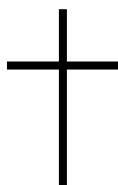


FEBRUARY 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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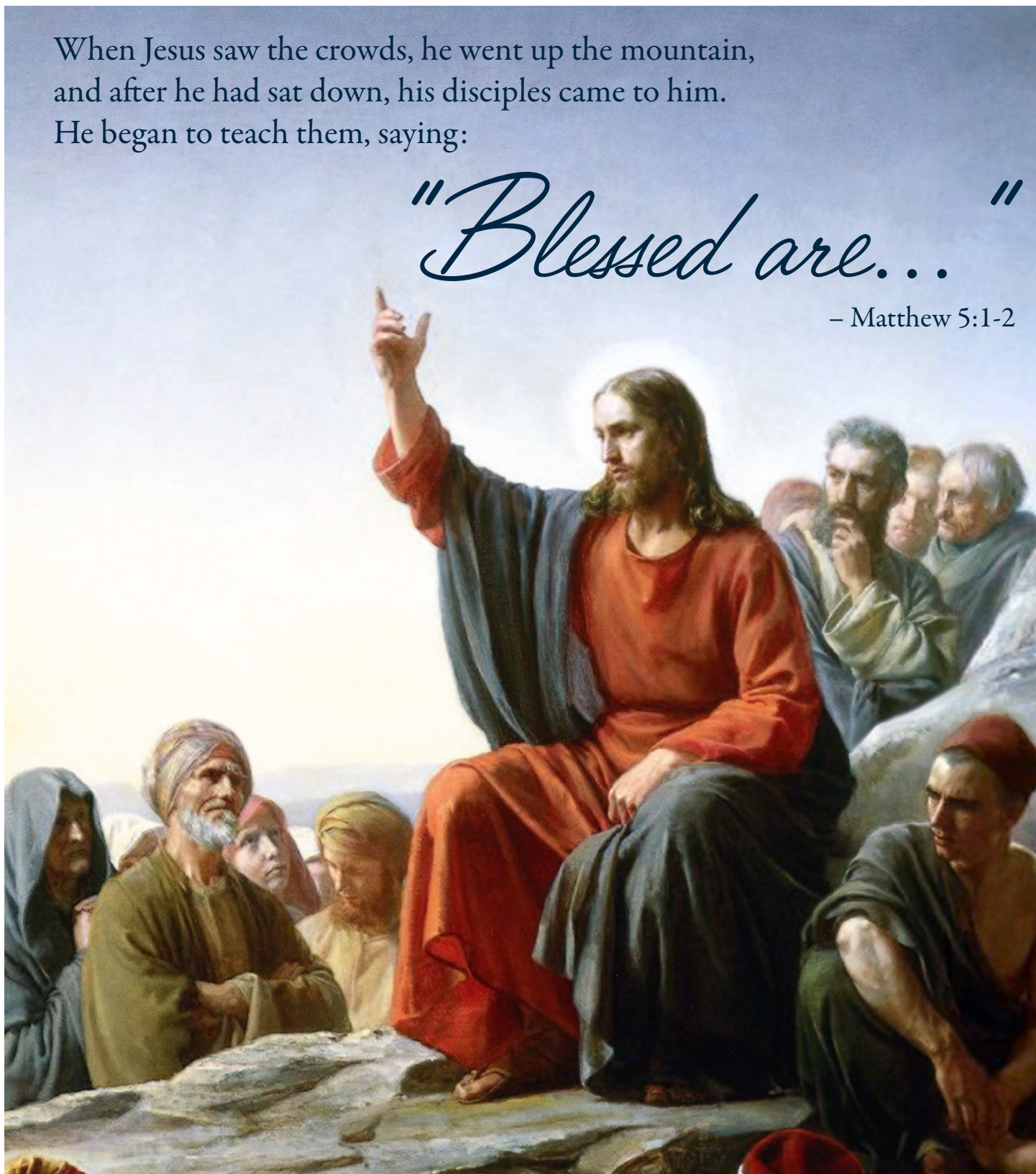
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When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,  
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.  
He began to teach them, saying:

*“Blessed are...”*

– Matthew 5:1-2



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## Mass Schedule & Intentions:

### 1 Sunday

**OLF Sat, 4:30** + Gina Fontana  
+ Julius Fontana  
+ Angeleen Fontana  
+ Sam Hightower  
Frances Sampognaro (SI)

**JGS Sat, 4:30** + Dr. Donna Tritscher  
+ Philip Pohlman  
+ Leo Nelson

**OLF 9:00a** For OLF Parishioners

**JGS 9:00a** + Mary Duhon

**SL 10:45a** + John Michael Correro  
+ Sam Correro

**JGS 11:00a** For JGS Parishioners

**JGS 5:00p** + Thurman Dickey

**CCM 7:30p** For ULM Students & Faculty

### 2 Monday

**JGS 5:30p** + Arthur Pineda

### 3 Tuesday

**OLF 9:00a** Frances Sampognaro (SI)

**JGS 5:30p** + Leonard Nahlen  
+ Verna L. Young

### 4 Wednesday

**CCM 5:30p** For ULM Students & Faculty

### 5 Thursday

**OLF 8:30a** For OLF Students & Faculty

**JGS 5:30p** + Johnny & Freddie Cascio

### 6 Friday

**JGS 8:15a** + Sean Thomas Landry

**OLF 6:00p** + Anna Arthur  
Frances Sampognaro (SI)

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## Sanctuary Candle:

February 1 - February 6

**JGS | OLF | SL | CCM**

If you would like to have the sanctuary candle burn in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the church office.

## We Welcome All Visitors!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you want to learn more about our parish or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please email [NELAcatholics@gmail.com](mailto:NELAcatholics@gmail.com).

We will be happy to answer your questions!

*Welcome*

## Beatitudes

### Promises of the Kingdom

Dear Friends:

Jesus is not nice. Jesus is not comfortable. Jesus is not safe. Jesus is not boring. And that truth matters just as much here in Monroe, Louisiana, as it did on a hillside two thousand years ago.

Jesus turns our world upside down. We see it most clearly in today's Gospel: the Beatitudes—eight blessings that do not sound like blessings at all. They challenge every assumption our culture makes about success, happiness, and what it means to be “blessed.”

If we asked people around Monroe what the good life looks like, many of the answers would be familiar: financial security, comfort, influence, being respected. We work hard, we provide for our families, and we hope things go smoothly. None of that is wrong—but Jesus goes deeper.

He begins by saying, “Blessed are the poor in spirit.” Not those with nothing, but those who are not owned by what they own. At Jesus the Good Shepherd, we are surrounded by generosity—people who give quietly, faithfully, and sacrificially. Jesus reminds us that real wealth is not measured by what we accumulate, but by what we entrust to God.

Then He says, “Blessed are those who mourn.” We know mourning here. We have buried loved ones, walked with families through illness, addiction, and loss. Jesus does not deny the pain—but He promises comfort. God is not finished with the story. Suffering is not the final word.

We want strength and control, but Jesus blesses the meek. In a world that rewards loud voices and hard elbows, meekness looks weak. Yet it takes far more courage to respond with patience, restraint, and trust in God. That kind of strength builds homes, parishes, and communities.

We want to be content, but Jesus blesses those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Holy dissatisfaction—refusing to settle for “good enough”—is how saints are made. At JGS, God is calling us not to coast, but to grow.

We demand justice, yet Jesus blesses the merciful. Anyone can keep score. Mercy breaks cycles of resentment and heals what justice alone cannot. If we want mercy from God, we must practice it with one another.

Our culture prizes pleasure and self-gratification. Jesus blesses the clean of heart—those who love without using, who give more than they take. Such hearts, He promises, will see God.

We want to win, but Jesus blesses peacemakers. Peace does not happen by accident. It begins when we choose Christ over pride, forgiveness over grudges, humility over ego.

Finally, we want approval. Jesus promises something harder: misunderstanding, even rejection. Faith lived seriously will always unsettle a comfortable world.

These are not my opinions. They are Christ's promises. Think about them. Pray about them.

Fr. Peter



# SAVE THE DATE

## Anointing of the Sick

FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>

In conjunction with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick, Fr. Peter and Fr. Vu will administer the Anointing of the Sick at all Masses on the weekend of the 14th–15th. All who are in need of healing—physical, emotional, or spiritual—are encouraged to come forward to receive this sacrament of comfort and grace.



