

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS  
1:15 PM ENG  
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child

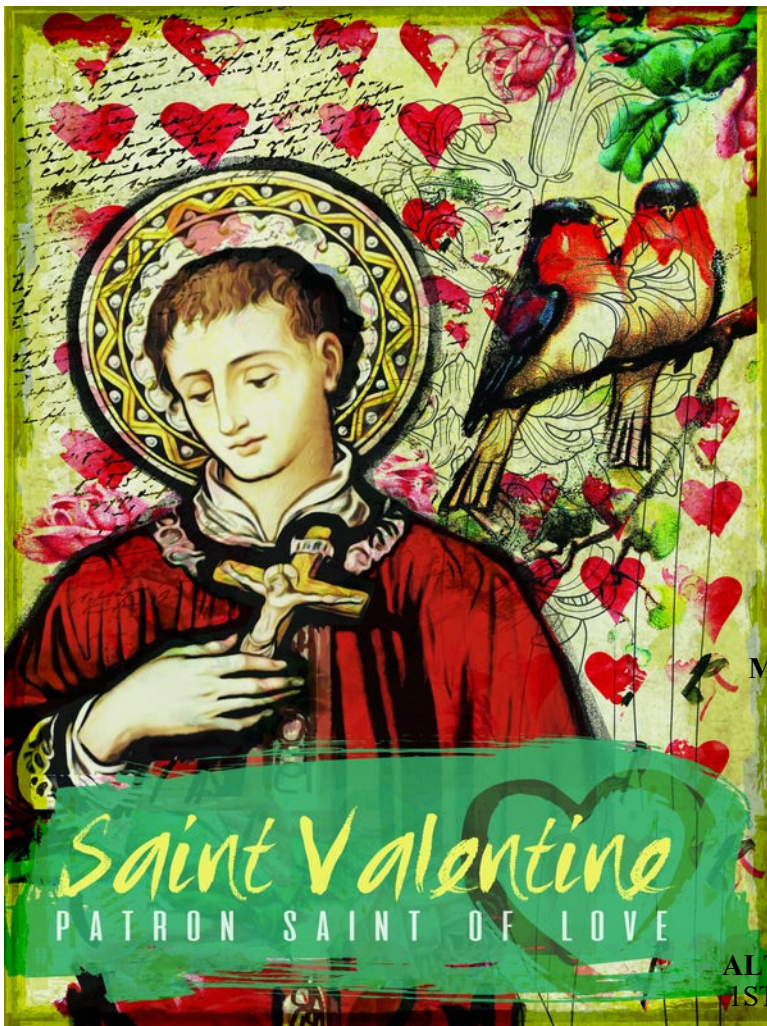
## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least **six months** prior to the desired date.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS  
4:00 to 4:45 PM  
and  
THURSDAYS BEFORE FIRST FRIDAYS  
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM  
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM  
SATURDAY EVENINGS  
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM  
SUNDAYS  
8:00 & 9:15 AM  
10:30 AM (Polish)  
12:00 Noon

## RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon  
& 1 PM to 4 PM

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS  
TUES. 1 to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP  
W/ ADORATION  
2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITE  
CHAPTER -1ST SAT.  
AFTER 8 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY  
1ST WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM  
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,  
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

### Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.  
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

## IN HONOR OF

Missalettes

+ Patricia Repetti

Sanctuary Lamp

W. G. Schneider and Family

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

5:00 pm + Richard Stueber / + Dennis Jason Bates  
+ Caroline Stepnoski / + John Donohue  
+ Susan Vorndran / + Eva and Edward Piekarski

### 5TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

8:00 am + Arthur, Lottie and Stanley Bullock

9:15 am Birthday Blessings for Dan Massiello

10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
(PL) Birthday Blessings for Jakub Wasilewski  
+ Aurelia, Stanley, Ziggy & Roman Wilinski  
+ Marianna & Antoni Kurzyna and Family  
+ Cathleen Mickaliger

12 Noon + Patricia Repetti

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

7:00 am + Dmitrij Starostin / + Eugene Lalanne, Jr.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

7:00 am + Tamara Kalvaitienie / + Helen Zilnicki

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

7:00 am + John Donohue

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

7:00 am + Stanley and Stella (A) Starsiak

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

7:00 am + Angelo Annas

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

8:00 am + Jim Massiello (26th A)  
+ Anthony Bonocore (A) and Family  
Intentions of the DeMarco & Goodale Families

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
+ Stanley and Stella Starsiak  
+ John Donohue / + Theresa McDonly  
In Thanksgiving for Anne Sophie Lalanne, Jr.  
+ Caroline Stepnoski

### 6TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

8:00 am + Chester Friszolowski & Jean Tuthill

9:15 am Bl. For Sarian, Drozd, Miller & Washick Fams.

