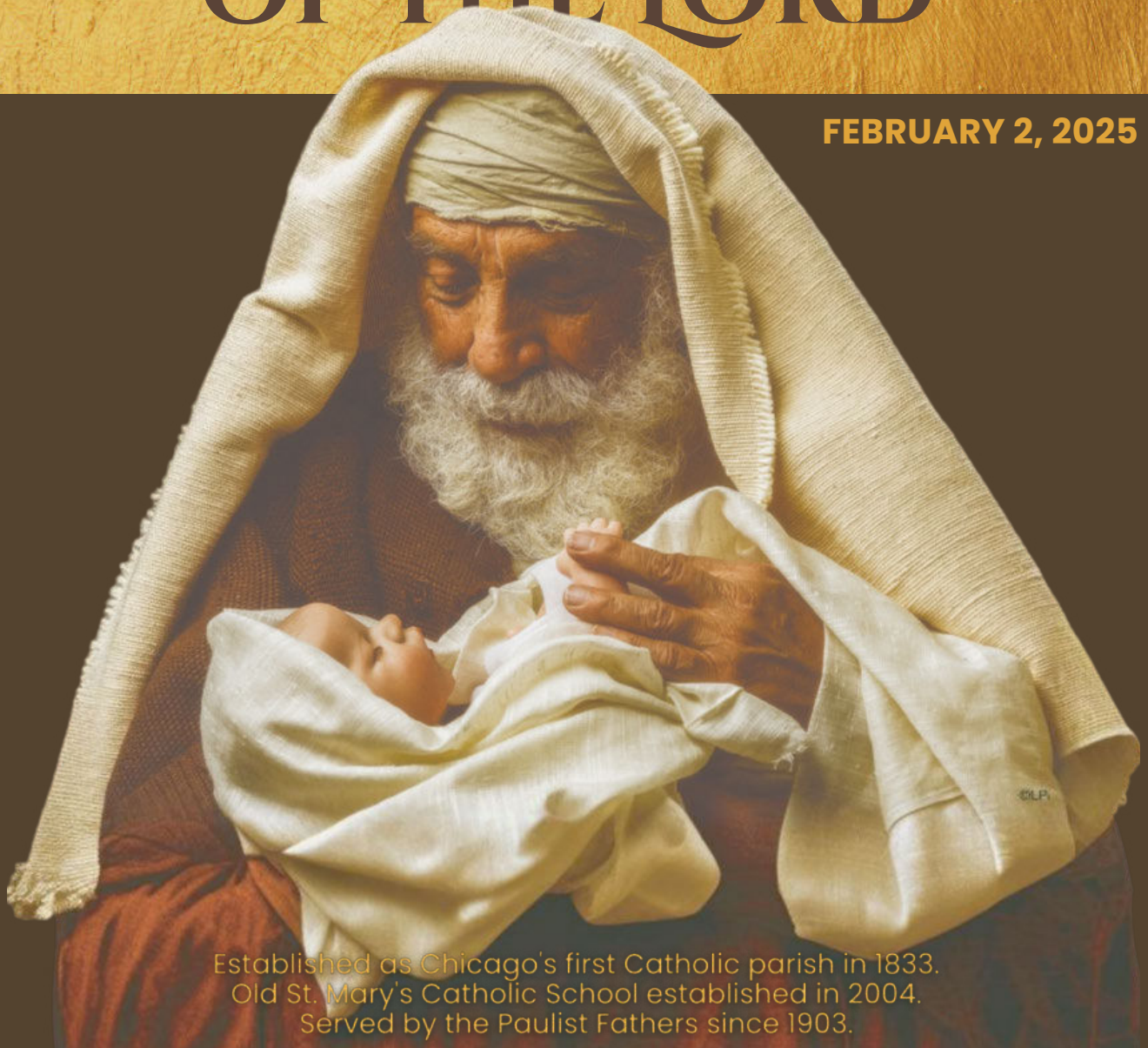


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FEBRUARY 2, 2025



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PASTORAL MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord—a moment when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple to present Him to God. It's a feast of dedication, trust, and expectation, a reminder that even in the most ordinary of rituals, extraordinary moments of grace unfold. As we gather to reflect on this feast, it's also a natural time to check in: *How is the year unfolding for you? What joys, struggles, or surprises have marked these first weeks of 2025?*

