

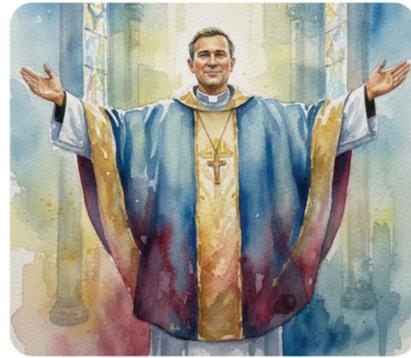
# Dear Padre,

*I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of “pray, pay, and obey” were over.*

The *Code of Canon Law* identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care “with the assistance of lay members of Christ’s faithful” (CCL 519).

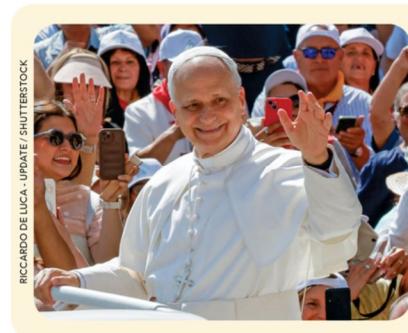
The intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the “knowledge, prudence, and integrity” of every member (CCL 228, §2). Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of goodwill. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone take a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, “Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?” If honest and prayerful reflection reveals less-than-good intentions, now is the time for an attitude change and to acknowledge that a new start is needed. ●



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| Monday                              | Tuesday                            | Wednesday       | Thursday                             | Friday                                       | Saturday       | Sunday                               |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| February 2                          | February 3                         | February 4      | February 5                           | February 6                                   | February 7     | February 8                           |
| <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> | <i>Weekday</i>                     | <i>Weekday</i>  | <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> | <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Mal 3:1–4                           | 2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30–19:3 | 2 Sm 24:2, 9–17 | 1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12                   | Sir 47:2–11                                  | 1 Kgs 3:4–13   | Is 58:7–10                           |
| Heb 2:14–18                         | Mk 5:21–43                         | Mk 6:1–6        | Mk 6:7–13                            | Mk 6:14–29                                   | Mk 6:30–34     | 1 Cor 2:1–5                          |
| Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32               |                                    |                 |                                      |  |                | Mt 5:13–16                           |



## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*The desire to work together for a common purpose reflects an essential reality: no one is Christian alone! We are part of a people, a body established by the Lord.... The Christian life is not lived in isolation.... It is lived with others, in a group and in community, because the risen Christ is present wherever disciples gather in his name.*

ADDRESS, ROME, JUNE 6, 2025

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12–13 / 1 Corinthians 1:26–31 / Matthew 5:1–12a



“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:12a

# The New Evangelization

MIGUEL DULICK

**T**his season of the Church we call “Ordinary Time” is full of Jesus’ teaching about how to live our Christian lives. Today’s readings are especially rich. When Jesus takes his place as the New Moses to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, he begins, fittingly, with a new version of the commandments, but instead of “Thou shalt not,” they are blessings! And they are paradoxical; always a sign of the divine touch. The “poor in spirit” get the kingdom of heaven; mourners are blessed, for they shall be comforted.

Now, who is supposed to do the comforting? We are. If the beatitudes are new commandments, we disciples are to obey them, even rejoicing in the blessing of persecution. What kind of people sign up for this? Saint Paul describes to the Christians in Corinth what kind of people God chooses: the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised, the nothings of this world, to shame and confuse those who seem to run things. The wisdom of God seems like nonsense in a world where power reigns supreme. That sweet soul Zephaniah, author of today’s first reading, saw the shift coming, from “don’ts” to “dos,” from bossy to beatitude: “Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land” (Zephaniah 2:3). You will be “a people humble and lowly” who will pasture your flocks (and do the work God intends you to do) with “none to disturb” you (Zephaniah 3:12, 13). Sign me up for that! ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

## Reflect

How do Jesus’ teachings work in the “real world”?

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**RECONCILIATION: (Confession)** available, following Mass, on  
 Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm  
 availability. Also by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, at least one month prior to  
 desired date.

**SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE:** Please contact the Deacon or Pastor  
at least six months prior to desired date.

*Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will*

**THANK YOU for your donations!**

**Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00**

01/18/26: \$963.00

01/25/26: \$939.00

**Building Fund Donations: \$0.00**

**Tax letters were mailed out this week.**

Signup for On-line Giving at [methowcatholic.org](http://methowcatholic.org).

**Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 18.**



*Thank you to all who volunteer and share!*



**CAFFEINE & CALORIES:** The weekly social hour continues, after Mass.  
 Please consider *hostina C & C*. Contact Alicia Brown for info. 509-429-1621.



**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building  
 skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

**PARENTS:** Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block  
 retaining wall. Thank you!



The Cove is always in need of toilet paper. Pet  
 food is especially needed in the winter.  
 Donations can be left in the basket at the side  
 door.

**WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR  
 PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST.  
 GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.**

**Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday, Feb 01 @ 11:00 am, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time,**  
 Rosary @ 10:20 am  
**Wednesday, Feb 04 @ 9:30 am, Mass, Rosary 9:00 am**  
**Friday, Feb 06 @ 9:00 am Rosary, First Friday Mass @ 9:30am**  
 with Anointing of the Sick, Benediction, and Eucharistic  
 Adoration until Noon  
**Sunday, Feb 08 @ 11:00 am, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time,**  
 Rosary @ 10:20 am



**Liturgy of the Word**

*Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13*  
*Psalm 146*  
*1 Corinthians 1:26-31*  
*Matthew 5:1-12a*

**“Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth.”**  
**Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!”**  
**God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise.**  
**Blessed are the lowly, the sorrowing, the poor in spirit.**

**Zephaniah prepares us for today’s Gospel, instructing us to seek justice and humility.** Paul  
 writes that God purposely chose the weak and lowly, for Christ has become our strength and our  
 glory. Jesus teaches the crowds the Beatitudes, telling them that it is those who are meek, merci-  
 ful, and poor in spirit who are blessed. So today we sing out, “Blessed are the poor in spirit,”  
 looking to the Lord to satisfy our every need.

**Question of the Week:** How will I allow myself to be meek, merciful, and poor in spirit,  
 choosing to rely more often on God’s grace?



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome Back Fr. Pedro!**



**ADORATION**

Following First Friday Mass and Benediction, there will be Adoration of the Lord until  
 12:00 p.m. Come and adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for a few minutes or an  
 hour or more. Of course, you can always come into the church and adore the Lord  
 present in the Tabernacle whenever it is convenient for you.



Sermon on the Mount, Bruegel (1568-1625)



*Please  
 Remember  
 in Your  
 Prayers*

Judy Dayharsh  
 Dayharsh Family  
 Robert Springer  
 Cor Bader  
 Wannita Knox  
 Malachi Knox  
 Jeff Springer  
 Hal Groat  
 Ana Cotner  
 John Spannuth  
 Joseph Carbajal  
 Mark Crum  
 Roland Cruz  
 Jim Perra  
 Brooke Stendera  
 Lupe Garcia  
 Sheila Kerr  
 Jonathan Kessler  
 Fr. Sean Thomson  
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 Evangeline Grace Knox  
 Melissa Larson  
 Howard Burcham  
 Terry & Barb Anderson  
 Bernice Morgan



*Repose of the Soul of*

Bill Wilburn