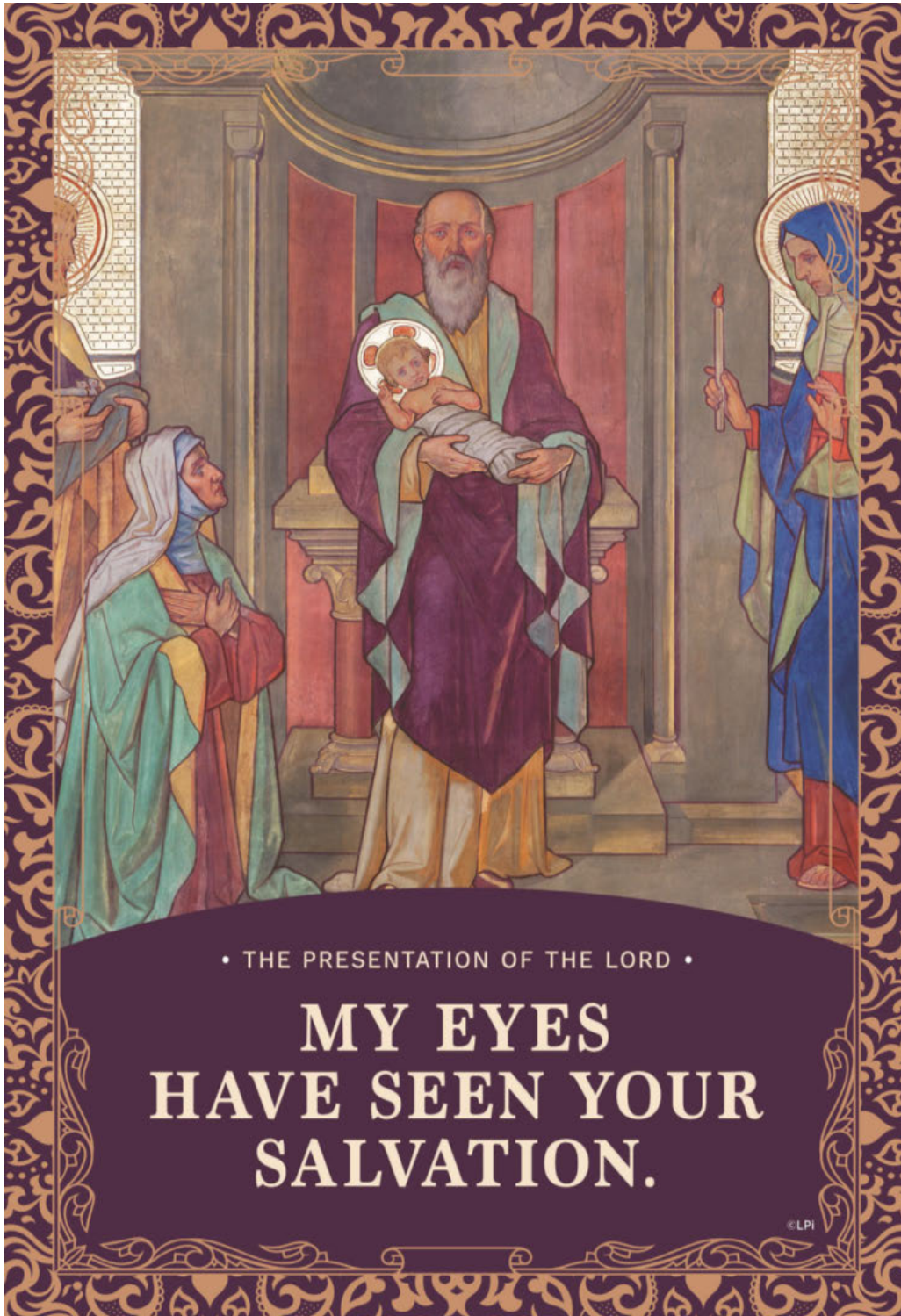


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• THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD •

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

## WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:  
8:30 am

## HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Years ago, this Feast was celebrated every year on January 1st (*the octave of the Nativity*) in keeping with Jewish Law & tradition. (See *Leviticus 12:2-8*). In more recent years it has been transferred to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, but we only celebrate it with a special liturgy when February 2nd falls on a Sunday. The theme of this liturgy is "*Dedication*" & throughout all of the readings we will see some aspect of dedication to the service and/or the will of God. Now, dedication in this context means more than just words or a pious expression. It means giving oneself to a special cause, family, spouse or to God in a special way that fits into His Plan of Salvation. Let us see how this definition is illustrated in the following readings.