## Blessing for Married Couples

FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>

In celebration of World Marriage Week, Fr. Peter and Fr. Vu will offer a special blessing for all married couples at all Masses on the weekend of the 14th–15th. Married Couples are invited to come forward together to receive this blessing of love, unity, and grace.



## World Marriage Day Dinner

FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>

Following the 4:30 PM Mass at JGS on Saturday, February 14, we will host our annual World Marriage Day Dinner in Moore Hall. JGS couples celebrating a milestone anniversary (5, 10, 15 years, etc., and all 50+ anniversaries) are invited to call the JGS church office to RSVP 318-325-7549.

## FROM THE CATECHISM

**CCCC 1724** — “The beatitude we are promised confronts us with decisive moral choices. It invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God above all else. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement... but in God alone.”

**CCC 1829** — “The fruits of charity are joy, peace, and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolence. Charity is friendship and communion.”

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



“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.”

**Matthew 5:3–7**

## DEVOTIONS & SCRIPTURE STUDY

### Mondays

HS Girls Bible Study  
JGS 6:00p Youth Room

### Tuesdays

Men’s Bible Study — Deacon Tom  
JGS 6:30a Moore Hall  
Bible Study & Dinner  
OLF 6:00p Parish Hall

### Wednesdays

Women’s Bible Study — Elaine Elias  
JGS 1:00p Moore Hall

### Thursdays

Divine Mercy Chaplet  
JGS 4:45p Church  
Rosary  
JGS 5:00p Church  
Bible Study — Deacon Chris  
JGS 7:00p Zoom

### Fridays

Divine Mercy Chaplet (followed by  
Seven Sorrows Rosary on 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays)  
JGS 3:30p Tabernacle Area

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



## ADORATION

### EXPOSITION

#### Tuesday

JGS 6am-9pm

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

SL 6-6:30pm

#### Thursday

OLF 9:45am-12pm

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

OLF 6:30-7pm



Church Open for personal prayer

#### Monday-Friday

JGS 8:30am-3:30pm

## LORD, WE PRAY FOR:

### JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Congratulations to our parents on the upcoming birth of your child. Call the Church Office at least three months before your baby's birth. We look forward to helping you and your godparents prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism seminar is required.

**First Sacraments & Confirmation:** We joyfully support families as children prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Preparation includes both catechesis and opportunities for spiritual growth, helping children encounter Christ more deeply through each sacrament.

**Matrimony:** We congratulate all of our newly engaged couples. Contact our office soon (at least six months prior to your desired wedding date). We look forward to helping you as you prepare to enter the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

**Vocations:** If you feel that you may be called to the priesthood or sisterhood, please call our office to schedule an appointment with Father Peter.

**Anointing of the Sick & Ministry to the Sick:** If you or your loved one is in a hospital, about to undergo surgery, or in a nursing home or homebound and would like to be visited or receive the sacraments, please call or email the church office to schedule.

**Funerals:** When death is imminent, or upon the death of a loved one, please make the church one of your first calls. We are here to support you.

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday</b>	
SL	11:45am
<b>Tuesday</b>	
JGS	4:00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	
CCM	5:00pm
<b>1st Fridays</b>	
OLF	5:30pm
<b>Saturday</b>	
JGS	3:00pm
OLF	3:30pm

Or by appointment. Call the church office to schedule.

### FOR ALL PARISHIONERS OF OLF, SL, CCM, & JGS

#### Baptism Seminar

JGS Moore Hall 6:30-8pm

- February 5

#### Engaged Couples Weekend

JGS Parish Hall

Fri 6-8:45pm, Sat 9am-4pm

- February 6 & 7

Email [pa@jgschurch.org](mailto:pa@jgschurch.org) to register.



