



## Happening This Week

### *Acontecimientos de la Semana*

**Tuesday, January 30, 2024**  
8:45 am Bible Study  
*Mark 1: 29-39*  
in OLPH Hall

**5:00 pm SIMON'S KITCHEN**  
in OLPH Hall

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024**  
9:30 am -11:00 am  
St. Francis Food Pantry  
139 Sherman Avenue

**6:15 pm Faith Formation for**  
Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 Confirmation  
Saint Catharine Campus

**6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous**  
in OLPH Hall

**Thursday, February 1, 2024**

**8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous** in  
OLPH Hall

**Friday, February 2, 2024**  
5:00 pm SIMON'S KITCHEN  
in OLPH Hall

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**Sunday Masses**

**Saturday 4:00 PM** (*Vigil Mass*)

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

**7:00 PM** *Misa en Español*

**Daily Masses at OLPH**

*Tuesday, Thursday, First Saturday*  
**at 8:00 AM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with**  
**Individual Confession**

**Saturday 3:00—3:45 PM**

**St. Catharine of Siena Church**  
**50 E Street**  
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**Sunday Masses**

**Saturday 4:30 PM** (*Vigil Mass*)

**Sunday 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

**Daily Masses at St. Catharine**

*Monday, Wednesday, Friday*  
**at 8:00 AM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation with**  
**Individual Confession**

**Saturday 1:00—2:00 PM**

**Parish Mass Intentions**  
**January 29, 2024 - February 2, 2024**

MON	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Richard Gilmour by Aunt Jacquelyn & Richard
TUES	8:00 am At OLPH	+ Elizabeth Anne Rodgers by Husband
WED	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Marie McCauley by JVP
THUR	8:00 am At OLPH	+ Robert Sharkey by Loving Family
FRI	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Loretta Karpelenia by Rochelle & Pete

**February 3-4, 2024**

SAT	8:00 am At OLPH	+ Nevin Hammon, OFM Conv.
	4:00 pm At OLPH	+ Richard R. Roemmele, Jr.
	4:30 pm At St. Catharine	+ Joseph Burns by Sue & Ed Masoorli
SUN	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Grace Russo by + Loving Husband & Family
	9:30am At OLPH	+ People of God
	11:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Teresa Soriero by Angela Soriero
	7:00pm At OLPH	+ Spanish Mass



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Saint Francis Food Pantry is OPEN on Wednesdays,  
 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

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**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**January 13 - 14, 2024**

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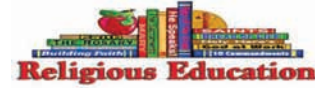
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
10:00 am –12:00 pm Office is OPEN  
  
12:00 pm—1:00 pm CLOSED for LUNCH  
  
1:00 pm—4:00 pm Office is OPEN  
  
Tuesday *Parish office is CLOSED in the morning for  
a parish staff meeting and will open at  
1:00 pm.*  
  
Friday No office hours.

**PARISH TEAM**

Fr. Michael G. Lorentsen, OFM Conv.	Pastor
Fr. Mitchell Sawicki OFM Conv.	Parochial Vicar
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**FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN**



- [January 31st - 6:15pm - 7:30pm](#)  
Grades 5, 6, 7, & Confirmation Class
- [February 7th - 5:00pm - 6:15pm](#)  
Grades 1-4
- [February 14th - Ash Wednesday 5:30pm](#)  
Family Mass all Grades 1-8
- [February 21st - 6:15pm - 7:30pm](#)  
Grades 5, 6, 7, & Confirmation Class

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**FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

[Tuesday, January 30, 2024](#)

8:45 am in OLPH Hall  
Mark 1:29-39

Please join us and bring a friend!

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**ALL HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED.CHOOSE LIFE!**

“Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good.”

St. John Paul II, Encyclical Letter, *The Gospel of Life*,  
March 30, 1995, no. 87.

## TODAY' SECOND COLLECTION THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Christ calls his disciples to love God and to love our neighbor. We Catholics can show love for our neighbors by performing corporal works of mercy, which include feeding those who are hungry, giving shelter to those who are homeless, and visiting prisoners.

For more than 50 years, the US bishops' program to aid the Church in Latin America has helped the Church carry out its pastoral mission of mercy among those with both spiritual and material needs across Latin America and the Caribbean. In Mexico's Diocese of Iztapalapa, much of the population lives below the poverty line and has trouble meeting basic needs. The crime rate is high. Offenders who complete their jail sentences face rejection and isolation and risk reoffending upon their return to society. With grant support from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the diocese created the *Cristo Redentor* evangelization center, where persons released from prison can receive job search help, group therapy, spiritual direction, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And they can participate in recreational activities such as theater, games, and music, all at no charge. In Venezuela, economic hardship and political turmoil have caused food shortages and a migration wave that has left behind vulnerable people, such as seniors. Without adequate resources, the elderly are particularly vulnerable to health problems, malnutrition, and homelessness.

