

### Weekend Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, January 28

5:00 p.m. For our priests and religious

7:30 p.m. Intenciones de los parroquianos

#### Sunday, January 29

9:30 a.m. Jose Angel Martinez, RIP 6 years, 1/10/11 and in memory of his birthday, 1/28, by the Adame Family

11:00 a.m. Parishioners intentions

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6:00 p.m. College Students

### Weekly Parish Activities

#### January 29 to February 4

\*All confessions 30 minutes before Mass

\*Sacred Heart and OLG confess after Mass

**SUNDAY:** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

#### Sacred Heart

9:30 a.m. ENGLISH Bible Study

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9:30 a.m. **Sacred Heart**

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe

10:00 a.m. CCD class

11:00 a.m. Mass - Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### St. Brendan:

4:15 – 5:45 p.m. RCIA in CCD Building

6:00 p.m. Mass- St. Brendan

#### St. Mary:

9:30 a.m. Mass - St. Mary

CCD 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. at FLC

#### Monday:

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass (St. Brendan)

Tuesday: St. John Bosco

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

#### Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. CCD St. Brendan

6:45 p.m. Bible Study at OLG

7:00 p.m. Youth Group OLG

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;

Groundhog Day

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

8:30 a.m. Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Lay Apostles Rosary

6:30 p.m. Español-Estudio Biblica en St. Brendan

7:00 p.m. Grupo de Oración St. Mary

Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First

Friday; Blessing of throats

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First

Saturday

Vigil Holy Mass:

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan (English)

7:30 p.m. Santa Misa en St. Mary (español)

### **THE CHOSEN REMNANT**

**January 29, 2017**

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

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#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

**Psalm** — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

**Gospel** — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).



WORLD  
WIDE  
MARRIAGE  
ENCOUNTER

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." As we reflect upon the beatitudes, let us explore how to understand our spouse better by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on Mar. 31-Apr. 2, 2017, 2017. Dates fill fast. To apply, visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org/apply>. For more information e-mail [apply@dfwme.org](mailto:apply@dfwme.org) or call 469-444-0904. **Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a emmdfw@gmail.com o visite http://www.emmseccion21.org/**

### **RACHEL MINISTRY**

**Rachel's Corner** "I cannot think of another work of this kind so well done. A most difficult and painful human problem is engaged with faith, psychological insight and trust. Rachel's Vineyard could be a model for those working with similar deeply wounding traumatic situations." - Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR. There is hope after abortion! We can help. Rachel Ministries 817-923-4757  
Next Retreat March 3.

**PRAYER CORNER:** Prayers this week for: Jana Piskor, Abel Cruz, Filegonio Cardenas, Josefina Basulto de Solorio, Ed Withers, Maria Inez Hernandez, Juan Hernandez, Maureen Bole, Billy Joe Fulfer, Angel Coronado, David Gonzales, Jeanna DeVinney, Clyde Mayo, Kate B., Pete Sanchez, Barbara Kennedy, Frank Derrick, Anne Blount, Robert Gifford, Nursing Home Patients and all those who are

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

## EL RESTO ELEGIDO 29 de enero 2017

Sofonías es uno de los profetas menos conocidos del Antiguo Testamento. Hoy habla en la primera lectura sobre el juicio inminente. Pero el Señor dejará un “resto” en Israel. Esta imagen de un resto, de lo que quedará, será vital para judíos y cristianos.

La carta de Pablo a los corintios evidencia su profunda preocupación por los cristianos de allí. Están muy confiados, dice, muy seguros de sí mismos. Los insta a recordar que Cristo les ha dado todo lo que tienen.

El Evangelio de hoy incluye el comienzo del “Gran Sermón” de Jesús. Así como Dios le dio a Moisés la Ley en el Sinaí, ahora Jesús reúne a sus discípulos en un monte para enseñarles la nueva Ley. Cada una de estas Bienaventuranzas contrasta la humillación del presente con la gloria del futuro. La pobreza frente a las riquezas del Reino de Dios, el hambre de Dios frente a la satisfacción en el Espíritu, la persecución frente al Reino de Dios. Jesús aquí está hablando al “resto” elegido de Dios.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor two special prayer services this week to begin the month of December.

