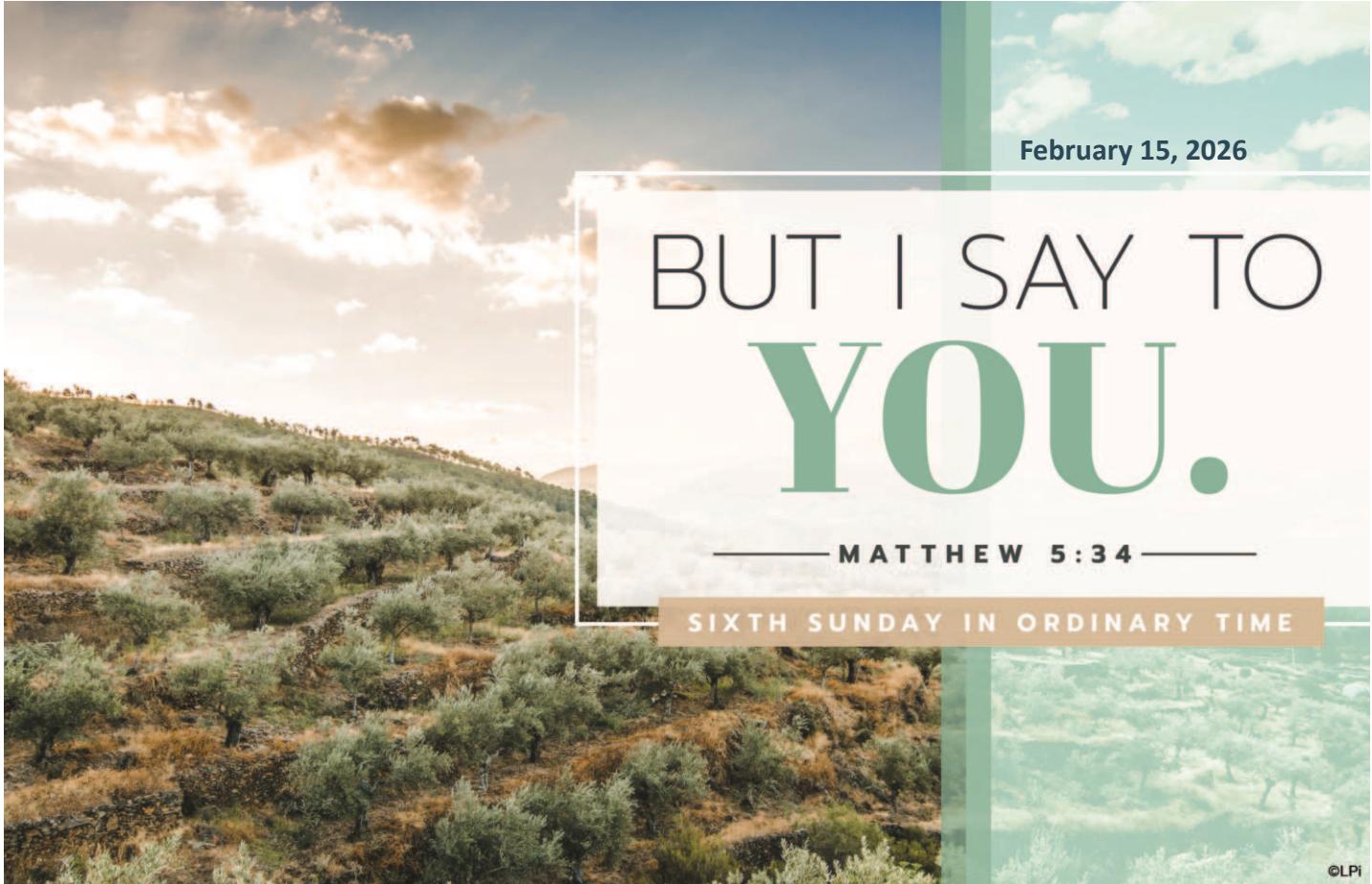




# ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

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## MASSES

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**Sunday** 7:30 AM  
11 AM  
**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** 8 AM

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** "To do God's will as a unified, vibrant parish, and to foster an intentional relationship with Jesus through worship, witness, service, discipleship, and community."