# NEWS & EVENTS

## JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

### Baptism Prep Class

Thursday, February 5, 6:30pm

### Bingo Every Third Thursday

Thursday, February 19, 11:00am

### Deacon Tom's Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 6:30am, Parlor Room

### Elaine's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 1:00pm, Parish Hall

### JGS SVDP Meals on Wheels

Saturday, March 28

### OCIA

Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Moore Hall

### Seasons of Hope

Thursdays, 6:30pm, Parish Hall

February 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meetings

Monday, 12:00pm, February 9

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### Dollar Lunch

Thursdays – 11:00am-1:00pm

### Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays of Lent – 11:00am-1:00pm

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## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

### Altar Society

3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 5:30pm

### Bible Study & Dinner

Tuesdays – 6pm (Hall)

### Catholic Daughters of America

1<sup>st</sup> Mondays – 5:30pm (Hall)

FLOCKNOTE



## ST. LAWRENCE

### Adoration & Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays – 6pm & 6:30pm

### Knights of Columbus

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays – 6pm (Hall)

### Singles Group Lunch

Sundays, 12pm

MYPARISH APP



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION CORNER

GROW DEEPER IN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

**Tuesday, February 3** ————— 6:30pm at JGS

Christian Moral Living & Social Justice | OCIA

*Deacon Chris Domingue & Kayla Hebert*

**Tuesday, February 10** ————— 6:30pm at JGS

The Early Church & Church History | OCIA

*Dr. Cheryl White*

**Thursday, February 12** ————— 6:30pm at JGS

True Influencers: Going Viral for the Gospel

*Dr. Cheryl White*

**Tuesday, February 17** ————— 6:30pm at JGS

Saying Yes to Jesus and Living Lent | OCIA

*Delle Tyler*

**Thursday, March 12** ————— 6:30pm at JGS

True Influencers: Going Viral for the Gospel

*Dr. Cheryl White*

**Tuesday, March 24th** ————— 6:30pm at JGS

The Meaning of Holy Week

*Dr. Jose Cordova & Fernando Cordova*

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## NEWS &amp; EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE  
**LENTEN MISSION**  
**FEBRUARY 21 - 26**



**Topic: The Eucharist  
 in the Bible Belt**

*"Unless you eat My Flesh and drink  
 My Blood..." — John 6*

**Guest Retreat Master  
 Rev. Kevin MacDonald**

**WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE  
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 Opens February 3, 2026**

Registration for the 2026-27 school year begins  
 February 3, 2026.

- Current students will have priority enrollment through March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- New applications will be accepted in the order they are received starting March 5<sup>th</sup>.

*For more information regarding registration or to  
 schedule a school tour, visit our website at  
[www.jesusgoodshepherd.org](http://www.jesusgoodshepherd.org) or call the school  
 office at 318-325-8569.*



**THE TRUE INFLUENCERS:  
 Going Viral for the Gospel**  
 Adult Faith Formation Series  
 Thursdays: Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 16  
 Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and presentation

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**SEASONS OF HOPE** is available to all Parishioners in the Family of Collaborating Parishes and Missions in Ouachita Parish.

We will meet every Thursday **beginning February 19 for six weeks** from 6:30pm to 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall at Jesus the Good Shepherd Church. Call the JGS Church Office (318-325-7549) for further information or to sign up.

**Catholic Schools  
 Tuition Assistance Fund**



**Financial Assistance for Catholic Students**

Application packets for tuition assistance from the Diocese of Shreveport Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund are now available for the 2026-2027 school year. Partial tuition assistance is available on an as needs-basis for Catholic students registered in a Diocese of Shreveport Catholic School. Parents may contact any Catholic school for information. Deadline for application is April 15, 2026.

For more information, contact the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office at (318) 219-7253.

Sr. Carol Shively, OSU  
 Superintendent of Catholic Schools



## REGULAR COLLECTIONS

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA

	Actual	Budget	Overage (Shortage)
Jan 17 & 18	\$3,127	\$3,846	(\$719)
YTD	\$104,156	\$111,538	(\$7,382)

### ST. LAWRENCE

	Actual	Budget	Overage (Shortage)
Jan 18	\$1,380	\$1,567	(\$187)
YTD	\$53,799	\$43,876	\$9,923

### JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

	Actual	Budget	Overage (Shortage)
Jan 17 & 18	\$17,179	\$22,115	(\$4,936)
YTD	\$620,175	\$619,220	\$955

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**February 18**  
**Diocesan Retired Priests'**  
**Benefits Fund**

**February 21/22**  
**Black and Indian**  
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