The **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Rosary will be recited February 2<sup>nd</sup>** at St. Brendan’s at **6:00 p.m.** The Lay Apostles Group will hold an open discussion following the rosary.

The **1<sup>st</sup> Friday Eucharistic Adoration service will be held February 3<sup>rd</sup>** at St. Brendan’s Church beginning at **6:00 p.m.** with Benediction followed by Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Sign-up for one-hour devotions are being conducted after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s Sunday, and also are located at West entrance of St. Brendan’s, or contact Mike Coggins at [cogmik@yahoo.com](mailto:cogmik@yahoo.com) or call 968-8737. Everyone is invited to attend both services.

**Saint Blaise**, was a physician, and bishop of Sebastea in historical Armenia (modern Sivas). According to the *Acta Sanctorum*, he is the patron saint of throat illnesses, wool combers. In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet, Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith. Therefore, Agricola beat Blaise with a stick and tore at his flesh with iron combs before beheading him.



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## OUR NEW WEBSITE

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## 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA PLENARY INDULGENCE

Fatima, Portugal, Dec 1, 2016 / 06:32 am (CNA/EWTN News).- For the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, Pope Francis has decided to grant a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the entire anniversary year, which began Nov. 27, 2016, and will end Nov. 26, 2017.

The Executive Secretary of the Rectory of the Fatima Shrine in Portugal, André Pereira, explained to CNA that the plenary indulgence can be obtained during the entire Jubilee Year. There are three ways of obtaining the indulgence, detailed in a statement on the shrine’s website.

To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must also fulfill **the ordinary conditions**: go to Confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

### 1. Make a pilgrimage to the shrine

The first way is for “the faithful to make a pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal and participate in a celebration or prayer dedicated to the Virgin.” In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed, and invoke the Mother of God.

### 2. Pray before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The second way applies to “the pious faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October (2017), and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary.”

Regarding this second way, the rector of the Fatima Shrine told CNA that the visit to the statue of the Virgin, “does not necessarily have to be only at Fatima or exclusively in Portugal,” but can be done anywhere in the world. Those seeking an indulgence must also pray an Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

### 3. The elderly and infirm

The third way to obtain a plenary indulgence applies to people who, because of age, illness or other serious cause, are unable to get around.

These individuals can pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, between May and October 2017. They also must “offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives.”



Presentation of the Lord

## February 2, Presentation of the Lord Candlemas Day

O Blessed Mother, the sword is already in your heart. You foreknow the future of the Fruit of your womb. May our fidelity in following Him through the coming mysteries of His public life bring some alleviations to the sorrows of your maternal heart. Amen.

## NEWS FOR ALL PARISHES

**Priesthood Vocations Event** – Young men, high school to 35 years old, are invited to the St. Andrew Discernment Dinner on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (108 NW 4th Avenue, Mineral Wells, TX 76067). Bishop Olson will celebrate Mass at 6 pm, followed by dinner and time of discernment. Please RSVP by calling [817-945-9321](tel:817-945-9321) or sending an email to [vocations@fwdioc.org](mailto:vocations@fwdioc.org).

**SEARCH RETREAT** – Please make note of the **NEW** date. The Spring **SEARCH Retreat** will take place on the weekend of March 3, 4, and 5, 2017. Ages from 12 to 18 are invited to attend. Registration fee, \$15. Registration forms distributed by your parish youth minister. All parishes are welcome to participate. Please contact Evelyn Bolf at (254)979-3428 for registration and volunteer information.

**Bulletin:** Send to: [stsbrendanmarybulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stsbrendanmarybulletin@yahoo.com) Please call or text (512) 652-8006. Give name, announcement and parish, or prayer intention. Deadline: Wednesday