10:30 am + Stasia Grabowski / + John & Mary Zmyslony  
(PL) + Stanislaw Czerwinski  
O zdr. Irena Czerwinskij

12 Noon + Darla Kujawski

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and  
35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc  
-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1  
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Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor  
15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Adoration 12 to 1 PM

Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM



In honor of Valentines Day, couples are invited to join us today, February 9th, 9:15 Mass, to renew their marriage vows. Married couples will come out of the pews and stand in the aisles to profess their loving commitment. Hopefully their families will come to pray for them as well.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Evelyn Stoehr \* Nancy McDonald \* Brendan Gallagher \*  
Kristy West \* Josephine Barker \* Carol Block \* Paul Farber  
\* Benedict Gargulinski \* Miguel Angel Castrillon \* Nicho-  
las Steinkamp \* Teresa Muenkel \* Ron Danowski \* Peter  
Kraljic \* Mary Mader \* Carson Whible \* Dave Zazeski \*  
Faye Anderson \* Hana Cutler \* James Gibson \* Jim Kenna  
\* Daryl Alec \* Paula George \* Christina Donovan \* John  
Giordano \* Richard Francis Harrison II \* Ursula Mocniak \*  
Joan Zaleski \* Catherine and Charles J. Sehy \* Grazyna  
Pawlak \* Gillen Family \* Blythe Fickenwirth \* Jody  
Breitfeller \* Benjamin Gonzalez \* Dominique Tirado \*  
Diana Perniciaro \* Sammy \* Brodie \* Joseph Stepnoski \*  
James Kenna \* Douglas Clark \* Jan Suchta \* Justin \*  
Dakota Harmon \* Cole Faller \* Halikias Family \* Liana  
Forstein \* Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini \* Thomas Ry-  
all \* Anne Marie Donlon \* Dorothy Sousa \* Thomas  
McEnany \* Mary Khulman \* Michael Alperti \*  
Roseanne Murphy \* Barbara Kozlowski \* James West \*  
Elizabeth Farruggia \* Kelly Wine \* Mary Van Duesen \*  
Thomas DeGirolamo \* William Berenger \* Daria Quar-  
lena \* Eileen Borchart \* Sheila Nolan \* Tom Wisniewski  
III \* Jeffrey Clark \* James, George and Barbara Jaeger \*  
Ernest and Alex Aponte \* Helen Long \* Michael  
Miglionico \* Ralph Conforti \* The Barauskus Family \*  
Hope & Brittany Williams \* John Marion \* Emilia An-  
drychowski \* Augie & Georgianna Lucente \* Johanna  
Benthal \* Michelle Giaccone \* Gloria Keller \* Howard  
Seifert \* Ed Kennedy \* Kit Z. \* Dolores Contino \* Ag-  
nes Brown \* Anders Ryden \* Kevin C. Cook \* Anita  
Costi \* Doriane Bay \* David Vallone \* Brittany Schacor  
\* Karen and Kim Finocchiaro \* Eleanor Koller \* Grace  
Mary Schulteis \* Victor Sechyshyn \* George Angle \*  
Marta Andreotta \* Melissa Alexandra \* Christian Vidal \*  
Suzanne Thompson \* Anna Grefe \* Anthony Mannino \*  
Marcella Frisen \* Theresa Puglia \* Brian Darmody \*  
Leigh Anne Brown \* Dan Modjeska \* Judy Zakorski \*  
Marie Miley \* Marcjanna Stolarzewicz \* John Shuot \*  
Patrick Murphy \* Brian Crowley \* Louise Pampinello \*  
Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their  
families in your thoughts and prayers especially:  
Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner,  
James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz  
Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

Please keep Seminarian, Nicholas Waldron, in your  
prayers.

