



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

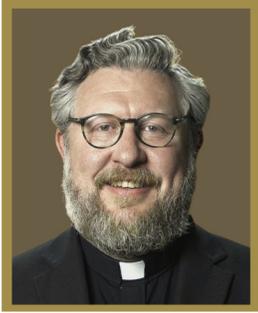
February 8, 2026



5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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From the Desk of Father Trowbridge



Dear Parishioners & Guests,

The Lord is so good to us. We turn often to Him with thanksgiving on our lips for the many blessings in our life. This past Wednesday we gathered our children for classes and I asked them, “Why do you love God?” Their answers were so insightful. “He is always there for us.” “He loves everyone.” “He gives us life.” “He gives us good food.” “He makes the trees to give us air to breathe.” These simple statements of gratitude are insight into how God touches each of their lives and shows how their hearts of faith are drawn to God in His many attributes of power and wisdom.

This week in the gospel Jesus preaches about salt and light, two realities that are integral pieces of the lives of His disciples. The parallel is drawn between these valuable gifts for daily living and the daily living in the faith. We are not called to “disappear” into our surrounding environment but are called to contribute to the vibrance of society and family with the gift of our life and insights. Now the world would promote this in a self-centered or forceful way, but in the charity of the gospel we are invited to support, strengthen, encourage or lead with the flavor of our life.

At the time our bishops have asked us to pray, to pray for peace. The timing of this call to prayer is connected to the societal upheaval that we have been seeing on the news and social media. As Catholics we know that these events of disruption have a practical human component as well as a spiritual one.

This indicates to us that our fulfillment of Jesus’ invitation to be “peacemakers” is rooted in two places: our prayer and our action. Archbishop Coakley, President of the USCCB specifically invited Catholics to “pray before the Blessed Sacrament” and ask the Lord to send His peace. And I would say we can ask God to direct it to where it is needed most.

One of the places that our prayers are needed is to cool the temperature on social media platforms. Posts and comments depart from virtue so quickly. Furthermore, they magnify the natural intensity so things seem bigger than they are. As Catholics we are invited to (1) detach and (2) entrust. We detach from the things we do not have control over, We entrust intense realities to God. These two acts are rooted in virtue and can promote interior peace. Many times, though, our pride or fear keep us locked into the drama and it make our mind and heart very turbulent.

The student event at the high school this week is an example of this. When the moderators of local social media pages have to take down good posts from students and alumni because out-of-town vitriol lambasts, insults and threatens before understanding our situation. It is a sign that society is unchecked and inspired by vice through their acerbic contributions.

As Catholics we are always assessing what we attach to and judge whether or not we need to become more involved or let go of the situation. I pray that we can grow in this skill so that the sanctuary of our soul and our family can remain tranquil as the turbulence of the world continually kicks up around us.

Many times it is in this manner of balance that our salt delivers the best flavor and our light shines the purest, just as Jesus invites us in the gospel!

+ Richest Blessings,

Rev J.A. Trowbridge

Mass & Devotions



This Weekend February 7 & February 8

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Peg Robinson
7:00 p.m. †Alfonso Dominguez (Camarena Family)
8:00 a.m. †Victor Derra (Family)
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa

Monday, February 9 *St. Scholastica*

8:30 a.m. †Carol Jean Norton (Nancy Walter)

Tuesday, February 10

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, February 11 *St. Lady of Lourdes*

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, February 12

8:30 a.m. †Rosemary & Zellon Audritsh (Nancy Walter)

Friday, February 13

8:30 a.m. †Doris Silvius (Rob & Bev West)

Next Weekend February 14 & 15

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Jack & Bernice Geier
7:00 p.m. †Ramiro Marquez
8:00 a.m. †Michael Coffey (Don & Clara Coffey)
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of the St. Catherine of Genoa

Prayer Intentions

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for February:

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Parishioner Intentions:

Jenny Eide, Jerry Grenier, Frank Engel, Carol Engel, Alex Humeniak, Dale Jurs, Julie Mullins, Beau Norris, Brian O'Grady, Mary Kae O'Grady, Priscilla Pisarski, Doris Seyller, Pat Stankevitz, Dawn Varacalli, Viva Villafuerte, Trish Thibault, Janice Jastrowski, Balvina Mascote, Eric Ortman, Ed Davis, Virginia Makovec, Nancy Burmeister, Courtney LaMonteagne, Joseph Phelan, Jessica Garrett

Mass Schedule

Saturday | 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. *Español*

Sunday | 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Daily | 8:30 a.m.

Confession | *Confesiones*

Saturday | 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

No confessions Tuesday, February 10th

Confessions conclude when all have been heard.

En Español | Viernes 8:00 a.m. y Sabado 6:00 p.m.

Rosary

Begins 30 min. before all weekend Masses

Immediately following daily Masses.

