

# Dear Padre,

## Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 3:22-30	January 27 Weekday 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35	January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20	January 29 Weekday 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Mk 4:21-25	January 30 Weekday 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34	January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41	February 1 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025



CATHOPIC



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MASS TIMES:  
SAT. 4:00 PM  
SUN. 9:45 AM  
Spanish Mass/  
Communion Service:  
SUN. 11:15 AM

Our Mission:  
We, the family of Annunciation Parish, desire to build a community of love and service to our community and those in need as we bear witness to the teaching of Jesus Christ.

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Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM, and by appointment.

BAPTISMS:  
By appointment. Contact Father Viviano

WEDDINGS:  
Please contact at least 6 months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:  
Please call any time, or by appointment.

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 / Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



## Judged or Invited?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"** (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus' words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on "repent," or is the emphasis on the announcement, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees" (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17).

### Reflect

What does "repent" mean to me?  
A threat or an invitation?

In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



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JESUS First  
OTHERS Second  
YOURSELF Third

## LITURGICAL ROLES

### Saturday, January 24th, 4:00 PM

Mass Coord: Sandy & Dale Deraps  
 Lector: Mary Lou Porter  
 Server: Jerry Hoback  
 Song Leader: Alicia Taube  
 Greeters: Steve & Kristie Glenn  
 Rosary: Rosemary Bardwell  
 Gift Bearers: Jo Pummill & Linda Belt

### Sunday, January 25th, 9:45 AM

Mass Coord: Joann Frank  
 Lector: Rita Henley  
 Server: Hezekiah Frank  
 Song Leader: JoAnn Bestgen  
 Greeters: Bernie & Brian Bestgen  
 Rosary: Charlie Roll  
 Gift Bearers: Connor & Bailey McGill Family

### Saturday, January 31st, 4:00 PM

Mass Coord: Tim & Pauline Forck  
 Lector: Paulette Fischer  
 Server: Jerry Hoback  
 Song Leader: David Garnett  
 Greeters: Don & Jean Vanderfeltz  
 Rosary: Russ Anderson  
 Gift Bearers: Joyce Ziehmer & Denise Gerlt

### Sunday, February 1st, 9:45 AM

Mass Coord: Margaret Bieri  
 Lector: Becki Collier  
 Server: Henry Collier  
 Song Leader: Bev Kleffner  
 Greeters: Rodney & Janet Henley  
 Rosary: Rita Henley  
 Gift Bearers: Clayton & Kimberly Reynolds Family

## CLERGY & VOCATIONS

Please pray for all priests, sisters, deacons & seminarians.  
 This week please keep in your prayers seminarian  
 Mr. Garrett Lammers

The Annunciation Cemetery Committee wishes to thank all those who contributed to the Annunciation Cemetery in memory of Glenda "Roll" Williams. The upkeep of the cemetery is based on your donations, since we receive no funding from the Church.  
 Thank You Again!  
 Cemetery Committee

## PRAYER LIST

Please pray for these and all who are in need of prayer.  
 To remove or add someone to the prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Abe Baepler (grandchild of Dale & Sandy Deraps; Bruce Senior (Vicki Glenn's brother); Cliff Ives (Pamela Hill's brother); Larry Dahler; Maggie Lawson; Mary Ann Wasser; Tom Jones; Emma Heise; Wyatt Schmidt; Alex McGill; Ashley Kaplan (daughter of Tricia Brauch); Marian Dorn; Wallace Maynard; Derrick Cleveland (Vickie Schroeder's nephew); David Wilde; Kaitlyn Schlup; Sharon Belt; Cory Bickel (Jim Hoback's nephew); Bill McConkey; Jacobo Garcia; Pam Block; Helen Heinen; Shawn Bax; Suzy Allee; Robert Garner; Lisa Anderson; Paula Volkmer; Tracy Davis; John Michael McCoy; J. Gattermeir; Sally Schepers; Janice Howard; Sharon (Imhoff) Dresel; Linda Reichel; Steve Gerlt; Mark Bardwell; Dylann Henley; Lanny Wingate; Barb Glenn; Peggy Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Amanda Imhoff; Gary Fleischmann; Barbara Reichl (mother of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Rachel Frank; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### \*Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, January 24</b>	4:00 PM	*Tina Hoback
<b>Sunday, January 25</b>	9:45 AM	*Norb Kolb
<b>Spanish Mass</b>	11:15 AM	*Rosario Anguiano y Manuel Viesca
<b>Tuesday, January 27</b>	8:00 AM	*Living & Deceased Members of the Leroy Hentges Family
<b>Thursday, January 29</b>	8:00 AM	*Bernie & Elva Dunn
<b>Saturday, January 31</b>	4:00 PM	*Annunciation & St. Andrew's Parishioners
<b>Sunday, February 1</b>	9:45 AM	*Mickie Bolinger
<b>Spanish Mass</b>	11:15 AM	*Holy Souls in Purgatory

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flower arrangement this week is from the Bieri family in loving memory of Raymond Bieri.

## MUSTARD SEED REFLECTION (Every Sunday at 8 A.M. on FM Station 104.1 - KRLL)

We thank those who volunteer their time & talent to the weekly mustard seed reflection...

January 25th	Dianne Naros
February 1st	Joyce Ziehmer

## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25** PSR CLASSES 8:15-9:30 A.M.  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 26** 5:45 P.M. Rosary  
 8:00 P.M. AA-ALNON  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27** Mass at 8 A.M.  
 Ladies Sodality Mtg 5:30 P.M.  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28** Bible Study 6:30 P.M.  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29** Mass at 8 A.M.  
 Quilting after 8 A.M. Mass  
 Hispanic Holy Hour at 7 P.M.  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1** PSR CLASSES 8:15-9:30 A.M.

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the loved ones of Glenda Williams. May God grant them peace & may Glenda rest in the loving arms of our Lord.

## LADIES SODALITY MEETING

Ladies Sodality will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 27th at 5:30 P.M. in the church basement. Social at 5:15 P.M. We are collecting for Birthright and any baby items would be greatly appreciated. All women of the parish are invited!

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Monday, February 2, 2026, and in parishes over the weekend of February 1, 2026. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

### Prayers of the Faithful

For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits. We pray to the Lord...

For those who have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be a consecrated person, that they may experience the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness. We pray to the Lord...

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - January 2026

**1st Week:** \$8,510.40 **3rd Week:** \$5,701.40  
**2nd Week:** \$5,681.00 **4th Week:**  
**Building Fund:** \$18,135.00 **Stipends:** \$210.00  
**Candles:** \$58.00

## YEAR END STATEMENTS

A reminder that if you would like your year-end financial statement, please contact the parish office either by phone or email.

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## HOLY LAND TOUR

A Nine-Day Pilgrimage of Faith Tour with Fr. Viviano as Spiritual Director is being offered from May 15 - 23rd, 2026. For further questions, please contact Wes Hentges at 573-353-1779 or by visiting the following website:  
<https://www.nativitypilgrimage.com/holyland-5883>

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

First Saturday Devotion, also known as the Five First Saturdays, will begin on February 7th in Tipton with Adoration & Confessions at 8 A.M. followed by Mass at 9 A.M.