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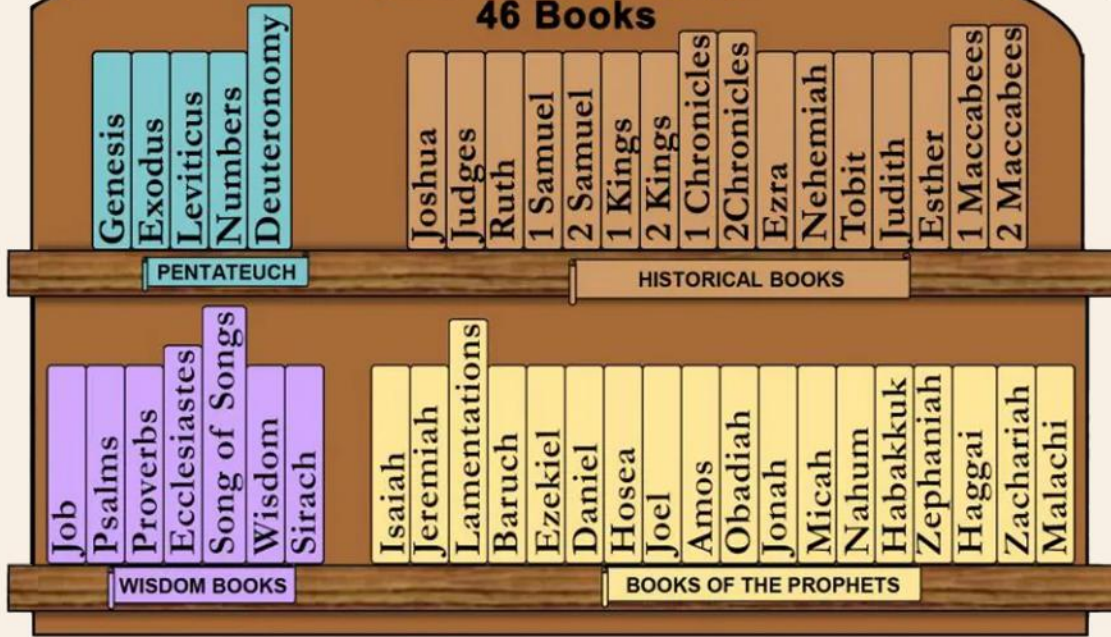
## WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

### Old Testament 46 Books

Books of the  
**BIBLE**



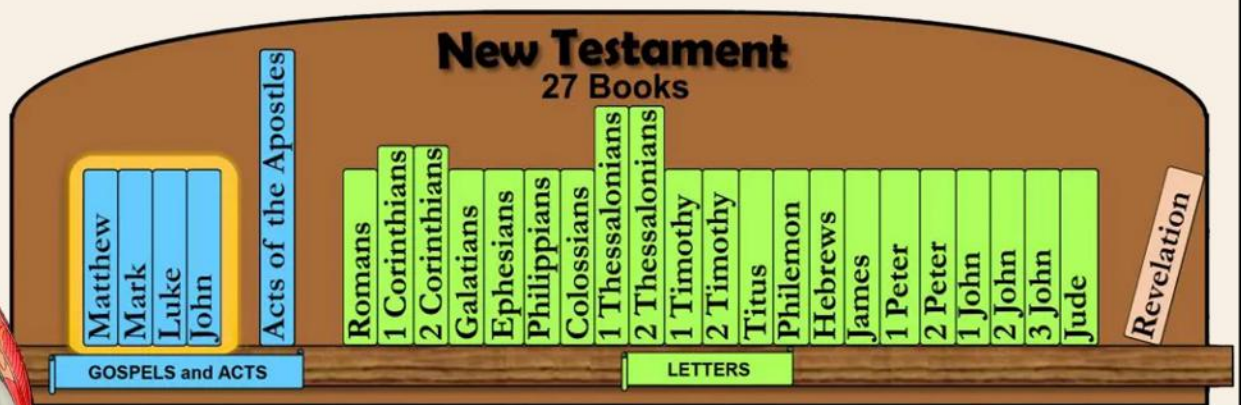
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was defined by  
**Pope Damasus I**  
in AD 382 at the  
**Council of Rome**