First Friday

Adoration | 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Benediction | 6:50 p.m.

Holy Hour

Every Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Exposition | 6:30 pm

Confessions available | 7:00 - 7:20 p.m.

Benediction begins | 7:20 p.m.

En Español

Rosario

Todo los tardes a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia

Rosario de Niños Cada Jueves a las 6 p.m.

Legion de Maria

- Reuniones los Lunes a las 11:00 a.m.
información contactan Casi 815-762-7480
- Reuniones los Miércoles a las 6:00 PM. Para
información contacten a Teresa 815-784-5653

Estudio Bíblico

Lunes 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. en el salón Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Dirigido por Milton Orellana.

TRIVIA CATÓLICA

Pregunta: ¿Cuántos votos se necesitan en un cónclave papal para elegir un nuevo Papa?

Calendar



Announcements

Sunday, February 8

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church
9:30 am - Confirmation I Class | DMH
11:30 am - Catechist Meeting | Dining Room

Monday, February 9

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room
6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room
6:00 pm - OCIA Class | DMH

Tuesday, February 10

9:00 am - Rosary | Church
9:00 am - Stitching Together | K of C Meeting Room
No confessions Tuesday, February 10th
6:30 pm - Adoration | Church

Wednesday, February 11

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Thursday, February 12

8:30 am - Rosary | Church

Friday, February 13

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Saturday, February 14

9:00 am - Confessions
4:30pm - Rosary | Church

Sunday, February 15

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church
9:00 am - Confirmation Class | DMH

LENT FISH FRY

FOUR FRIDAYS ONLY

2/13 2/27 3/13 3/27

3:30 – 6:30PM

Robert Hewlett Scholarship

To be eligible, one must be a graduating high school senior who is a registered member of St. Catherine of Genoa Parish, and/or an immediate family member of St. Catherine Knights of Columbus Council 14294, and have been accepted by an accredited university, college or trade school as a full time student.

Applications available in the parish office.

Application Deadline: March 27, 2026

Award Presented at Mass on April 12, 2026

40 Cans for Lent

During Lent, the knights are collecting non perishable food items for Rooted for Good food pantry in Genoa. Donations may be brought to the parish. Bins will be located at the church entrances.

Save these Dates!

St. Joseph Table: March 21st

St. Vincent de Paul Benefit Luncheon ; March 15th

St. Joseph Table: March 21st

Parish Financials



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835.00
Total Pledged: \$28,484.00
Total Paid: \$27,090.33
Shortfall: \$1,393.67

Weekend Collection January 31 & February 1

Envelopes: \$4,703
Building: \$447
Given Online: \$220

St. Vincent de Paul

Donations to our poor box are forwarded to the Hampshire chapter of St. Vincent de Paul.
See page 7 for more information.

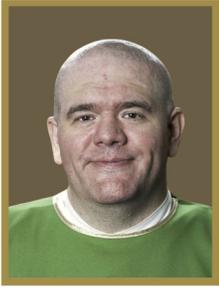


Thank you for your prayerful contributions.

Online Giving

You can conveniently donate to our church by clicking on the “GIVE” button on the homepage of our parish website. From there, follow the simple steps to set up a variety of giving options.

From the Desk of Deacon Brian Mullins



We hear the word ordinary and think of the plain, the forgettable, the background noise of life. But the Church means something far more daring. Ordinary Time is not common—it is counted. Measured. Numbered not because it lacks meaning, but

because it carries it patiently, step by step, like a child learning to walk.

I watch my granddaughter discovering the world. First the crawl—uncertain but determined. Then the grasping for furniture, the trembling legs, the courage it takes to stand. Hands held. Steps assisted. A wobble, a fall, a smile, a try again. Nothing flashy. Nothing headline-worthy. And yet, everything is happening. Life is unfolding. Love is forming muscle and memory. This is where growth happens.

So it is with us.

Ordinary Time holds the moments we rarely think to sanctify: the quiet mornings, the tired evenings, the conversations we repeat, the prayers we whisper without fireworks. It holds the first flutter

of love and the ache of loss. It holds laughter at the table and tears at the graveside. Sunrises that feel like promises. Sunsets that feel like mercy. None of it extraordinary—until we realize that Christ has entered all of it.

The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time walk us through the public life of Jesus—not just what He did, but how He lived. He worked. He rested. He taught. He walked dusty roads and ate ordinary meals. He loved friends, endured misunderstandings, wept, rejoiced, and remained faithful. In the Incarnation, nothing human was left untouched. Every moment—yours included—has been gathered into Him.

This is the season of conversion not because it demands dramatic change, but because it invites daily fidelity. It asks us to notice where Christ is already present and to consent to His life unfolding within our own. Ordinary Time is the long obedience of love. It is the slow shaping of saints.

