

**LITURGIES FOR THE THIRD WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME AND THE
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

January 27 – February 2, 2025

**Monday, 1/27 † Weekday, Saint Angela Merici,
Virgin & Religious Founder**

6 pm: Sharon & Shirley (Birthdays)

**Tuesday, 1/28 † Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest
& Doctor of the Church**

8am: Departed Jachim Family Members

9am: A.S. Peg Daly by Elaine Grove

Wednesday, 1/29 † Weekday

9am: A.S. Sis Scutchfield by Mary K Powell

6pm: Olivia

Thursday, 1/30 † Weekday

8am: Finley

9am: A.S. Sis Scutchfield by Tom Potempa Family

Friday, 1/31 † Saint John Bosco, Priest

8am: Colette

9am: A.S. Sis Scutchfield by Kevin & Pat Goin

First Saturday, 2/1 † Weekday; BVM

8:30am: Mary

**Saturday, 2/1 † Vigil, THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD**

4:30pm: Jerome Janik by Neftalie Alva, Jr.
Blessing of Throats

**Sunday, 2/2 † THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD**

7:30am: Terry Fitzgerald by Bernadette Shonka
Blessing of Throats

9am: A. S. Bob Okeley by John & Vera Bobek
Blessing of Throats

11am: Parishioners
Blessing of Throats

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Mon., Jan 27 – 3:30pm – SVDP, Parlor

Tuesday, Jan. 28 – 7pm – All Saints Finance &
Pastoral Council Mtng.

Thurs., Jan. 28 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., Jan 28– 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sun., Feb. 2 – 9:30am – Religious Education,
Rectory

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Feb. 4, 2025 (Tuesday) – 10 a.m. until bags are gone

SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church Parking Lot

Corner of Adair Street & Keller Avenue, North
Judson, IN

The mobile food pantry is open to anyone living in
Indiana; proof of residency is required or driver's
license. One bag per household.

Hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul, SS. Cyril
and Methodius Conference.

February 3, 2025

About St. Blaise

St. Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the
fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time,
Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his
feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with
him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise
apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on
a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a
candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus
candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He
is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints
revered as healers. He is the patron saint of throat
illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food, for utility and rent, bills, etc. Thank You!

Dear Padre

January 26, 2025

At Mass, I see people on their cell phones, and I'm really distracted and irritated. Isn't this wrong?

Would it help if you thought of good reasons for someone to use a cell phone at Mass? Cell phones are the new pagers. People whose work requires them to be on call, those who care for an elder, or parents of teenagers, for example, may need to check their phones. Many people use their phones to follow along with the readings on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website—usccb.org. It's easier for some to enlarge and read the print on a phone instead of following along in a missal. And, while this is relatively new, many hearing aids can be controlled by cell phone apps, so a person might use his or her phone to make adjustments to hear better. Perhaps if you imagine one of these reasons, your irritation will lessen, and you won't be so distracted.

Now, a word to those who are using a cell phone at Mass. If you are scrolling, checking your email or social media, think about giving yourself one hour when you will turn off your phone and put it aside. This is very difficult for some, and not just for young people. Checking one's phone is habitual—some might say addictive. Surely you deserve an hour when you are not tethered to your phone. A cell phone is a marvelous tool. Just make sure that it is the tool, and you are the master—not the other way around. ●

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"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." - Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

Good News!

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 /

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 /

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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Every family has stories of times past when unique and curious happenings gave color to family life. They are part of each family's lore, told again and again with as much gusto as when they were told for the first time. Though everyone has heard them countless times, telling these stories still reminds us of who we are as family, lest we forget. This is why the faith community, the family of the Church, tells stories from the Bible every time we gather. We've heard them before many times, but we tell them because they are part of our history, part of who we have been, and part of who we are as God's people, lest we forget.

