# JANUARY 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. RITA CHURCH



Joyfully living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus, we welcome, worship, inspire, and serve with love.

From the Desk of Father Tim . . .



Two wonderful extra things will be happening at Mass next weekend, February 1st & 2nd!

It is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, celebrated every year on the 2nd of February, 40 days after Christmas. We will hear about Mary and Joseph taking the infant Jesus to the temple to be presented to the Lord. They will meet the prophets Simeon and Anna; both declare that this child is the Messiah, the light to the nations, and is destined for the redemption of Jerusalem. This feast was first celebrated in Jerusalem around 325 AD.



Picking up on the theme of light, we will be celebrating Candlemas, which is what it sounds like, a Candle Mass. During the Mass there will be a blessing of candles for use in the Church or home

# So, bring your candles to be blessed!

These are candles you will burn during prayer, candles for a holy nook in your home, or candles for special family celebrations. They can be dinner candles, candles in a jar, or any candle you would like blessed. We will also be blessing the candles that will be used for the Blessing of the Throats.

Which brings us to our second wonderful extra event. Since Monday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise, we will be celebrating with the traditional Blessing of the Throats. Legend has it that St. Blaise saved a child who was choking on a fish bone, and so he has become the patron saint of those with a disease of the throat



The Blessing of the Throats will take place at the end of each Mass <u>next weekend</u>, February 1st & 2nd.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Tim

Over the Jubilee Year, we will explore the themes of Hope, Pilgrimage, and Jubilee, always ending with a question for you to consider over the week.



The section of Isaiah read by Jesus in today's Gospel is also the basis of a Jubilee Year.

During a jubilee, we strive to right the relationships of our world – in short to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Those relationships are as varied as our population.

**Pondering** Point

What relationships do you have that need to be put on a better track? What groups are you a part of that can help?

## **January 24-26 - Blessing those in Communications**

A prayer for all those working in the world of communications including journalists, media professionals, managers and editors of newspapers, Boards of Directors, video makers, graphic designers, copywriters, PR staff, social media managers, audio and video technicians, typographers, IT experts, etc.

May God, who sent His angel to communicate to Mary, Joseph, and the Shepherds the Good news of Jesus' birth;
who speaks through His prophets; and who never tires of reaching out to the least among us, bless you with the right words and convictions in all you communicate, in His most Holy Name:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:00pm Sunday at 8:00am & 10:30am

Daily Mass Schedule: Mon., Tues., Fri. at 8:15am & Thurs. at 6:00pm Communion Service on Wednesdays at 8:15am Our 8:00am Sunday Mass is live-streamed on Facebook

## **MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR**

#### **INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JANUARY 25/26**

MAUREEN TEHAN - By The Tehan Family BETTY BACHNER - By Marlene Carpino DAVID KUEBEL - By Patricia Kuebel & Family DICK JESTER - By Trinity Council #4618

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM 5:00PM Confessions - Church

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#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

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8:00AM		Mass
10:30AM	CL	Mass
11:45AM	Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study	- Rm 1
11:45 AM	Confirmation S	ession
4:00PM	Youth Group	- Rm 1

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025**

8:15AM TRACY	MCHUGH - By To	m McHugh and Family	Mass
8:45AM - 9:15AM		Confessions -	Church
4:30PM		Faith Fo	ormation
6:00PM		Fiesta Meeting	g - Rm 1
7:15PM		Confirmation	Session

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**

8:15AM	Mass
9:00AM	Eucharistic Adoration - Church
9:00AM	WEROC - Rm 1
2:30PM	Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
6:00PM	First Reconciliation Rehearsal - Church
7:00PM	O.C.I.A Meeting - Parish Office

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025**

8:15AM	Communion Service
6:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3
7:00PM	Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025**

5:30PM		Eucharistic Adoration - Church
6:00PM	JOHN FOGARTY - By Family	Mass
9:00PM		Men's Basketball - Gym

