

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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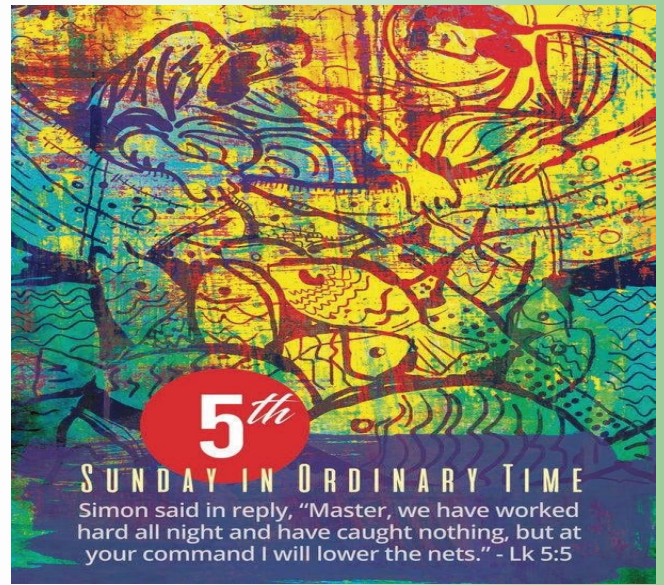
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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Staff

Pastor

Rev. Christopher J. Turczany

Director of Music

Parker Ramsay

Director of Religious Education

Giovanna Varlese

Director of Maintenance

Ray Rychalski

Administrative Assistant

Marie Gabrielle Diharce

Schedule of Masses

Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am and 12:00 pm

Monday-Thursday: 12:15 pm

National Holidays: Mass at 9:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:40 pm

Anointing of the Sick: First Saturday of the month at the 5:00 pm evening Mass.

OCIA Program:

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, or are you a baptized Catholic seeking to complete the Sacraments Initiation?

For an application or any questions, please send an email to dre.stmarylic@gmail.com

or call 917-832-6104.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 11:00am to 12:00pm

Baptism:

Baptism take place on the 4th Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm. Please call the Rectory at 718-786-0705 for an appointment with the Pastor.

Weddings:

All wedding arrangements should be made at least six months in advance in prior to the wedding date. Please call the rectory at 718-786-0705 for an appointment with the Pastor. All couples are required to attend the online Pre-Cana and present the certificate when completed.

Funerals: Monday through Saturday

Intentions For the Week

Saturday, February 7, 2026

5:00pm Eugene Colwell & Allen Norman

Sunday, February 8, 2026

9:30am Msgr. Mulqueen

12:00pm Roger Young

Monday, February 9, 2026

12:15pm Mario Manetta

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

12:15 pm John Attardi

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

11-12pm Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm Mario Manetta and
Family living and deceased

Thursday February 12, 2026

9:30am Matthew Cirili Antolijao

Friday, February 13, 2026

NO MASS

Saturday, February 14, 2026

5:00pm Paul Mazza

ASH WEDNESDAY **FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

12:15pm Holy Mass with distribution of Ashes

3:00pm Prayer Service

7:30pm Holy Mass with distribution of Ashes

*** Ashes will be distributed during mass.**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time **February 8, 2026**

Offertory Proper

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law, O God; in your paths my feet may not falter;
Incline your ear to me and hear my words;
show me your marvelous loving-kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand. (from Psalm 17)

Communion Proper

I will go into the altar of God: to the God of my joy and gladness. Send your light and your truth that they may lead me: and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. (from Psalm 43)

Collection for January 31 and February 1, 2026

Total Count 444

1st Collection: \$2,566

2nd Collection: \$1,140

Pray for the sick,

Martha Catel, Jimmy O'Neil, Robert Keegan,
Joan Pacheco, Madelaine Sullivan, Angela Iorio,
Alexandria Roeder, Joseph Pinto, Elizabeth
Ruiz, Angel Garcia, Anthony Fiorino