The Presentation invites us to pause and ask, *"What am I bringing to God in this moment? What hopes, challenges, or burdens am I carrying?"* It's an act of faith to entrust our lives to God, just as Mary and Joseph did with their child.

This year, the Church invites us to journey through the **Jubilee Year of Hope**, a time to rediscover and celebrate the profound hope that Christ brings to our lives and our world. Hope isn't simply wishful thinking; it's a trust in God's promise, even when the path ahead seems uncertain. Just as Simeon and Anna encountered the fulfillment of their hope in the Christ child, we are reminded that hope sustains us as we wait for God's promises to unfold in our lives.

Take a moment this week to reflect on where hope is present in your life and consider what God may be inviting you to trust in, even if it feels unexpected or unclear. May this week be one of renewal, reflection, and hope as we dedicate ourselves anew to the One who is always faithful.

In Christ's peace,
Fr. Dan



February is Black History Month—a time to honor the rich contributions of Black Catholics to our Church and society. Throughout the month, we will feature stories of saints whose lives have reflected the Gospel's call to justice, unity, and the dignity of every person. May we celebrate and learn from these stories, recognizing the beauty of diversity within the Body of Christ.



St. Josephine Bakhita

Josephine Bakhita was born in 1869 in Sudan. As a child, she was kidnapped, enslaved, sold, and tortured. Eventually, in Italy, Josephine met the Canossian Sisters. After a legal battle for her freedom, Josephine joined the sisters in 1893. She once said, "If I were to meet the slave-traders, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and religious today!" Her Feast Day is February 8.

She is the patroness of Sudan.



Join us for a Come & See Discernment Retreat at Hecker House, the Paulist Fathers' Seminary in Washington, D.C.



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, CONTACT:

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The 6th Annual
 Old St. Mary's
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SATURDAY MARCH 01
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QUESTIONS? chili@oldstmarys.com FIND FULL EVENT DETAILS AT: www.oldstmarys.com/chilicookoff

Sign up to be a
Lenten Small Group Facilitator

We are looking to offer a number of small group opportunities this Lent and need a number of parishioners to help facilitate some of these discussions.

If you feel called to lead/co-lead a Lenten Small Group this year, sign up at:

<https://bit.ly/osm-lent-smallgroup-facilitator-2025>



or scan the QR code.

Signup by **Monday, February 10.**

The Old St. Mary's Choir

We are excited to announce the return of the Old St. Mary's Choir! The choir has always been an integral part of our worship, and we're eager to bring our music ministry back to life.

If you've been part of the OSM Choir in the past or are interested in joining, we'd love to have you with us! Whether you've sung for years or are looking to try something new, all are welcome. The OSM Choir typically sings at our Sunday 11:00 AM Mass. **Our first gathering will be on Sunday, February 2. Please plan to arrive at 9:20 AM for rehearsal, with Mass beginning at 11:00 AM.** There will be a break before Mass begins.

Come share your voice, your gifts, and your spirit! We can't wait to see you there. For more information, please contact our Ace Gangoso, our Director of Liturgy and Music, at ace@oldstmarys.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 2

8 AM Frank Elia (+)
11 AM Ricky Poitier
4 PM *For the People of the Parish*

Monday, February 3

8:30 AM Billy Lawless (+)

Tuesday, February 4

8:30 AM For All Souls in Need

Wednesday, February 5

8:30 AM Elder Mott (+)

Thursday, February 6

8:30 AM Fr. Rattery (+)

Friday, February 7

8:30 AM Thomas J. Higgins, Jr. (+)

Saturday, February 8

5:00 PM Dr. Naomi Nickerson

Interested in Being Catholic?