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

8:15AM	JOHN NICOLETTI, SR By The Viola Family	Mass
9:30AM		School Liturgy

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church 5:00PM Mass

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

8:00AM	Mass
8:30AM - 10:30AM	Breakfast at St. Rita
10:30AM	<b>CL</b> Scout Sunday at Mass
11:45AM	Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1
11:45AM	Confirmation Session

#### **INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES FEBRUARY 1/2**

SCOUTS, LEADERS, & THEIR FAMILIES JOSEPHINE DELUCA - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi JACK PECORA - By Carl & Josephine Gangarossa ALLEN YARTON - By Wife Carol

If you would like to carry up the gifts at a weekend Liturgy, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass and let the Mass Coordinator know.





Children's Liturgy of the Word







**Family Mass** 

# Reflections on Readings for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# "Today This Scripture Passage Is Fulfilled In Your Hearing"

Today, we hear two readings from the Scroll of the Word of God. In our first reading, the Israelites recommit themselves to God's Word as they seek to rebuild Jerusalem after their return from exile in Babylon.



In our Gospel reading, Jesus proclaims Himself to be the long awaited fulfillment of Isaiah's prophesy of the Messiah.

In our first reading (Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10), the priest Ezra read and interpreted to the people the Law of God (the Torah that most had forgotten while in exile). Ezra and Nehemiah, the governor of Judea, proclaimed, "Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be saddened on this day."

In our Epistle reading (1 Corinthians 12:12-30), we hear a continuation of last Sunday's Epistle (we have many gifts but "the same Spirit produces all of these"). In today's passage, the theme continues – we are all one body though we are many parts. It speaks to the wide diversity of callings from our God, each to serve a different aspect of the Church and its people.

In our Gospel reading (Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21), we hear Jesus' first public speech / sermon in Luke's Gospel. In this time after Epiphany, we heard a number of manifestations of the glory and power of our God in Christ. The angels' proclamation to the shepherds, then the Baptism of the Lord and the Father's proclamation, then the Maji's visit, then the miracle at Cana, and in today's reading, Jesus manifested Himself as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophesy that the Messiah would "proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free ..." After reading this passage from the scroll in His hometown synagogue, Jesus said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

There are a number of themes in today's readings, but the foremost is Jesus' self-manifestation that He is indeed the Messiah, the Anointed One of God. May our heartfelt and passionate response to the word of God be, like those who heard Ezra proclaiming from the Book of the Law of God, to reestablish Jesus as the central focus of our lives and our world.

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012625.cfm



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from January 27 – February 2 for the intentions of Doreen Alvito by Tom and Terri.

# LINEN CLEANING: JANUARY 26 PATRICIA KUBY

# **JOIN US!**

Tuesdays at 9:00am in Room 1

Ladies, please join us! WEROC is an informal gathering of women of faith sharing coffee, friendship, and reflections on timely reading.

For more information or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Julie Cohn, our Pastoral Minister at: julie.cohn@dor.org or (585) 671-1100 Ext: 103.

All are welcome!

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Next Sunday: French Toast

Please come and join us for breakfast and

Sunday, February 2nd 8:30am - 10:30am St. Rita Parish Center

Monetary donations will be accepted, but not expected. Please join us and bring your family.

There will be themed activities for children of all ages.



# "Priest, Prophet, and King" By Bishop Robert Barron

Discover Jesus as the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Bishop Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament. This program will consist of video and discussion-based sessions.

Six weekly sessions starting
Sunday, January 19 and Wednesday, January 22 in Room 1

The registration fee (including a workbook) is \$15.

To register for this program, please e-mail or call the Parish Office at wstritap@dor.org or 671-1100.

If you have specific questions, please e-mail Jerry Lupien at galupien@gmail.com.



Sundays at 11:45AM January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, & 23

OR

Wednesdays at 7:00PM January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, & 26 Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal!