Pray for the Deceased

Anthony Delgado, Joseph Pinto, Tina Stare,
Tina Torres, Margarita Sevillano, Maria Vesillo,
Mario Manetta, Alexandra Leal, Phyllis Manetta,
Giuseppe Evangelista, Genevieve Gallagher

Purgatorial Intentions

Anthony DeFelica, Evarito Sipin, Frank Carrado,
Yolanda Sipin, Genevieve Roeder, Pasqual Cafiero,
Robert Rohan, Tommaso Valese, Leonardo Antonio,
Donna Vova, Vincenza Rios, Mildred
Schifano, Forbes and Family

Mass Intentions for 2026 \$20.00.
Please call the rectory with questions or
comments at 718-786-0705.

Bread and Wine for the Remembrance
of Rev Guy Sbordone

February 1 to February 7, 2026



February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

During the long winter we become keenly aware of the value of sunshine. The sun rises later in the morning and sets earlier in the afternoon; quite often its gray and cloudy all day. Today we hear Jesus tell his disciples that they are to shine their light for all to see, as a lamp on a lampstand does. This winter, may we spread Christ's light to the world, bringing joy and life to darkness and gloom.

Pope: Human fraternity an urgent necessity, not an outdated utopia

February 4, 2026

In his message for the World Day of Human Fraternity and the presentation of the Zayed Award, Pope Leo XIV describes fraternity as an urgent necessity, stronger than conflicts, differences and tensions, while warning against leaving it trapped in the realm of ideas.

By Edoardo Giribaldi and Francesca Merlo—
Vatican News

In a world where peace is often dismissed as an outdated utopia and fraternity reduced to an abstract ideal, Pope Leo XIV insists that human fraternity is not a theory but an urgent necessity. This is the central message of the text published on 4 February for the World Day of Human Fraternity and the presentation of the Zayed Award, in which the Pope calls for a fraternity stronger than conflicts, differences and tensions.

The urgent necessity of fraternity

The Pope recalls the seventh anniversary of the signing of the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb - an occasion that makes it possible to celebrate "what is most precious

and universal in our humanity: our fraternity, that unbreakable bond which unites every human being, created in the image of God". "Today, the need for this fraternity is not a distant ideal but an urgent necessity", said the Pope.

Fraternity, the first victim of conflicts

The Holy Father refers to the many - "too many" - brothers and sisters who today suffer the horrors of violence and war, recalling the words of Pope Francis in his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*: "The first victim of every war is the human family's innate vocation to fraternity". "At a time when the dream of building peace together is often dismissed as an 'outdated utopia', we must proclaim with conviction that human fraternity is a lived reality, stronger than all conflicts, differences and tensions." A potential, he explains, that must be realised through "a daily, concrete commitment to respect, sharing and compassion".

Not remaining in the "realm of ideas"

"Words are not enough", the Pope had already stated last December when addressing the members of the Zayed Award Committee - an appeal he reiterates in this message, recalling that our deepest convictions require "constant cultivation through tangible effort". The Pope first refers to his Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, in which he writes that "remaining in the realm of ideas and theories, while failing to give them expression through frequent and practical acts of charity, will eventually cause even our most cherished hopes and aspirations to weaken and fade away". He then returns to *Fratelli Tutti*: as brothers and sisters, we are all called to move beyond the periphery and "converge in a greater sense of mutual belonging".

The award recipients are "sowers of hope"

The Zayed Award, the Holy Father continues, pays tribute to those who have translated these values into "authentic testimonies of human kindness and charity".

Addressing the award recipients directly - Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan; Nikol Pashinyan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia; Ms Zarqa Yaftali; and the Palestinian organization Taawon - Pope Leo describes them as "sowers of hope in a world that too often builds walls instead of bridges".

By choosing the demanding path of solidarity over the easy path of indifference, they have shown that even the most deep-seated divisions can be healed through concrete action. Their work bears witness to the conviction that the light of fraternity can prevail over the darkness of fratricide.