The Order of Christian Initiation (OCI) is a process for those discerning becoming Catholic outside the typical timeline of initiation. At Old St. Mary's, we offer three tracks: one for children, one for teens, and one for adults.

We invite you to join us in praying for the 17 people currently in the Order of Christian Initiation (OCI) process at Old St. Mary's. These individuals—children, teens, and adults—are discerning their call to become Catholic or receive their sacraments, and will be welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil this April.

For more information, contact:
Oblate James Holzhauer-Chuckas, ObSB
obl.james@oldstmarys.com.

Bulletin Submissions

Looking to put something in the bulletin?
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

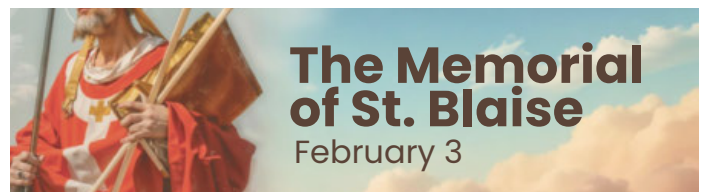
The readings for the week can be found on the US Catholic Bishops Conference website at: <https://bible.usccb.org/>

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE

St. Austin Catholic Church, with Fr. Rich, has created an online guide to explore Bible readings from Mass.

Visit staustin.org/lectionary-guide.

For weeks 5 and 6 in Ordinary Time, we hear the “prehistory” of the Book of Genesis: the stories about the origins of the world and humanity. If you’ve ever wanted to read the Bible cover to cover, this is the best time to start! And don’t worry if you get behind: we’ll pick up with chapter 12 on June 23, so you have plenty of time to catch up! Learn more about Genesis 1-11 at staustin.org/week-5-6.



Perhaps it’s an example of divine providence that the feast of St. Blaise falls on Feb. 3 – right in the middle of cold and flu season! This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat.

On his feast day, Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat. This blessing is administered by a priest, deacon or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a layperson.

During the blessing, the minister takes two candles that were blessed on the feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying “*Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness.*” A priest or deacon will then make the sign of the cross.

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SACRAMENTS

MASS TIMES

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM
Wednesday School Mass during School Year

Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM
4:00 PM

Holy Days *contact parish office*

BAPTISM

Register at <http://oldstmarys.com/baptism/>

- To request a copy of your baptismal certificate, email fr.dan@oldstmarys.com

MATRIMONY

<https://oldstmarys.com/weddings/>
Please contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 PM,
or contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every First Friday during the 8:30 AM Mass,
or contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

CONFIRMATION

Inquire at
<https://oldstmarys.com/confirmation/>

FUNERAL

Please contact Fr. Rich or Fr. Dan

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday after the 8:30 AM Mass
(9:00 AM – 11:30 AM)

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SATURDAY, MARCH 8**



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Young Adults at OSM

For those in their 20s and 30s

**Winter Kickoff Social
Sunday, February 9
after the 4:00 PM Mass**

Come learn about our events this season!



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for our mailing list!

COMING SOON

The 2025 Annual Paulist Appeal

In most years near the end of January, Old St. Mary's hosts a speaker for the Annual Paulist Appeal (APA). The APA directly supports the Paulist Fathers' mission to share the Gospel in ways that are welcoming, inclusive, and innovative. This includes forming new Paulists, caring for senior Paulists, and advancing initiatives focused on outreach, reconciliation, and dialogue. Your contributions to the APA enable ministries that foster engagement with young adults, embrace diversity by supporting people of color and the LGBTQ+ community, empower women in leadership, and build bridges of understanding in a divided world.

This year the 2025 APA will be preached in late April. If you'd like to pledge early, visit paulist.org/apa. Thank you for your generosity!



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