The Diocese of Carúpano, with help from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, established a social dining room at its *Casa de la Caridad Santa Ana*, where it provides nutritious lunches and spiritual and medical care to 100 people every day. The diocese also delivers bags of food and supplies to an additional 80 people every week.

These works of mercy are made possible through the generosity of Catholics in the United States, including our parish, to the yearly Collection for the Church in Latin America.

For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

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will be strong.



## UPCOMING DATES

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|-------------|--|
| January 30  | PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL at 10:00 am   |
| February 2  | PRESENTATION OF THE LORD<br>8:00 am Mass at St. Catharine Church<br>5:00 pm Spanish Mass at OLPH |
| February 14 | ASH WEDNESDAY  |



**A Message from our Pastor**

**Michael G. Lorentsen, OFM Conv.**



May the Lord give you peace!

In last week's bulletin, I quoted the 16th General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' recent *Letter to the People of God*. The letter says, "The sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) confer on all the disciples of Jesus the responsibility for the mission of the Church." We reaffirm our common responsibility and recommit to it every day we participate in the celebration of Sunday Eucharist.

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI issued an apostolic exhortation *The Sacrament of Charity*. In that document, Pope Benedict XVI writes: "The Sacrament of the Altar is always at the heart of the Church's life: thanks to the Eucharist, the Church is reborn ever anew! The more lively the Eucharistic faith of the people of God, the deeper is its sharing in ecclesial life in steadfast commitment to the mission entrusted by Christ to his disciples....Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's Eucharistic presence among his people."

In the United States, the Catholic Bishops have been encouraging a revival in our belief in the true, real, and substantial presence in the risen and glorified Christ in the Eucharist. We read the Gospel of John 19, 31-37 that after Jesus died on the cross, a soldier pierced His side and blood and water flowed out of the pierced side. Since the first centuries of the Church, father of the Church has seen the blood and water pouring from the pierced heart of Jesus as symbols of sacramental life in the church: Baptism and Eucharist. The church arises from the Eucharist, as blood streams forth from the pierced heart of Christ, sanctifying the disciples standing at the foot of the cross. This means our participation in the celebration of Sunday Mass and our receiving of the eucharistic body of Christ incorporates each one of us into the risen Lord's ecclesial body that is the Church.

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430) teaches us that unlike ordinary food, the Eucharist transforms those who feast upon it into Christ. By sharing in the Eucharist, we are incorporated into the body whose sole head is Jesus Christ. Yet Christ's grace is such that he always associates his church with his eucharistic sacrifice offered "for you and for many." At Mass, we join ourselves to

Christ's eucharistic body and we are transformed into his ecclesial body, the Church. We, the Church, continue the mission of Christ in the world by giving ourselves to one another and "for the many" just like Christ gave Himself totally and completely for us "and for the many."

In his 2005 encyclical, *God is Charity*, Benedict teaches "one must constantly drink anew from the original source, which is Jesus Christ, from whose pierced heart flows the love of God." The Church ceaselessly affirms the enduring presence of Christ's love in the eucharistic mystery. In sharing in Sunday Eucharist, we enter, in communion with Christ, into his paschal mystery: his death, resurrection and ascension. Benedict writes, "The Eucharist draws us into Jesus' act of self-oblation...we enter into the very dynamic of his self-giving." The Eucharist transforms us to be the self-giving presence of Christ in world. We share in the Eucharist so we can give of ourselves with Christ for the world.

Peace and all good!

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**HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY January 27**

January 27, 1945 saw the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau by allied forces in World War II. Each January 27 the world observes Holocaust Remembrance Day. Anticipating this year's observance, Pope Francis said the following during his general audience this past Wednesday:


"This Saturday, 27 January, is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. May the remembrance and condemnation of that horrific extermination of millions of Jews and people of other faiths, which took place in the first half of the last century, help everyone not to forget that the logic of hatred and violence can never be justified, because it denies our very humanity."

"War itself is a denial of humanity. . . . Let us not tire of praying for peace, for an end to conflicts, for a halt to weapons, and for relief for exhausted populations."

The pontiff made reference to various armed conflicts in the world today and said, "I pray for the victims and their loved ones, and I implore everyone, especially those with political responsibility, to preserve human life by putting an end to wars."

"Let us not forget: war is always a defeat, always."

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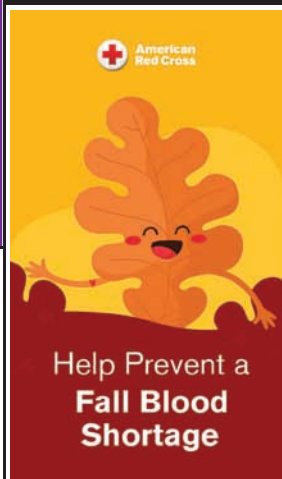
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