May our neighbor no longer be seen as a stranger or a threat

Pope Leo concludes his message by expressing his gratitude to Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, for his steadfast support of the initiative, as well as to the Zayed Committee for its “vision and moral conviction”.

Finally, he said, “Let us continue to work together so that the dynamic of fraternal love may become the common path of all, and that the ‘other’ may no longer be seen as a stranger or a threat, but recognized as a brother or a sister.”

World Marriage Day-February 8, 2026

How to Observe World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day is celebrated every year on the second Sunday in February, sometimes coinciding with St. Valentine’s Day. This year, it takes place on February 8. World Marriage Day officially began in 1983 in the United States of America. Popularized by the Catholic Church, the purpose of World Marriage Day is to emphasize the beauty of marriage and to honor husbands and wives for their faithfulness and sacrifices.

World Marriage Day highlights the promise of a marital union and the beauty of being a lawfully wedded couple under the eyes of Christ. It was brought into order by the Worldwide Marriage Encounter, an initiative that aims to improve the married life of struggling couples. World Marriage Day propagates the ethos of marriage and honors the sacrifices and faithfulness of husbands and wives. Catholic couples celebrate the day by attending the Sunday mass and recommitting themselves to the values of the institution of marriage.

Renew your vows

There's nothing more beautiful than renewing your commitment to your partner for life. Reiterate the beautiful vows you took at the time of your wedding in a cozy ceremony, and recommit yourself to the pursuit of your marital union. Being married doesn't

stop you from dating each other. With growing responsibilities like kids and work, having fun together may get increasingly challenging. However, this day is a good one to ignite your relationship by dressing up for a dinner date or picnic, hiking in the woods, getting a couple’s massage, or visiting a new city, museum, or art gallery. Walk slowly holding hands, soak in the scenery, take pictures, and appreciate each other’s simple company.

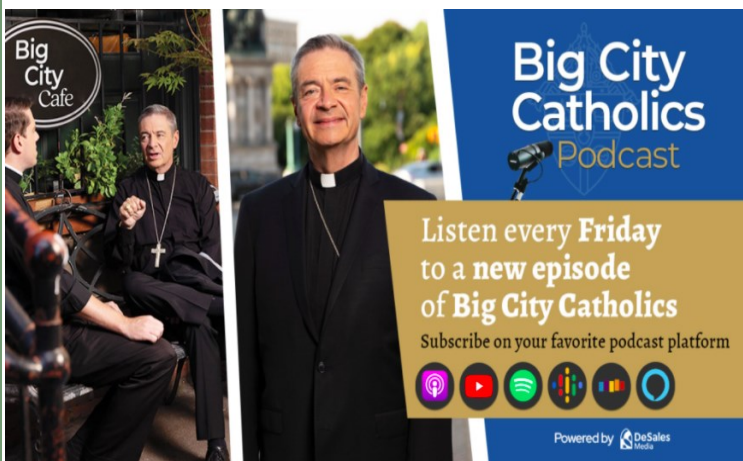
Take a trip

Take a short (or long) trip to a place that is of special significance to you and your spouse and make new memories. You can also bring your immediate family along the ride and strengthen the shared family values.

Join a World Marriage Day event

Focusing on honoring the commitment and significance of the marriage institution, Marriage Day events are organized by various organizations around the world. Search online for upcoming Marriage Day events in your locality, sponsored by churches, clubs, therapy groups, or non-profit organizations, and prepare to participate with your spouse.

Announcements

A promotional graphic for the 'Big City Catholics Podcast'. It features a blue header with the podcast name and a microphone icon. Below is a photo of a priest sitting in a chair, with a 'Big City Cafe' sign in the background. To the right is a portrait of a man in clerical attire. A yellow box contains the text 'Listen every Friday to a new episode of Big City Catholics' and 'Subscribe on your favorite podcast platform', accompanied by icons for various podcast apps. At the bottom, it says 'Powered by DeSales Media'.

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