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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 25, 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Entrance Hymn: V. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?

R. The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid? V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. **R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

First reading: Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

Psalm: Ps 27:1,4,13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Intention: For śp. Robert Fortin (10th anniversary), Francis Fortin (Sept. 10, 2025), and Beatrice Christopher (Dec. 24, 2025). For all church musicians.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 8:30am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).

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Today's Music

- Entrance: R190, Angels From The Realms Of Glory.
- Gloria: R192, Angels We Have Heard On High.
- Word of God: R203, All My Heart Today Rejoices.
- Offertory: R202, As With Gladness Men Of Old.
- Communion: Cantic Of Zachary (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R199, Redeeming Love.
- Recessional: R205, Go Tell It On The Mountains.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **Today's Schedule**: There will be only one Holy Mass today offered at 8:30am in light of the coming storm. Please stay safe and warm.
- **Clothing Donations: Thank you for your generosity.** Please turn in the form today or as soon as possible. If you need help, the men will help.
- **Other reminders**: Chalk and incense were blessed on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. They are available for you to take home. If you wish to schedule a house blessing, please see Fr. Jim. **Official Announcement: The Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, February 1st. There will be only one Holy Mass that day at 10am.**
- **YMSofR Dues for 2026 are now due.** Please see Paul with your \$12 payment.
- **We would like to take down** the trees today prior to PreLent. Please plan to help if you can.
- Holy Name of Jesus has been officially designated a **Veteran/Military Friendly Congregation (VMFC)**. If you would like to help with this effort, please see Fr. Jim or Paul.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed ---

He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him... He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

We remain in the aftermath of Jesus' baptism. Today's passage taken from Matthew's gospel.

Last week, focused on John's Gospel's first chapter. We spoke extensively on testimony, an unequivocal witness to Who Jesus is and the import of His saving message for everyone.

Jesus' call to testimony, given to Andrew, Peter, James, and John is a call to all disciples. That job of testimony is passed on to us through the Holy Church. It is ours to carry out.

The two scriptures leading up to the gospel speak of the profound change that Jesus brings us so we may do as He calls us to do.

Isaiah speaks of the change God brings to the world. By Jesus' coming, what was dark and gloomy is made bright. Light has come. Sadness and mourning are replaced by *abundant joy and great rejoicing*. Our *burdens* have been taken from our shoulders. We stand looking forward.

Our Epistle, taken from Paul's first letter to the Church at Corinth speaks of another kind of change, an internal change. The Corinthians heard the word of God and were changed by it. Yet, after some time, they fell back into old bad habits. Paul writes to remind them to be changed people. By slipping back they were failing to fathom the full meaning of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and were losing themselves in the process.

Andrew, Peter, James, and

John's leaving of their nets and boats is a metaphor for change in us. Our Collect for today reminds us that our changed selves are meant 'to turn many to [God's] light and peace.'

Our Offertory Prayer (Secret) emphasizes something even stronger. It reminds us that we, who expect great things from God must be bold and daring enough to attempt great things for Him.

You see, it did not matter who Andrew, Peter, James, and John were, what they had, or what industry they engaged in. The important thing was who they would become by following Jesus. They got up and went with Him. Let us also go as a changed people.

Memory Verse

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ezekiel 11:19
MONDAY: Jeremiah 24:7
TUESDAY: Romans 12:2
WEDNESDAY: Hosea 10:12
THURSDAY: Psalm 73:26
FRIDAY: Matthew 22:37
SATURDAY: Galatians 2:20

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, In my baptism I was changed, regenerated to new life in You. Grant me the grace of a constant change within me so I may witness to Your light and peace and draw many into the glory of the life You offer. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepakowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Steve Snyder, Susan D'Ameco, Ed Sargalis, Chip, and all needing God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Andrew Tenus, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob, Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk, and for all Veterans.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All members of the Civil Air Patrol.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of St. Hedwig, Queen of Poland parish, Chicago, IL.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **January 25: 3rd Ordinary Sunday. Music Scholarship Sunday. Holy Mass at 8:30am ONLY. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- January 26: Feast – Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle (translated). Week of prayer for Christian Unity Ends. NO Holy Mass and NO Food Pantry due to weather.
- January 27: Commemoration – St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor. Holy Mass at Noon.
- January 28 – 30: Holy Mass at Noon.
- **February 1: Septuagesima Sunday. Pre-Lent Begins. Holy Mass ay 10am ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil. Annual Parish Meeting and Elections Follows.**
- February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation of our Lord. Food Pantry from 3pm until 6pm. Fr. Jim tentatively at seminary.
- February 3 – 4: Fr. Jim tentatively at seminary.
- February 5 – 6: Holy Mass at Noon.
- **February 8: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**