**The First Reading is from the Prophet Malachi (3:1-4).** Malachi is the last book placed in the Old Testament & probably the shortest. Nevertheless, he has an important message for the people of Israel & indeed for people of all times & cultures. That message is a warning against the unacceptable forms of worship & dedication that the people are offering to God or the way they are living their daily lives. It is true that times were very difficult in the middle of the 5th Century BC; but rather than turning to God for help, the people are falling back into the ways that caused them to be exiled to Babylon. In this passage we hear a warning that a special messenger will come from God with great power & He will "*purify the sons of Levi*" with His message & His dedication & "*then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the Lord.*" This was confirmed in the Baptism of the Lord Jesus when the Father says, "*This is my Son in whom I am well pleased.*"

**The Responsorial Psalm is (24:7-10).** This short Psalm (*10 verses*) lays down the moral conditions for sincere (dedicated) worship of Christ the Lord when we are attending the Eucharist & also reflects the coming of the Lord of Glory to mankind for our salvation.

**The Second Reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews (2:14-18).** Within the Presentation ceremony in the temple, as described in the Gospel reading, was the circumcision of the male child. Circumcision was an act of dedication to God & involved the shedding of blood to remind mankind of its mortality. In Jesus' case, this minor shedding of blood was an indication of His dedication to the life & death that He was to live & give to God for our Salvation.

**The Gospel Reading is from Luke (2:22-40).** There are three stories entwined & all of them reflect a form of dedication to laws, to causes & hopes & finally to a Plan. Here, Mary & Joseph are fulfilling the Jewish Law which involves the purification of the new mother & the dedication of (or the Presentation of) the newborn child to God. This passage also talks about two elderly people who have spent most of their years in the temple waiting & praying for some sign of "*the redemption of Israel.*" In this scene their eyes have been opened & their prayers have been answered; their dedication has been fulfilled.

When we come to church to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, do we do so with a mind & heart dedicated to God, or do we come to fulfill an obligation? Remember, mere presence within the church does not constitute Worship. Worship is the highest form of dedication; but it takes mind & heart, body & soul all working together with sincerity & humility.

Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

*Rev. Edward J. Smith*

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## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

### BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling the Office.

*Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.*

### MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling

*Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance*

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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Holy Communion - Marybeth Brailer

Lectors - Nadya Cole

Sacristans - Mike Darby

Ushers - Fran Stack

## SUNDAY READINGS

**FIRST READING:** Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek. (*Mal 3:1*)

**PSALM:** Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (*Ps 24*)

**SECOND READING:** Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God. (*Heb 2:17*)

**GOSPEL:** "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation." (*Lk 2:29-30*)

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### Sunday - Feb 2nd - The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

10:00 am - †Joshua White  
*Requested by: Terry & Wendy Kushinski*

### Monday - Feb 3rd - St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased of the Parish

### Tuesday - Feb 4th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - Linda Mears (Special Intention)

### Saturday - Feb 8th - St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

4:00 pm - †Robert C. Salkowitz & Robert Salkowitz II  
*Requested by: Jeannette Salkowitz*

### Sunday - Feb 9th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

10:00 am - †Charlie Bourque (30th Anniversary of Death)  
*Requested by: Janine O'Doherty*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 2, 2025

**Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

**Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." — Lk 2:34-35

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## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, February 8th at 4:00 pm

*Lectors:* Laura V.

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Patty R., Jerry D., Pam W.

*Server:* Lucy K.

### Sunday, February 9th at 10:00 am

*Lectors:* Steve B., Karen B.

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Lisa S., David L.

*Server:* Ellie O., Helen T.