These numbered weeks are marching somewhere. They are moving us—patiently, quietly—toward our own Easter. And until then, every ordinary moment becomes holy ground, if only we have the courage to see it.

Liturgical Roles - February 14th - 15th

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	J. Kush	J. Kush	3 open	C. Dumoulin
<i>Tiempo</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>C-Monaguillos</i>	<i>Lectores</i>	<i>Comentaristas</i>	<i>Ministeros</i>	<i>Coordinadores</i>
7:00 PM <i>Semana Tress</i>	P. Osorio	A. Garcia	L. Ortega	A. Martinez	R. Osorio	L. Ortega G. Beltran
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	P. Riedy	3 open	S. Younker	S. Younker	L. Younker J. Strohmaier	K. Gallagher M. Riedy
10:00 AM	open	3 open	T. Tucker	D. Letterer	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham L. Brummel

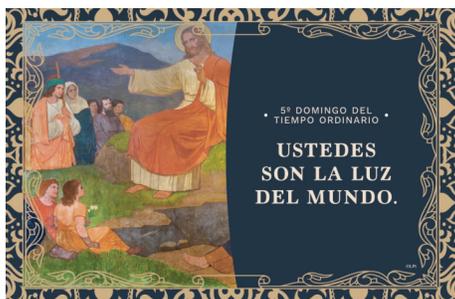


Estimados Feligreses e Invitados

El pasado lunes celebramos la fiesta de la presentación del Señor, ¡una celebración de Cristo nuestra Luz! Tenemos velas bendecidas de esa Misa disponibles para que te las lleves a casa.

La fiesta de la Luz de Cristo se refleja en nuestro evangelio este domingo, cuando Jesús habla a sus discípulos y les recuerda que ellos son la sal de la tierra y la luz del mundo. ¡Esta escena de Mateo se extiende a nosotros como discípulos de Jesús hoy! Nuestra fe no es solo una joya personal y privada que admiramos por nosotros mismos. El mundo se beneficia, se enriquece y es dirigido por los seguidores de Jesús, cuando vivimos nuestra fe.

Nuestro Salmo de hoy nos recuerda que el hombre justo es una luz en la oscuridad para los que son rectos. Muchas veces hay buenas personas entre nosotros que no saben cómo actuar o responder en circunstancias difíciles. Cuando permanecemos conectados con Dios en la oración y los sacramentos, nuestra bondad se profundiza y fortalece gracias a la gracia de Dios. Cuando cooperamos con Su gracia, algunos de estos momentos difíciles son más claros y fáciles de abordar. Vivamos nuestra fe con humilde confianza y amor paciente para que nosotros también seamos luz para los demás. Al fin y al cabo, esto es lo que Jesús nos invita a ser para el bien de nuestros vecinos. *¡Que tengáis una semana bendecida!*



+Bendiciones,
P. Trowbridge

Anuncios

Cena de pescado durante la Cuaresma

13 y 27 de febrero, 13 y 27 de marzo

Horario: 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Ofrenda de libre albedrío: Los fondos recaudados apoyarán el ministerio juvenil

Domingo, 8 de febrero

5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Día Mundial del Matrimonio

Lunes, 9 de febrero

8:30 am – Misa con Pr. Capera | 9:00 am – Rosario
11:00 am – Legión de María
6:00 pm – Estudio Bíblico, Aula Guadalupe
6:00 pm – Clase OCIA - Salón de la DM
6:30 pm – Iglesia del Rosario de KC
7:00 pm – Reunión de negocios de KofC

Martes, 10 de febrero

Santa Escolástica, virgen

8:00 am – No confesiones | 7:00 pm – No confesiones
8:30 am – Servicio de Comunión | 9:00 am – Rosario
6:30 pm – Solo Adoration DBM

Miércoles, 11 de febrero

Nuestra Señora de Lourdes

8:30 – **Solo** Servicio de Comunión | 9:00 am – Rosario
6:00 pm – Salón Parroquial de la Legión de María

Jueves, 12 de febrero

8:30 – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario

Viernes, 13 de febrero

8:30 am – Misa | 9:00 am – Rosario
6:00 pm – Armada Blanca

Sábado, 14 de febrero

San Cirilo, monje, y San Metodio, obispo; Día de San Valentín

9:00 am – Confesiones
6:00 pm – Rosario | 7:00 pm – Misa



Domingo, 15 de febrero

6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

7:30 am – Rosario | 8:00 am – Misa
8:00 am – 11:30 am Desayuno de K of C
9:30 am – 12:00 pm Confirmación de clase 1
9:30 am – Rosario | 10:00 am – Misa

****Respuesta:** Una mayoría de dos tercios.**

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wwme.org (888) 574-5653.



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rockforddiocese.org/life/hope-after-abortion



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