## OUR COLLECTIONS

**Today, February 9:** Sunday and Debt Reduction  
**Next Week, February 16:** Sunday and Debt Reduction  
*Thank you for your generosity!*



## Reflections from Pope Benedict XVI

### Humans are Dependent

Humans *are* dependent. They cannot live except from others and by trust. But there is nothing degrading about dependence when it takes the form of love, for then it is no longer dependence, the diminishing of self through competition with others. Dependence in the form of love precisely constitutes the self as self and sets it free, because love essentially takes the form of saying, “I want you to be.” It is creativity, the only creative power, which can bring forth the other as other without envy or loss of self. Humans are dependent—that is the primary truth about them. And because it is, only love can redeem them, for only love transforms dependence into freedom. Thus human beings will only succeed in destroying their own redemption, destroying themselves, if they eliminate love “to be on the safe side.” For humans, the crucified God is the visible certainty that creation is already an expression of love: we exist on the foundation of love. It is therefore a constitutive part of Christian faith to accept mystery as the center of reality, that is to say, to accept love, creation as love, and to make that love the foundation of one’s life.

## MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Meets Tuesdays in the church from 1 to 2 PM.

Open to women who would like to gather to pray for the young adults and others in their lives, who have drifted away from the practice of their Catholic faith.

No weekly commitments. Simply come when you can!

[www.millionsofmonicas.com](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com)



**Did you know hot chocolate has Catholic roots?  
(Get Fed—The Catholic Company)**



It's hot chocolate season! Now that the days are colder and shorter, a warm mug filled with a cozy beverage is exactly what we all need.

If hot chocolate is your drink of choice, you may be surprised to learn that your favorite cozy drink wouldn't be what it is today if it wasn't for Catholics!

It all begins with the ancient Mayan and Aztec civilizations, where a frothy, bitter chocolate drink called xocoatl was a common beverage. Made from ground cacao beans, water, and spices like chili, it bore little resemblance to the sweet, creamy concoction we know today. Luckily for us, Catholics soon stumbled upon this drink and made a few sweet adjustments.

**When Spanish conquistadors led by Hernán Cortés encountered the Aztecs in the early 16th century, they took note of this strange, dark drink served by Emperor Montezuma himself. But it wasn't until the Spanish brought cacao back to Europe that chocolate's transformation began.**

At first, the drink remained quite bitter, and it didn't immediately catch on. But as cacao spread through Spain, it underwent a Catholic refinement.

Monks in Spanish monasteries were among the first to experiment with the cacao beans, adding sugar, cinnamon, and milk to tame its bitterness. They recognized that chocolate had potential not only as a satisfying treat but also as an aid to their rigorous fasting routines. Drinking chocolate was not considered breaking the fast, as liquids were permitted even when food was not. This made it a perfect solution for priests and monks during Lent and other periods of religious fasting.

From Spain, hot chocolate spread to Italy, where the Catholic elite, particularly within the Vatican, embraced it with enthusiasm. The Italian Jesuits, known for their missions in South America, were instrumental in promoting chocolate back in Europe. By the 17th century, hot chocolate had become popular in French and Austrian courts as well, especially when Italian-born Queen Marie Thérèse of France made it her drink of choice, influencing royal tastes across Europe.

What's fascinating is how chocolate became entwined with Catholic hospitality. In monasteries and convents, visitors were often offered a cup of hot chocolate as a gesture of warmth and generosity. Even today, in some parts of Spain and Mexico, traditional hot chocolate is still prepared for special Catholic celebrations, like Christmas and feast days.

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

(February 11)



**Our Lady of Lourdes** (French: *Notre-Dame de Lourdes*; Occitan: *Nòstra Senhora de Lorda*) is a title of the Virgin Mary. She is venerated under this title by the Roman Catholic Church due to her apparitions that occurred in Lourdes, France. The first apparition of February 11, 1858, of which Bernadette Soubirous (age 14) told her mother that a "Lady" spoke to her in the cave of Massabielle (1.5 kilometres (0.93 mi) from the town) while she was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend.<sup>[1]</sup> Similar apparitions of the "Lady" were reported on 18 occasions that year, until the climax revelation in which she introduced herself as: "the Immaculate Conception".<sup>[2]</sup> On 18 January 1862, the local Bishop of Tarbes Bertrand-Sévère Laurence endorsed the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes.

On 1 February 1876, Pope Pius IX officially granted a decree of canonical coronation to the image as *Notre-Dame du Saint Rosaire*. The coronation was performed by Cardinal Pier Francesco Meglia at the courtyard of what is now part of the Rosary Basilica on 3 July 1876.