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 14

#### 4 PM ST. CYRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi

+Joe Guidi

+Nery Rodriguez

#### 5 PM ST. CELESTINE

Deceased members of the Bellipanni family

+Marge Mattio

+Joseph and Bette Wesol

+Louis and +Juliana DaPrato and deceased members of the DaPrato family

+Lana Patterson

+Jim Flosi

+James E. McCarthy, Birthday

+Mariann Kaiser, Birthday

Carol Gutkowski, Birthday

### Sunday, February 15

#### 7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

#### 9 AM ST. CYRIAN

+Craig Bastek

+Mary Gannon

+Joseph McGrath

+Timothy Carlson

+Laura Felde

+Karen Euse

+Ann Cannon

+Angela DeFrenza

+Domenico DeFrenza

+Rita Cooper

+Barbara Moran

#### 11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk

+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo

+Jeanne Palumbo

+Richard and +Carol Ritter

### Monday, February 16

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

### Tuesday, February 17

#### 8 AM ST. CYRIAN

+Pedro Guzman, Sr., Anniversary

### Wednesday, February 18

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+George Yagunic

#### 7 PM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

#### 7 PM ST. CYRIAN

+Nery Rodriguez

### Thursday, February 19

#### 8 AM ST. CYRIAN

People of the Parish

### Friday, February 20

#### 8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Rick Sciacotta, Anniversary

### Saturday, February 21

#### 4 PM ST. CYRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi

+Nery Rodriguez

+Joseph Sweeney

#### 5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Eddie Mizejewski

+Anne McCarthy, Birthday

+John Laxamana

### Sunday, February 22

#### 7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Richard G. Bradkowski, Birthday

#### 9 AM ST. CYRIAN

+Joseph and +Stella Halinski

+Geraldine Lustro

#### 11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk

+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo

+Janina and +Josef Zagulski

+Anna Slowinska, Anniversary

+Maria Lis, Anniversary

+Carmen DePillo, Anniversary

+Tony Flando, Birthday

+Frank McGuire, Birthday

+Joyce P. Smith



## St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

Welcome! If you are new to our churches or just visiting, please introduce yourself. We are happy to share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not home to you, we are open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. We invite you to become a part of our parish. Register by calling the parish office at 708-453-2555 or online on our website, [stguerinparish.org](http://stguerinparish.org).

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Please send information to Kim at [khagerty@stguerinparish.org](mailto:khagerty@stguerinparish.org).

March 1 is due on Wednesday, February 18 at 9 AM

March 8 is due on Wednesday, February 25 at 9 AM

March 15 is due on Wednesday, March 4 at 9 AM

## From the Pastor's Desk: Father Paul Cao

### Annual Catholic Appeal

Last weekend, we kicked off our Archdiocese of Chicago Annual Catholic Appeal. Many of our parishioners have already received a mailing from Cardinal Cupich. This year's theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal is Together We Bring light. The theme this year was selected to remind us that our contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal enable the funded ministries and services to come follow Jesus and together we bring Christ's light to others in the darkness of war, violence and hunger in the world.

This weekend, Cardinal Cupich will speak to you though his recorded homily at all the Masses asking you to generously support the Annual Catholic Appeal. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we together join Christ in his great work, by helping parishes and schools in need, supporting programs of faith formation, and those that promote justice, peace, and respect for life. But we also

reach out to the world, to bring hope to people who suffer natural disasters, famine, homelessness and war. All of this makes a difference because it is the work of Christ.

Our parish goal this year is \$ 41,762.46 and after we reach our goal, 100% of any additional funds come back to our parish to help to fund our needs. We reached the goal from last year and hopefully with your help we will do it again this year. Thanks for all your support not only through this Annual Catholic Appeal but also your generous support to our parish community.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses this weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful



consideration and generous response to our Annual Catholic Appeal and your continued support to our parish.

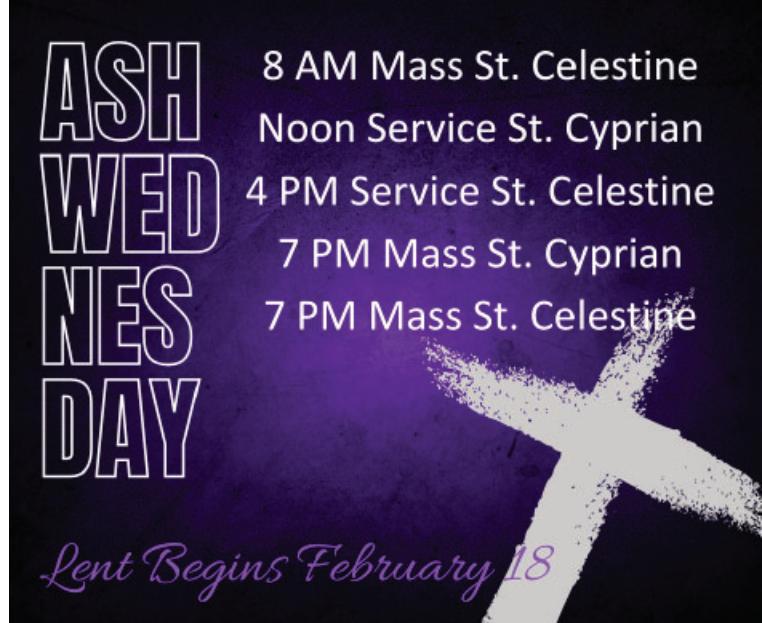
May God bless you and your loved ones!