**“Now indeed we must treat of the divine Scriptures, what the universal Catholic Church accepts...”** *Decree of the Council of Rome (AD 382)*



### New Testament 27 Books



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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[ ] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [ ] We've Moved, here is our new information

## Saturday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*  
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*  
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*  
5:00 p.m. Darlene Coulardot +

## Sunday, January 26

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

## Monday, January 27

*No public Mass*

## Tuesday, January 28

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*  
8:00 a.m. Rita Blair +  
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

## Wednesday, January 29

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*  
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*  
7:00 p.m. Lloyd Smith Family

## Thursday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Mary Porrata-Doria +

## Friday, January 31

8:30 a.m. Joseph Strazanac +

## Saturday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*  
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*  
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*  
5:00 p.m. Ann Schnerre +

## Sunday, February 2

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*  
7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +  
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Jan. 27 - Third Week in Ordinary Time - St. Angela Merici, Virgin** - Heb 9:15, 24-28 / Ps 98:1-6 / Mk 3:22-30

**Tues., Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church** - Heb 10:1-10 / Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10-11 / Mk 3:31-35

**Wed., Jan. 29** - Heb 10:11-18 / Ps 110:1-4 / Mk 4:1-20

**Thurs., Jan. 30** - Heb 10:19-25 / Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 / Mk 4:21-25

**Fri., Jan. 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest** - Heb 10:32-39 / Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 / Mk 4:26-34

**Sat., Feb. 1** - Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 / (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 / Mk 4:35-41

**Sun., Feb. 2 - The Presentation of the Lord** - Mal 3:1-4 / Ps 24:7-10 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 26, 2025

This weekend (January 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. This Sunday is also known as **Word of God Sunday** as we focus in a special way on the living word of God that comes forth from the 73 Books of Sacred Scripture. In the words of Pope Francis, the Word of God is meant to pass “*from our ears to our hearts to our hands;*” The Word of God is meant to convict us to perform good deeds in Jesus’ name.

With our entrance into **Ordinary Time**, we now begin an uninterrupted scriptural journey in the St. Luke’s Gospel for the liturgical year. St. Luke, the “beloved physician” (Colossians 4:14) and companion of St. Paul (2 Timothy 4:11), offers a unique perspective amongst the Gospel writers. As heard in today’s prologue, he is writing to Theophilus—whose name in Greek means “Friend of God”—to provide an orderly account of the good news.

Though not an Apostle or direct eye-witness to the Gospel, St. Luke came to know the Lord through the testimony of the Apostles and other eye-witnesses. Given the details accounted in the Infancy Narrative (Luke 1:5-2:52), tradition has held that the Blessed Mother herself served as an eyewitness source to him. St. Luke would have also come to know the Lord through the prayer, worship, and life of the early Church, as he himself records in Acts 2:42-47.

The Gospel of St. Luke serves to demonstrate how both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition work together to communicate faithfully what God has revealed to us through Christ. What came to be written in the Gospels comes from, and is in service to, what was being preached, taught, and lived in the life of the early Church! In the memorable words of Archbishop Sheen: “*The Church did not come out of the Gospels, the Gospels came out of the Church.*”

## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - BLESSING OF CANDLES & OF THROATS

Next weekend, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**. This feast day falls every year on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, marking the fortieth day since **Christmas**. On this day, in accord with the Law of Moses (cf. Leviticus 12:1-8), the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph presented the Christ-child in the Temple. This is our last fleeting glimpse of **Christmastide** before fully setting our hearts in preparation for the coming of **Lent**.

Though we often celebrate this feast day during the week with a muted celebration, this year it falls on a Sunday. As such, we are able to greet this joyous celebration with greater solemnity. As a part of this celebration, we will bless many of the candles that we use throughout the year for Mass. You are invited to bring any candles from your home with you that you would like to have blessed at the start of Mass next weekend.