The image of Our Lady of Lourdes has been widely copied and reproduced in shrines and homes, often in garden landscapes. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1933. Marian devotion has since steadily increased as ecclesiastical investigations sanctioned her visions.

In later years, a large church was built at the site that has since<sup>[7]</sup> become a major site of religious pilgrimage.

### *Our Lady of Lourdes Miracles*

Since the 18 apparitions of the Virgin Mary in 1858 and 75 recognized as miraculous cures, millions of people from all over the world have flocked to Lourdes every year to experience the grace of this place. The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is above all the place of healing of bodies and hearts where one comes to pray humbly to the one who revealed her name to the 14 year old Bernadette Soubirous: "*I am the Immaculate Conception*".

### *Bernadette Story*

On February 1, 1858, Soubirous went with her sister Toinette and neighbor Jeanne Abadie to collect some firewood. While taking off her shoes and stockings to wade through the water near the Grotto of Massabielle, she said she heard the sound of two gusts of wind (*coups de vent*) *but the trees and bushes nearby did not move. A wild rose in a natural niche in the grotto, however, did move.*

I came back towards the grotto and started taking off my stockings. I had hardly taken off the first stocking when I heard a sound like a gust of wind. Then I turned my head towards the meadow. I saw the trees quite still: I went on taking off my stockings. I heard the same sound again. As I raised my head to look at the grotto, I saw a lady dressed in white, wearing a white dress, a blue girdle and a yellow rose on each foot, the same color as the chain of her rosary; the beads of the rosary were white ... From the niche, or rather the dark alcove behind it, came a dazzling light.

Soubirous tried to make the sign of the cross but could not, as her hands were trembling. The lady smiled, and invited Soubirous to pray the rosary with her.<sup>[9]</sup> Soubirous tried to keep this a secret, but Toinette told her mother. After parental cross-examination, she and her sister received corporal punishment for their story.

### *The hidden life at Nevers*

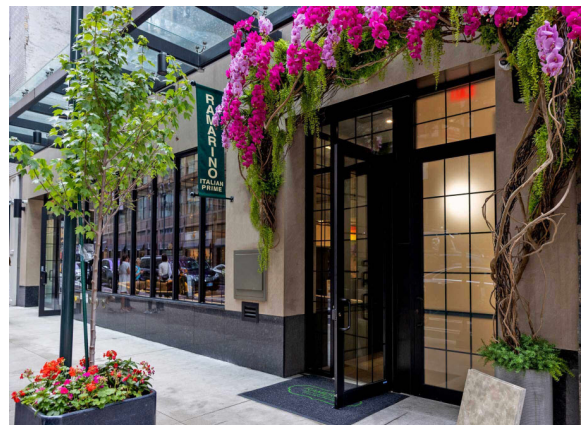
After Bernadette came to Nevers, she herself used this expression: "I came here to hide myself." In Lourdes, she was Bernadette, the visionary. In Nevers, she became Sister Marie Bernard, who would be saint. One often hears about the severity of her superiors towards her, but it has to be understood that she was a unique case: she had to be shielded from curiosity, to be protected, and the community also had to be protected. Bernadette gave her account of the Apparitions before the assembled community on the day after she arrived; thereafter it was not to be spoken of. She did not speak of Lourdes; she lived its message. She was kept in the Mother House where she loved to care for the sick. On the day of her Profession, no particular office/work had been prepared for her: the bishop declared that her work would be "the work of prayer". "**Pray for sinners**", the Lady had said. She remained faithful to this. "**My weapons,**" she wrote to the Pope, "**are prayer and sacrifice.**" During long sleepless nights, uniting herself with the Masses celebrated throughout the world, she offered herself as a "living crucified" in the tremendous combat between light and darkness, bound, with Mary, to the mystery of the redemption, **eyes fixed on the crucifix: "That is where I find my strength."** She died at Nevers on 16th April, 1879, aged 35. The Church proclaimed her a saint on 8th December, 1933, not for having been chosen for the Apparitions, but for the way in which she responded to that grace





# Join Fr. Tadeusz on a Parish Bus Trip To New York City

Wednesday, April 2nd



Guided tour of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Mass at 12 Noon.  
Three-course lunch at Ramarino's Italian Restaurant.  
Round trip coach bus. \$195/pp upon registration.