The stories in sacred Scripture are not just stories of past lives; they are also stories of our own lives. The story of Moses standing before the burning bush in awe of God's presence is also our story as we come upon nature's beauty or experience the birth of a child. The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob sold into slavery by his brothers, may also be our story of being betrayed by someone we love. Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus is our story of longing to see and know God in our lives and in our homes. The story of the good shepherd is the story of God seeking us out, forgiving us, and carrying us back to life. We recognize the stories of sacred Scripture as our stories. ●

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Prayer to Our Lady of Hope

O Mary, my Mother, I kneel before you with heavy heart. The burden of my sins oppresses me. The knowledge of my weakness discourages me. I am beset by fear and temptation of every sort. Yet I am so attached to the things of this world that instead of longing for Heaven I am filled with dread at the thought of death.

O Mother of Mercy, have pity on me in my distress. You are all-powerful with your Divine Son. He can refuse no request of your Immaculate Heart. Show yourself a true Mother to me by being my advocate before His throne. O Refuge of Sinners and Hope of Hopeless, to whom shall I turn if not you?

Obtain for me, then, O Mother of Hope, the grace of true sorrow for my sins, the gift of perfect resignation to God's Holy Will, and the courage to take up my cross and follow Jesus.

But above all I pray, O dearest Mother, that through your most powerful intercession, my heart may be filled with Holy Hope, so that in life's darkest hour I may never fail to trust in God my Savior, but by walking in the way of His commandments I may merit to be united with Him, and with you in the eternal joys of Heaven. Amen.

Trump declares 'there are only two genders,' expected to sign order against transgender ideology

WASHINGTON, D.C., (LifeSiteNews) Jan 20, 2025— On day one of his new term in office, President Donald Trump is expected to sign a sweeping executive order (EO) ridding federal government agencies of gender ideology and another ending diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs, both of which have taken hold and metastasized throughout the government on all levels under Joe Biden's tenure in office. During his inauguration speech in the U.S. Capitol rotunda, Trump said, "I will end the government policy to socially engineer race and gender into every aspect of public and private life." His pronouncement was met with thunderous applause and cheers.

"As of today, it will henceforth be the official policy of the United States government that there are only two genders; male and female," he proclaimed.

Named "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government," the measure, as many have noted, seeks to restore "sanity" and "reality" to how the federal government interprets laws and conducts day-to-day business. "No longer will the federal government be promoting gender ideology," said a member of Trump's team. As such, gender ideology will be starved of federal funding.

"What we're doing today is defining that it is the policy of the United States to recognize two sexes: male and female. These are sexes that are not changeable, and they are grounded in fundamental and incontrovertible reality," a Trump official told reporters.

In the days leading up to the announcement about the Trump executive order, commentators on social media were already looking forward to the end of gender insanity enforced under the Biden administration and to Trump's anticipated executive order.

In a post over the weekend which garnered over 3.3 million views and nearly 90,000 "likes," Gunther Eagleman posted a picture of high-profile "transgender"/cross-dressing former members of the outgoing Biden administration, Admiral Richard "Rachel" Levine and Sam Brinton, with the stern caption, "This can never happen again."

As reported by The Free Press' Emily Yoffe, who broke the story about Trump's executive order last night: The Executive Order establishes Government-wide the biological reality of two sexes and clearly defines male and female.

All radical gender ideology guidance, communication, policies, and forms are removed.

Agencies will cease pretending that men can be women and women can be men when enforcing laws that protect against sex discrimination. "Woman" means an "adult human female."

The Executive Order directs that Government identification like passports and personnel records will reflect biological reality and not self-assessed gender identity.

The Executive Order ends the practice of housing men in women's prisons and taxpayer funded "transition" for male prisoners.

The Executive Order ends the forced recitation of "preferred pronouns" and protects Americans' First Amendment and statutory rights to recognize the biological and binary nature of sex.

This includes protection in the workplace and in federal funded entities like schools.

Although federal funds will no longer be used to promote "gender ideology," according to Yoffe, "The executive order does not address one of the most contentious areas of transgender activism: 'gender-affirming care' for minors, meaning putting gender-distressed young people on a swift course to transition" and a lifetime of mutilating interventions.

Social media erupted in praise for Trump's promised EO.

"Crushing victory," exclaimed Peachy Keenan, a popular online conservative commentator and author. Megyn Kelly uttered just one word, followed by exclamation points: "Behold!!"

Trump's action comes on the heels of a measure passed last week by the U.S. House that bans men from competing in girls' and women's sports.