



## Judged or Invited?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**R**epent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus' words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on "repent," or is the emphasis on the announcement, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees" (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: "for the

kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17).

In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●

### Reflect

**What does "repent" mean to me?  
A threat or an invitation?**



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## Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – January 25, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Wednesday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Thursday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Friday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Saturday	12:00 noon	Mass for Life at the Cathedral	
Sunday	9:00 am	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Andrew Parishioners

**Confessions:** Sunday 8:00 – 8:45 am or by appointment any time

### Ministers for Next Sunday, February 1, 2026

**Greeters:** Kim & Kirsten Theis

**Collection:** Justin Weil & Steve Lutz

**Cantor:** Karen Herrington

**Servers:** Emma Peintner & Jonathan Lemus

**Lectors:** Marilyn Burke & Becca Durler

**E.M.C.'s:** Maurice Bleumer, Greg Lix, Mary Beth Helfrich

**Gifts:** Phil Knoeber

**Rosary:**

### Giving Report: 1-18-26

Envelopes: \$2,382.00

Loose: \$266.00

Electronic: \$376.64

Alms for Renovation Project: \$64,018.69



Parish School of Religion is this Wednesday. 6:30 pm meal, classes begin at 7:00 pm. The meal this week is provided by the Property Commission.

It's time for Breakfast Burritos for Life again. Priced the same as last year, \$36/dozen and \$20/half Dozen. Please order in advance by contacting Greg Lix @ 620-408-8221 or Delbert Downey @ 620-

682-5438. Burritos will be ready to pick up Saturday, Feb. 6 from 10 to 3 or Sunday, Feb. 7 from 10 to Noon.

Save the dates - March 26-28. Saint Andrew Parish will be having family photos taken for a new parish directory that is being planned. More details to follow.

#### St. Andrew Parish Calendar for FEBRUARY

1	1:00 – 3:00	Altar Society Card Party
2	7:00 pm	Altar Society
4	6:30 pm	PSR – Finance Council provides the meal
6	6:30 pm	Friday Holy Hour – (No confessions)
7-8		Breakfast Burritos
9	6:45 pm	Knights of Columbus
11	6:30 pm	PSR – Knights of Columbus provides the meal
15	10:00 am	Coffee and Rolls
15	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Maria Dinner
17	6:00 pm	Finance Council
17	7:00 pm	Pastoral Council
18	6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass – Altar Society meal after Mass @ 6:45 pm
20	5:30 pm	Stations of the Cross and Adoration
25	6:30 pm	PSR – Vocations Commission provides the meal
27	5:30 pm	Stations of the Cross and Adoration

#### **Pilgrimage for Life**

The annual Catholic Diocese of Dodge City Pilgrimage for Life will be held on January 31, 2026, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are invited to come and pray for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Pilgrimage for Life 2026

January 31, 2026

10:00 a.m. - Presentation by the Kansas Catholic Conference and Ministry Fair

10:45 a.m. - Pilgrimage

12:00 p.m. - Mass for Life

1:00 p.m. - Lunch and Ministry Fair

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# Dear Padre,

## Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

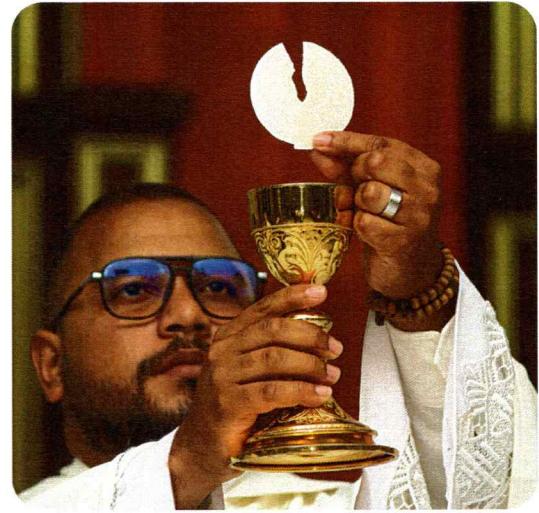
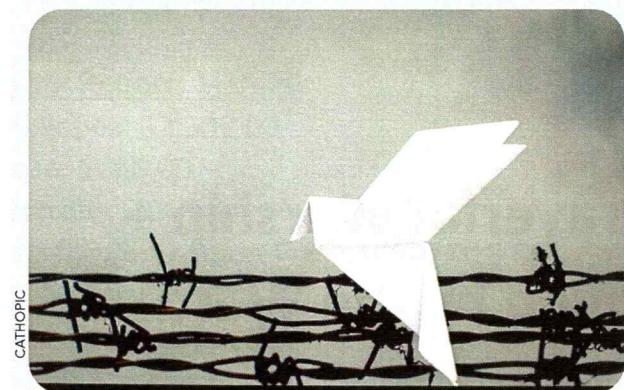
However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1
<i>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19	Mk 3:31-35	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
Mk 3:22-30		2 Sm 7:4-17	Mk 4:21-25	Mk 4:26-34	Mk 4:35-41	1 Cor 1:26-31
		Mk 4:1-20				Mt 5:1-12a

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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.*

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025