*In prayer,*

*Fr. Paul*



The picture is of the Society of St. Anthony the Abbott who come every year in January to Mass at St. Celestine for the Feast Day of St. Anthony.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of February 15, 2026

### Sunday:

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/  
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,  
27-28, 33-34a, 37

### Monday:

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/  
Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday:

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/  
Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and  
17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/  
Lk 9:22-25

### Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/  
Mt 9:14-15

### Saturday:

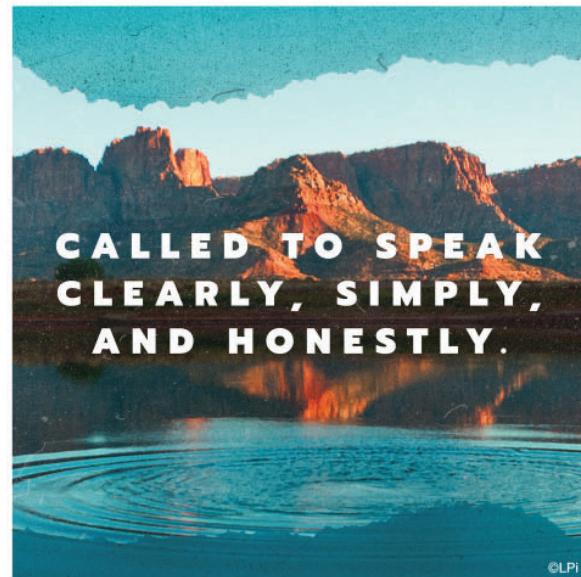
Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

### Next Sunday:

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/  
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, **"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37).** He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

**Lenten Challenge:** Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “Raqa,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily. Over time, it becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait.

### The Carpenter and the Law

My husband and I couldn’t believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived.

Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he’s a person who uses words like “joist” and “weight-bearing” correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn’t up to code. “We’re going to have to reinforce this at some point,” he told me. “Whatever!” I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren’t going to redo the whole deck — we’re not *actually* Kennedys. We (okay, *he*) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “Raqa,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you’ll see why: there wasn’t anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that?

#### Catholic Life Explained

##### Question:

Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s?

##### Answer:

Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with *embryonic* stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions.

# Liturgical Life

“You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.”

- Mt 5:21-22a

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

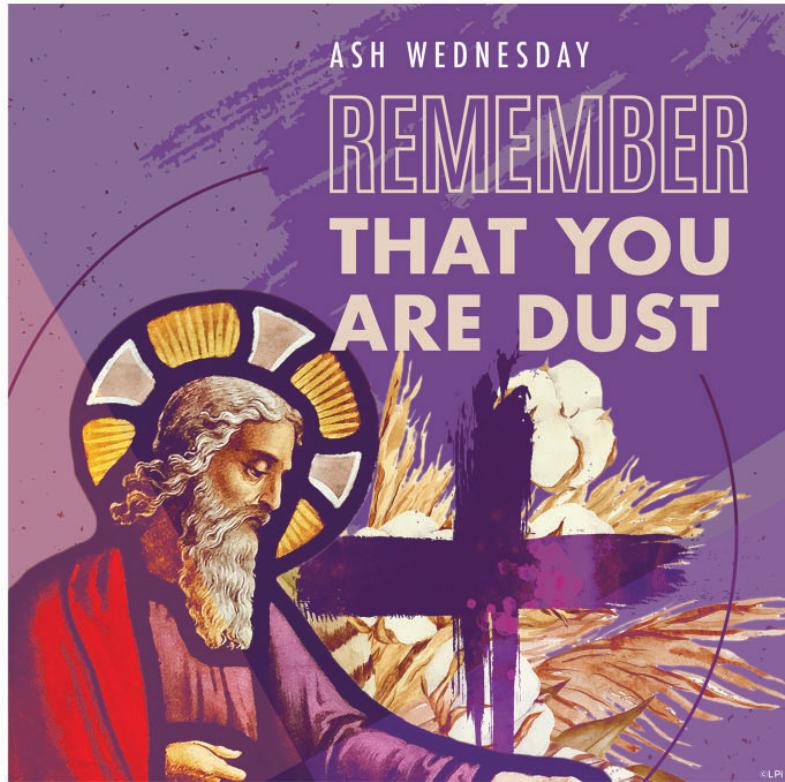
Sirach speaks of the human freedom to choose between good and evil and of God's desire for us to act justly. What good could you do this week for a friend or family member?

### Second Reading:

Paul teaches that God reveals His wisdom to us through the Holy Spirit. How might you be more open to listening to the Holy Spirit in your daily life?

### Gospel:

Jesus offers stern warnings against breaking the commandments, holding grudges, committing adultery, divorcing your spouse, and falsifying oaths. Why do you think Jesus holds us to such high moral expectations?



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## Disciple Maker Index Survey Opens

From the Archdiocese:

St. Mother Theodore Guerin parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith. This process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in. The DMI is a survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Mother Guerin.

The 10–15–minute survey can be accessed through an online link on the website, [stguerinparish.org](http://stguerinparish.org), or through this one: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/p57dg8> starting February 18 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

You're invited to a  
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When:

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## Book Discussion Continues February 25

We will take a break on Ash Wednesday and then return to discussing Fr. Stan Ilo's book, *Someone Beautiful to God: Finding the Light of Faith in a Wounded World* on Wednesday, February 25 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room at St. