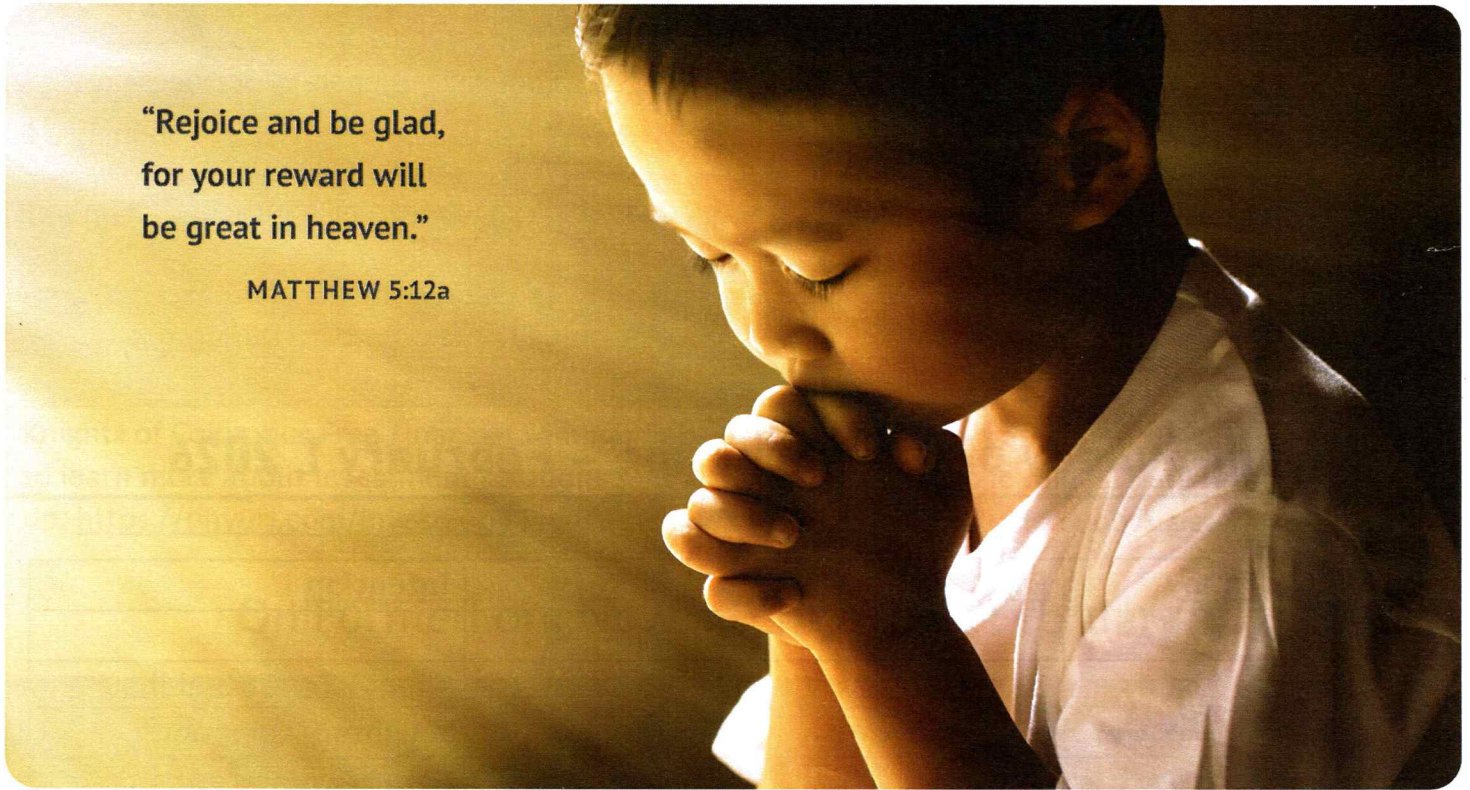




**"Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will
be great in heaven."**

MATTHEW 5:12a



The New Evangelization

MIGUEL DULICK

This season of the Church we call "Ordinary Time" is full of Jesus' teaching about how to live our Christian lives. Today's readings are especially rich. When Jesus takes his place as the New Moses to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, he begins, fittingly, with a new version of the commandments, but instead of "Thou shalt not," they are blessings! And they are paradoxical; always a sign of the divine touch. The "poor in spirit" get the kingdom of heaven; mourners are blessed, for they shall be comforted.

Now, who is supposed to do the comforting? *We* are. If the beatitudes are new commandments, we disciples are to obey them, even rejoicing in the blessing of persecution. What kind of people sign up for this? Saint Paul describes to the Christians in Corinth what kind of people God chooses: the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised, the nothings of this world, to shame and confuse those who seem to run things. The wisdom of God seems like nonsense in a world where power reigns supreme. That sweet soul Zephaniah, author of today's first reading, saw the shift coming, from "don'ts" to "dos," from bossy to beatitude: "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land" (Zephaniah 2:3). You will be "a people humble and lowly" who will pasture your flocks (and do the work God intends you to do) with "none to disturb" you (Zephaniah 3:12, 13). Sign me up for that! ●



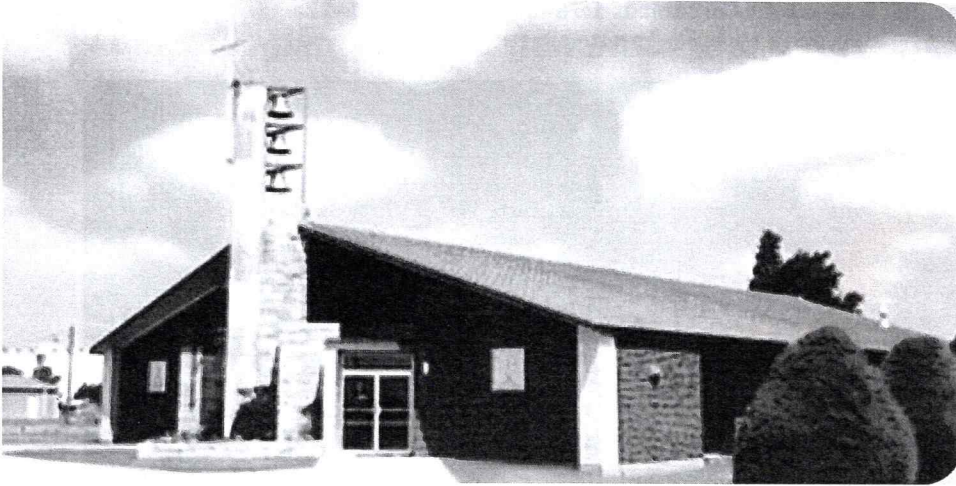
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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 1, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	Saint Blaise	Glen & Terri Muehlhausen
Wednesday	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Knights of Columbus
Thursday	8:00 am	St. Agatha	Sam Mages
Friday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Saturday	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Adalyn Mae Askew
Sunday	9:00 am	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Andrew Parishioners

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

Ministers for Next Sunday, February 8, 2026

Greeters: Karla Schubert & Shirley Slattery

Collection: Justin Weil & Steve Lutz

Cantor: Choir

Servers: Jaden Torrez & Quinlan Simon

Lectors: Jonathan Lemus & Matt Durler

E.M.C.'s: Lynn Buehne, Jim Burke, Regina Lix

Gifts: Lyle Kolbeck

Rosary: Kevin Hecht

Giving Report: 1-25-26

Envelopes: \$

Loose: \$

Electronic: \$670.71

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 Finance Council.

The Youth Social Committee will be sending Valentine's care packages to our parish college students in February! Please text Deena Hamilton (620-255-2551) their name and address by February 6th if you would like one sent to them.