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> We are at 110% of our goal from 426 households.\*

> > \*UPDATED AS OF 1/20/24

From the desk of the St. Rita Racial Justice Ministry...

# **Upcoming Racial Justice Events**

The Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR) along with the Notre Dame Retreat House is sponsoring

"Stations of the Cross: An African American Saint Worthy Journey"

at the Notre Dame Retreat House 5151 Foster Rd. Canandaigua, NY 14424

> Tuesday, February 11th 9:00am - 2:30pm

The BCCR will be praying the Black Catholic Rosary after the 5pm Mass at St. Rita on Saturday, February 15th.

We hope you can join us!

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# Holy Beginnings Outreach

Cordially invites you to join us in prayer and conversation, for monthly gatherings of our LGBTO+ community (family, friends, and allies welcome as well).

First Thursdays Every Month

Thursday February 6th

Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm) Gathering 6:45-7:45 pm in Room 1

Potential Topics: What would you like the clergy and others to hear? Ideas for Lenten reflection?

Holy Beginnings is a collaboration of Catholic faith communities fostering inclusion and dialogue. to those on the margins of the church and society, allowing us, as children of God, to live our call authentically.

> Learn more: holubeainnings.org Contact us: holubeainningsrochester@amail.com



Sacrament B I N G O







Monday, February 3 4:30 PM OR 6:00 PM

Test your Sacrament knowledge – and your luck for prizes!

All families with kids in grades K-7 are welcome!

Questions? Contact anne.thomasedor.org









# St. Rita School

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We are so excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week all week long with treasured traditions and some new and fun activities, too.

Thank you to all who participated in our Kick Off Mass this weekend!

- This Monday, students can wear comfy clothes to school and will receive extra reading time complete with pillows, flashlights, and blankets so they can be extra cozy.
- "Tacky Tuesday" will feature wacky, tacky outfits and a Bingo Party for K-5 students
- Wednesday No School
- Thursday will be a "SOUP-er" Day! Students
  can wear clothes representing their favorite
  sports teams and they can bring in a can of
  soup to donate to a local food pantry.
  The 5th Graders will be leading a school
  carnival as their service project for the week.
- Friday staff and students will take part in the Catholic Schools Week Mass. We will be full of school spirit as students wear their blue or gold spirit wear. The 5th Annual "Minute To Win It" game will also take place and that will surely bring smiles and laughs.

The perfect ending to a fabulous week!





## **WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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**Jennifer LeFrois** - <u>Jennifer.LeFrois@dor.org</u> St. Rita School Principal St. Rita School Office 671-3132 THANK YOU to all the Saint Rita parishioners who provide items and support to the outreach ministries serving those most in need in the Webster area and near downtown Rochester. These ministries are most grateful for our continued help!

Please bring donations of non-perishable items to St. Rita and place them in or near the shopping cart in our church Greeting

Area whenever the church is open for Mass.

We continue to distribute items to the following:

**St. Peters Soup Kitchen**PO Box 11031, Rochester, NY 14611

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http://www.saintjoeshouse.org/blog/donate/

## **Webster HOPE**

1450 Ridge Rd., Webster, NY 14580 http://www.websternyhope.org

No opened or expired items please.

Webster HOPE January/February Wish List:

Ground Coffee
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Laundry Soap
Dish Soap

Boxed Pasta (Please no whole wheat.)

Jarred Pasta Sauce

Canned Chili, Beef Stew, Hearty Varieties of Soup Canned Peas, Pineapple, Beets



If Webster Central Schools are closed due to weather, then our daily Mass will also be cancelled. If Webster Central School PM activities are cancelled, our parish PM activities, including Faith Formation, will also be cancelled.

# Have You Moved or Changed Your Contact Information?

Please let us know through our Website Link "Join the Parish" if you have a change in name, address, or phone number so we can keep our records up to date and you up to date on all that is going on in our parish.



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