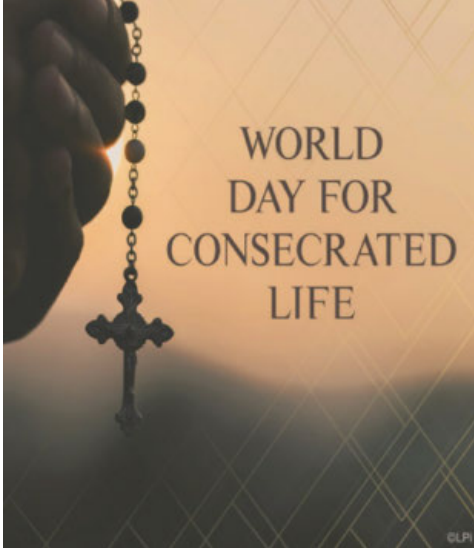
# OFFERTORY REPORT

## FISCIAL YEAR (7/1/24-6/30/25)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00  
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (1/12/2024) ..... \$4,408.00  
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - \$(2,636.00)

### MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

*If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.*



## WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

*This Sunday we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life.*

We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The consecrated life is one way that women and men live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.

*Let us pray . . .*

*Loving God, we have heard your word and believe in the message. Because of baptism, we are called to ministry as Paul and Jesus were. Today let us especially call to mind the ordained and consecrated, and pray for those who may be considering a vocation to complete service of sharing with Gospel with others. Amen.*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco
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Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Joe Rizzo
Emily Stefan	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies
Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka	

*Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.*

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

**Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm**

# ADORATION CHAPEL

## The Presentation of the Lord

*“The Presentation of Our Lord is the feast of Christ ‘light of the people’ and of the encounter (‘Ypapanti’) of the Messiah with His people in the Temple at Jerusalem . . . The Eucharistic liturgy will seal this encounter with Christ and this offering with Him of the consecrated life until He is ‘the light to illumine the people.’ ” ~[Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va)*

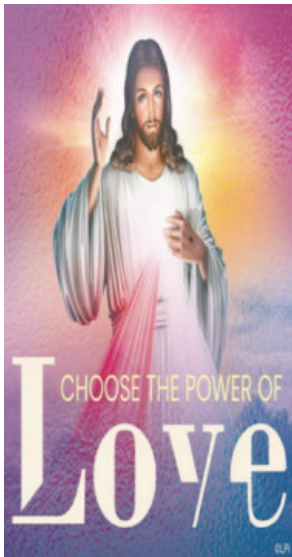
## St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, Armenia (d. 316) - Feast Day: February 3rd

St. Blaise was devoted to the Holy Eucharist. While imprisoned for his faith, he ministered to others and saved a child who was choking to death on a fish bone. News of the miracle spread and this led to the custom of the blessing of throats with two candles in church on his feast. St. Blaise was beheaded for his witness to Jesus.

## St. Agatha, Consecrated Virgin, Martyr, Patroness of Nurses, Breast Cancer, Italy (251) - Feast Day: February 5th

*“For in ancient Christian piety, the Eucharist was the sacrifice banquet nourishing the life of grace. This theology underlies the words by which St. Agatha describes her cure . . .*

*The Eucharist has power to heal; the healing of Agatha’s wounds is repeated spiritually in our regard through the medicine of the Eucharist . . . usually the texts tells of the saint’s transfiguration or glorification; a privilege we come to share through the Eucharist.” ~Dr. Pius Parsch*



## **DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - ASK FOR MUCH**

**I rejoice that [souls] ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much. On the other hand, I am sad when souls ask for little, when they narrow their hearts (Diary, 1578).**

*\*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

### My Prayer Response:

*Lord Jesus, I want to please You and have You rejoice as I ask, seek, and knock for more and more of Your mercy not only for myself but for those who “narrow their hearts” and ask for so little. Expand all of our hearts, so we can trust more and receive more. Amen.*

Get daily mediations emailed to you at [forms.thedivinemercy.org/dmdsignup/](http://forms.thedivinemercy.org/dmdsignup/).

## **JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!**

## **PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM [PROLIFECORNER.COM](http://PROLIFECORNER.COM)**

Even though Roe v Wade is no longer a federal law, we still face abortions every day.