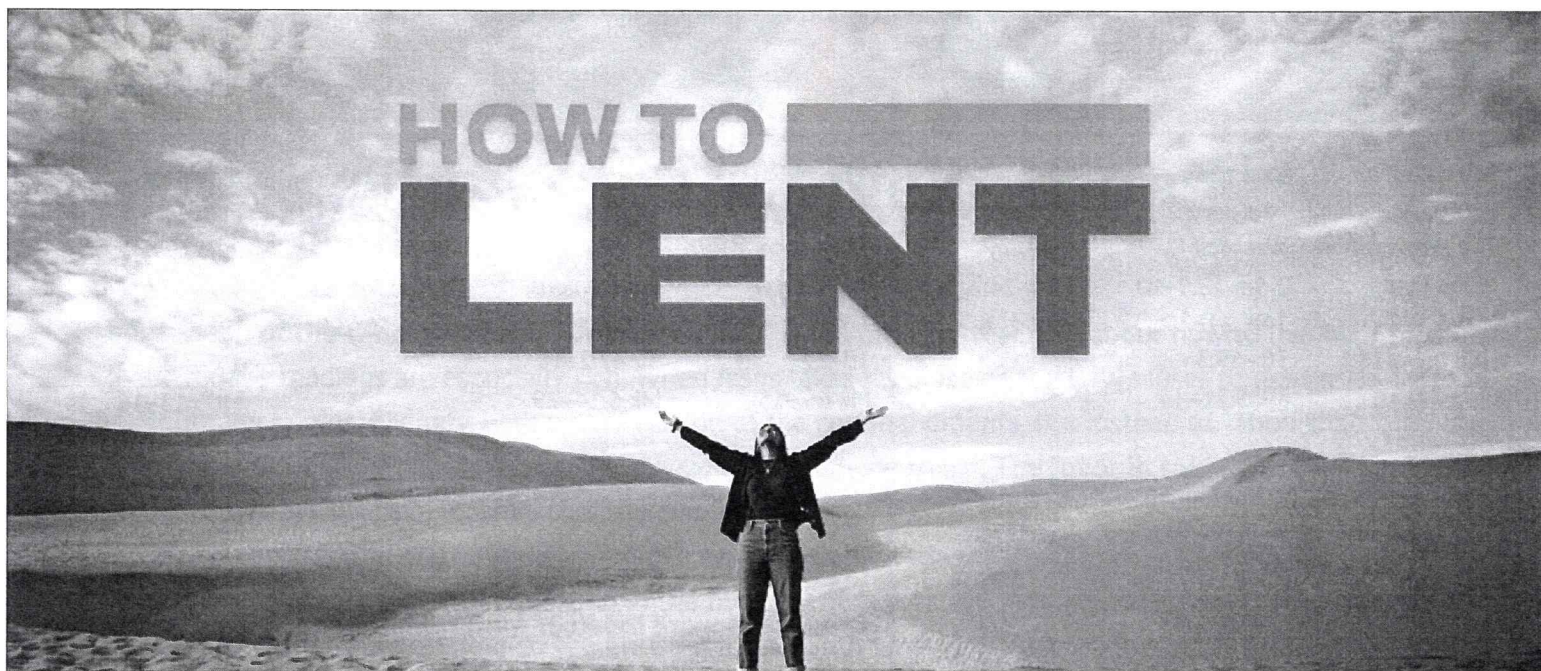
There is a ladies card party this Sunday at 1:00 pm. All ladies from the parish are invited to join us.

There is still time to order Breakfast Burritos for Life. The price is the same as last year \$36/dozen or \$20/half dozen. To order, please call Greg Lix @ 620-408-8221 or Delbert Downey @ 620-682-5438. Knights will also be available to take your order in the back of church following Mass this morning. The Burritos will be available to pick up from 10 to 3 next Saturday or 10 to Noon next Sunday.

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.

Knights of Columbus Free Financial Seminar Feb. 3 at 7:00 PM. This is an online virtual event. Join us to learn more about investment solutions that align with your Catholic values. Here is the link to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/InvestFeb3> Please include our council #1862 when you register.

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**Hospitable Community + Prayerful Worship +
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Dear Padre,

I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of “pray, pay, and obey” were over.

The *Code of Canon Law* identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care “with the assistance of lay members of Christ’s faithful” (CCL 519).

The intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the “knowledge, prudence, and integrity” of every member (CCL 228, §2). Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of goodwill. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone take a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, “Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?” If honest and prayerful reflection reveals less-than-good intentions, now is the time for an attitude change and to acknowledge that a new start is needed. ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 2	February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6	February 7	February 8
<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>	<i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Mal 3:1–4	2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30–19:3	2 Sm 24:2, 9–17	1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12	Sir 47:2–11	1 Kgs 3:4–13	Is 58:7–10
Heb 2:14–18	Mk 5:21–43	Mk 6:1–6	Mk 6:7–13	Mk 6:14–29	Mk 6:30–34	1 Cor 2:1–5
Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32						Mt 5:13–16



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The desire to work together for a common purpose reflects an essential reality: no one is Christian alone! We are part of a people, a body established by the Lord.... The Christian life is not lived in isolation.... It is lived with others, in a group and in community, because the risen Christ is present wherever disciples gather in his name.

ADDRESS, ROME, JUNE 6, 2025