

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 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

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.

# Mass Intentions

February 22, 2025– February 28, 2025

Saturday, February 22:

4:00 PM: **Rodney Williams, Sr. Family; Pauline Alfonso; Andrew & Myrlin Ducote; Gage Garcia; Gustave “Johnny” Huff; Donald Pomes; Marion Montalbano; Vivian & Marty Melerine, Sr.; Carol Bonvillian; Michelle Jeanfreau**

Sunday, February 23:

9:00 AM **Herman & Ursula Repath Family; Carolyn LeBlanc; Louis & Nicolina Burns; Andrea Burleson; Sherry Alphonso; Janice Nadler; Carol Bonvillian; Patsy Meyers**

11:00 AM **Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

Monday, February 24: **Fr. Ken’s Intentions**

Tuesday, February 25: **Parish School of Religion**

Wednesday, February 26: **Carol Bonvillian**

Thursday, February 27: **Carol Bonvillian**

Friday, February 28: **Carol Bonvillian**

March 1, 2025– March 7, 2025

Saturday, March 1:

4:00 PM: **Rodney Williams, Sr. Family; Pauline Alfonso; Andrew & Myrlin Ducote; Gustave “Johnny” Huff; Vivian & Marty Melerine, Sr.; Janice Nadler; Carol Bonvillian; Michelle Jeanfreau; Past & Present Altar Society Members; Robert & Miriam Daussat; Rev. Richard L. Loftus, S.J.**

Sunday, March 2:

9:00 AM **Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

11:00 AM **Carolyn LeBlanc; Joyce Keller; Ken Dufour; Louis & Nicolina Burns; Marian Montalbano; Beverly Loze; Sherry Alphonso; Carol Bonvillian; Jamie Bennett; Don Anthony Serpas; Iona Ben; Patsy Meyers**

Monday, March 3: **Fr. Ken’s Intentions**

Tuesday, March 4: **Parish School of Religion**

Wednesday, March 5: **Carol Bonvillian**  
6:00 PM **All Souls**

Thursday, March 6: **Jim Williams**

Friday, March 7: **Carol Bonvillian**

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Penny Iemmola; Cancer Patients; Glen Lohfink; Lisa Bertucci Menesses; Susette Dufour; Lucy; Wiley; Tashera Horton; Dempsey Milton; Yessa Nessa; Jamie Bennett; Patricia Gettys; Brian Keller; Jesse Resendez

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Natalia Baca; First Responders; Josie Landry; Roselyn Hansen; Gwen Cantrell; Dina Cedeno; Cornelius Dennis; Joy Dennis; Chante Wright; Cora Robin; Special Intention

**Lord Jesus, Divine Mercy, shower Your compassion upon the souls in purgatory. Bring them into the light of Your presence, where they may enjoy eternal rest. Amen**

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

**JAMIE BENNETT**

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

**SOULS IN PURGATORY**

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

**SOULS IN PURGATORY**

THE SACRED HEART CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

**SOULS IN PURGATORY**

*Our Lady of Prompt Succor ...  
hasten to help us!*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13)

**Second Reading** — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49)

**Gospel** — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Sir 1: 1-10; Ps 93: 1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9: 14-29

**Tuesday:** Sir 2: 1-11; Ps 37: 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9: 30-37

**Wednesday:** Sir 4: 11-19; Ps 119: 165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9: 38-40

**Thursday:** Sir 5: 1-8; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mk 9: 41-50

**Friday:** Sir 6: 5-17; Ps 119: 12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10: 1-12

**Saturday:** Sir 17: 1-15; Ps 103: 13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10: 13-16

**Sunday:** Sir 27: 4-7; Ps 92: 2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 1 Cor 15: 54-58; Lk 6: 39-45

### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Thursday:** St. Gregory of Narek

### DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

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### Kindness Toward All

It is certainly difficult to be “kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.” But doing so is exactly what our Lord commanded us to do. And His command is not a command in the sense of being a burden. On the contrary, it’s a command that frees us from the ingratitude and wickedness we encounter.

Offentimes, when we encounter ingratitude from another, or any other form of wickedness, we tend to react in kind. Our fallen human nature lures us into cruelty when faced with cruelty. We criticize, condemn, attack and get angry. But Jesus is very clear that this is not how the “Most High” acts toward the wicked. And it is not how He acts toward us. In the end, the wicked who fail to repent will endure the consequences of their rejection of God’s mercy. But until that final judgment, hope of conversion must always be present. And for that reason, we must never give up on another, no matter how difficult. Kindness shown to everyone, in every circumstance, goes to the heart of the mission we have received as children of God.

Think about the person in your life who seems unworthy of your kindness and generosity. Why are they undeserving? Are they truly undeserving? The truth, according to our Lord’s teaching, is that these are not questions we should even ask ourselves.

Instead, we must fully commit ourselves to loving everyone who appears to be our enemy, and do good to them and to everyone whom we encounter. Though this is difficult, it won’t be if we understand the goodness that God has shown to us.

God has shone us perfect goodness, not because He expected anything back, but simply because He has willed to love us. If we want to be children of God the Most High, then we must reciprocate the love given to us. That’s the nature of God’s love. It cannot be contained. It cannot be selfishly received without also allowing it to pour forth from our lives. When we understand this, we will understand the reason Jesus instructed us to be “kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.” It is simply because this is how God has treated us.

Reflect, today, upon the unlimited love God has for you. It is beyond what you could ever comprehend. Reflect, also, upon the great benefit there is in opening yourself to God’s perfect love, kindness, generosity and mercy. The benefit is that you are able to be filled with that which you receive. And as you receive this love of God, it necessarily overflows into the lives of everyone you encounter, the good and the wicked. Everyone must always be offered this love. Do not hesitate, for God does not hesitate with you.

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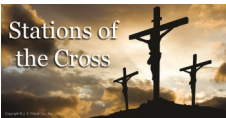
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If you are a volunteer  
in any capacity,  
we want to thank you.  
We see what you're  
doing, and we're grateful  
to you.  
Keep up the good work.



### Religion Education Class Schedule

Kindergarten- 11th grade  
Tuesday, February 25th  
6:00 - 7:40 pm



### **Fridays of Lent (Except Good Friday)**

8:00 AM mass

### **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!

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

### **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*



Ash Wednesday, March 5th  
Mass

8:00 AM & 6:00 PM

### **Easter Flower Envelopes**

Pick up an Easter flower envelope and fill it out, write the person's name of who you would like to remember, and return it with your donation in the offertory basket by April 13th.



**All memorials will print on April 20th.**

### ***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 8th & 9th**

Attendance: 284

Offertory: \$2249.00

Online Giving: \$ 515.00

Budget: \$3500.00

\$ 736.00

**Poor Box:** \$176.00

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