

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**SATURDAY:** 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

**WEEKDAYS:** Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 a.m.

Tues.: 6:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENTS

**CONFESSION:** 1/2 hr. before each weekend mass, 1hr. before Tuesday evening mass & 1 hr. before Friday morning mass

**BAPTISM:** Please call the office for baptism information

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the office at least six months prior to the desired date. Confirmation of the wedding date must be made by the priest officiating the ceremony.

**FUNERAL:** Please contact the office before going to the funeral home to make arrangements.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:** Available upon request.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND:** If you cannot attend Mass and receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** First Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am

## **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

First Wednesday of each month, following 8:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm.

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION:** Thursday after 8:00 am Mass.

## **PARISH HOLY HOUR WITH**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Every Tuesday 5:00 pm leading to 6:00 pm Mass, & every Friday at 7:00 am leading to 8:00 am Mass.



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

**Psalms** — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6)

**Second Reading** — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20)

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Gn 4: 1-15, 25; Ps 50: 1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8: 11-13

**Tuesday:** Gn 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10; Ps 29: 1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; Mk 8: 14-21

**Wednesday:** Gn 8: 6-13, 20-22; Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 18-19 ; Mk 8: 22-26

**Thursday:** Gn 9: 1-13; Ps 102: 16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mk 8: 27-33

**Friday:** Gn 11: 1-9; Ps 33: 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8: 34 -- 9: 1

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5: 1-4; Ps 23: 1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16: 13-19

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a); 1 Cor 15: 45-49; Lk 6: 27-38

### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day

**Friday:** St. Peter Damian

**Saturday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday

### St. Peter Damian,

#### Bishop and Doctor of the Church

All-powerful God,  
help us to follow the teachings and example of  
Peter Damian.

By making Christ and the service of his Church  
the first love of our lives,  
may we come to the joys of eternal light,  
where he lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

### BLESSED

When we think of the word "Beatitude," we think of today's discourse from Luke's Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins "Blessed are the poor in spirit . . ."). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord" (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John's Gospel, Christ proclaims, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the Beati, the "Blessed," for they are the ones who lived the "blessed" life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blessed are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

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### THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

#### February 22

In brushing up for "Catholic Jeopardy," it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It's for a chair: Saint Peter's chair in fact. After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today's Syria, the place where we were first called Christians. From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair ("disciple" literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter's chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter's chair above the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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### Use Me

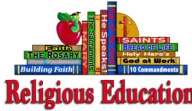
If you can use anything Lord, You can use me. Take my hands Lord and my feet. Touch my heart Lord, speak through me. If You can use anything Lord, You can use me.



### Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



Our parish is always looking for volunteers to join our Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion ministries.



### Religion Education Class Schedule

Kindergarten- 11th grade  
Tuesday, February 18th  
6:00 - 7:40 pm

### For All Current Information & News



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**Bulletin Deadline:** noon, Wednesday (two (2) weeks before scheduled bulletin date)

*Our Lady of Lourdes ...  
Pray for us!*

### SEAFOOD DINNERS Every Friday During Lent

#### *Donations needed:*

Peanut Oil  
Fish Fry  
Garlic Powder  
Onion Powder  
Paprika  
Yellow Mustard  
Paper Towels

*Monetary Donations are always welcome*

### MAKE YOUR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS ONLINE!

Our Lady of Lourdes offers Online Giving, a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation.



### GETTING STARTED IS EASY—

just visit our website, [www.olol-church.com](http://www.olol-church.com), and click our Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays!

*We return to God from what He has given us*  
We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us. In gratitude, we have returned to Him:

#### February 1st & 2nd

Attendance: 304  
Offertory: \$2834.00  
Online Giving: \$ 835.00  
Budget: \$3500.00  
\$ 169.00

*Poor Box: \$*

*Thank you for your generosity and spirit of caring!*