Included among the various candles we will bless are the candles used for the **Blessing of Throats** in honor of the **Feast of St. Blaise**. As St. Blaise’s feast day falls on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will offer the **Blessing of Throats** after all Masses next weekend. This blessing, a sacramental prayer which invokes the intercession of St. Blaise for protection against all illnesses of the throat, is open to all who wish to come forward and receive it.

## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

As part of our parish’s sesquicentennial anniversary, we have composed an anniversary prayer that will be presented to the parish next weekend. At the suggestion of our Parish Council, we will be integrating this prayer as a prayer to be said immediately before Mass each weekend throughout our anniversary year. This prayer will be led by our Cantor and recited together by our parish family after the *Introit* (Entrance Antiphon) and before the Opening Hymn.

The anniversary prayer was composed by Nick, our Engagement Director, and myself before being presented to the Parish Council for suggestions and approval. As we will see next weekend, the prayer is one that both gives thanks to Almighty God for the past 150<sup>th</sup> years of grace that He has shown to our parish family and asks His guidance for all the years to come.

~Faithfully in Christ,  
Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, and Richard Payne.

Our Winter Book Study continues on **Mon., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30 PM** in the Parish Conference Room. We will be discussing “*Revelation*” by Flannery O’Connor. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



**Save the Date**  
**Mardi Gras Fund Raiser**  
**G.I.R.L.'s Night Out**  
**March 1st: 6 PM - 9:30 PM**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **Sat., Jan. 25** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 26** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 26** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Jan 27** - *Great Catholic Thinkers Book Study* - 6:30 p.m. in the parish conference room.
- **Tues., Jan. 28** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 29** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 29** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:35 p.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 30** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 30** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Jan. 31** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 1** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- **Sat., Feb. 1** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 2** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 2** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 4** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 4** - Knights of Columbus - recite Holy Rosary at 6:40 in Church / meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Wed., Feb. 5** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 5** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:35 p.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 6** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 6** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Feb. 7** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Feb. 7** - First Friday Adoration following 8:30 a.m. Mass until 4:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 8** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- **Sat., Feb. 8** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 9** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 9** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

**Weekend of February 1st & 2nd**

	<b>5:00</b>	Teresa Smith
	<b>7:30</b>	David Smith
	<b>10:00</b>	Jay Crisp/Adult Choir
	<b>5:00</b>	Marita Crawfis
	<b>7:30</b>	Sarah McCorkle
	<b>10:00</b>	Mike Dunn
	<b>5:00</b>	Laurisa Roper
	<b>7:30</b>	Dale McCorkle
	<b>10:00</b>	Jeff Miller, Jacque Johnson, Kevin Seago
	<b>5:00</b>	Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
	<b>7:30</b>	Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger
	<b>10:00</b>	Charlie Andrews, Sam Smith, Luke Miller

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report  
for the Weekend of  
January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Envelopes- \$3,221.00  
 Loose- \$353.75  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund-  
 \$404.84  
 Gym Rent- \$500.00  
 GIRL's Night Out Donation-  
 \$250.00  
 Votive Candles- \$105.73  
**Total- \$4,835.32**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$2,329.71 ahead of our budget for the month of January 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-  
 \$751.00

**Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish  
are greatly appreciated.  
Thank you!**

38th ABA Over Goal- \$75.00

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:  
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—February 7, 2025**

*Starts following 8:30 a.m. Mass—9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

*Confession offered 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

**Sign up sheet in the narthex.**



**WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD!**

Through water and the word, Konrad John Vanderkolk, son of Stephen and Becca Vanderkolk, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ’s own forever through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, January 18, 2025 by Fr. David Violi.



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 Saturday's: Noon-8pm  
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**THINK!**  
 T - is it true?  
 h - is it helpful?  
 i - is it inspiring?  
 n - is it necessary?  
 k - is it kind?  
 "Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."  
 - St. John Paul II



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