who are treated this way – unborn children, the elderly, the needy and the disadvantaged. Every person is a sacred gift, each person is a unique gift, no matter what their age or condition.

Do I consider the weakest as precious gifts whom God asks me to care for? Do I remember the poor, those who are deprived of what is necessary?” Jan.29, 2023

“May Mary, the Woman of the Beatitudes, help us witness the joy that life is a gift and the beauty of making a gift of ourselves.”

Sunday January 25, 2026	\$2 257.00
Needy Collection Sunday Jan.25	\$771.05
Building Fund balance to date	\$39 905.35

Building Fund Goal: \$100 000

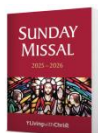


Thank you for your generous contributions!

2026 Envelopes are

ready to be picked up. Please call the Church office for more information: 705-472-1817

Sunday Missal 2025-2026 - Sunday Missals are for sale at the Church Office. They are \$5 each. ONLY A FEW LEFT!



Ashes for Ash Wednesday –February 18, 2026- If you have any old blessed Palm branches please bring them to the Church. They will be burned for our Ash Wednesday Celebration.



World Day for Consecrated Life



February 2, 2026

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted this global celebration for both women and men who have consecrated their lives to

Christ. Also celebrated on this day is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and Candlemas (the day on which candles are blessed). Therefore, this day helps to symbolize Christ who is the light of the world. **Today, let us appreciate the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church! Reach out to the sisters, brothers and priests that you know!** The World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes over the **weekend of January 31 - February 1, 2026. On February 2nd @ 5:00pm Pope Leo will celebrate Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.** The feast is also the occasion of the thirtieth World Day of Consecrated Life, an opportunity for gratitude and renewal for all consecrated men and women. (The celebration also aims to be an occasion to renew the missionary commitment of consecrated persons, together with the Holy Father.)

THIS WEEK

Wednesday Feb. 4 **9:30AM-5PM – Eucharistic Adoration**
9:30AM – Rosary Cenacle
5:30PM – K of C 1007 (Columbus Club)
6:30PM – K of C 1007 (General)

Thursday Feb. 5 **1:30PM – Choir Practice (11AM)**
6:30PM – Choir Practice (9AM)

Friday Feb. 6 **6:30PM – Youth Choir Practice**

St. Peter the Apostle Youth Choir

Calling all youth, ages 8+yrs!

Join us for singing, fun, and friendship!

February 6, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Meet new friends, and enjoy a fun evening together.
 We can't wait to see you there!



Eucharistic Adoration - Spend an hour with Jesus! Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration **9:30am - 5pm** **Wednesday, February 4th** beginning at

9:30am. Everyone is invited. Please sign the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Church and select your hour time slot as we do not want to leave Jesus alone. **The Church will remain open all day if all time slots are filled. Unscheduled drop-ins are welcome.**

Pope Leo – February Prayer Intention

For Children with Incurable Diseases
 Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network:

Join us monthly in praying with Pope Leo:

<https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

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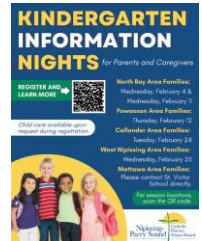
St. Valentine Breakfast – Sunday Feb. 15th!



Join us **Sunday February 15th**, in the St. Peter's Parish hall after the **9am & 11am Masses**. The breakfast is a **freewill offering**.

The menu includes delicious pancakes, sausages, eggs, potatoes & fruit salad. We look forward to seeing you!!

Is your child starting Kindergarten in September 2026? Join the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board for a series of Kindergarten Information Nights where you will have the opportunity to explore everything that we have to offer! Visit www.npsc.ca for more information, and to register for an info night!



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD / CANDLEMAS – February 2, 2026



When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Luke 2:22-24"

"Candlemass" is also a traditional name given to today's feast because as early as the fifth century, the custom of celebrating this feast with lighted candles had developed. The lit candles symbolized Simeon's prophecy that Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles."

THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS DEDICATED TO:

The Holy Family

"Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, ever to follow the example of Your holy Family, that in the hour of our death Your glorious Virgin Mother together with blessed Joseph may come to meet us and we may be worthily received by You into everlasting dwellings who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen"