However, due to the individual states deciding their own abortion regulations, abortions have thankfully decreased somewhat. We must continue to work and pray diligently to end abortion in our nation and save God’s beautiful unborn babies.

It is our hope that these quotes will inspire you to share them and to join pro-life.

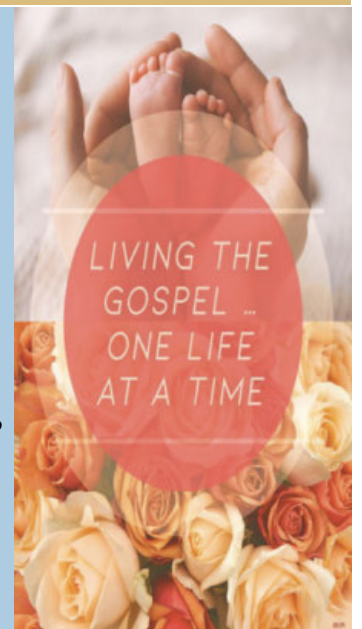
**Continue to pray to end abortion.**

### Think about this:

**Day after day, we each have to resolve to pray more, fast more, say more, do more, boycott more & witness more in our fight to save the unborn from abortion, & the sick & the elderly from euthanasia. God will win this battle.**

**Rejoice, we’re on His side.**

*Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!*





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## PIEROGI ARE BACK!

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL & ST. FRANCES CABRINI ADULT FAITH STUDY - 2/12 & 2/13

St. Vincent & St. Frances Cabrini are presenting a wonderful Adult Faith Study on the Gospel of Luke! Two sessions are available: **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm** or **Thursday mornings at 9:30 am** at SVDP, Elyria. The 1st Wednesday session is February 12th and the 1st Thursday session is February 13th. Cost is \$15 per person. Registration ends on February 9th. Contact Jackie, 440-324-4212 or 440-277-7266 or register on line at [www.svdpeyria.com](http://www.svdpeyria.com).

## SAVE THE DATE

### THE 2025 LENTEN COMBINED PARISH MISSION

This Lent, The Reverend Father Jared Orndorff, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Cuyahoga Falls will lead us in a reflection on Sacrifice: the key to reaping the wealth of God's Love!

There will be 3 talks:

**Sunday, March 9th from 7-8 pm** (*Sacrifice: in Scripture*) at St. Anthony Church

**Monday, March 10th from 7-8 pm** (*Sacrifice: Why Jesus Came*) at St. Teresa Church

**Tuesday, March 11th from 7-8 pm** (*Sacrifice: in my life, as an encounter with God*) at St. Anthony Church

#### About Our Speaker:



Akron native, Fr. Jared P. Orndorff became Pastor at St. Joseph Parish in 2013. Before being assigned to St. Joseph's, he served as parochial vicar at St. Mary's Parish in Chardon & St. John Vianney in Mentor.

Fr. Jared grew up in the Kenmore area of Akron as a member of Immaculate Conception Parish.

After graduating from Archbishop Hoban High School, he received an Associate degree from the Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts. He worked as a chef prior to pursuing his vocation as a priest.

Fr. Jared earned an undergraduate degree in philosophy & history with a minor in Catholic studies from John Carroll University. He then attended St. Mary's Seminary & Graduate School of Theology in Wickliffe where he earned a Master of Arts degree in Church History & a Master of Divinity.

He was ordained a Priest in 2008 in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

He is also currently the Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union in the Diocese of Cleveland.

*(Fr. Jared is pictured to the left with his black Labrador retriever, Monsignor)*

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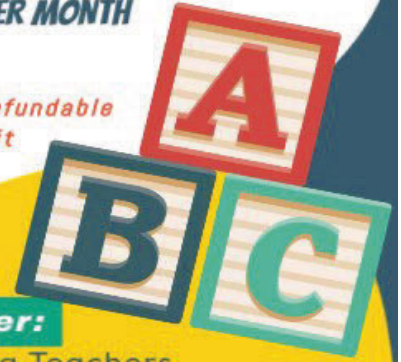
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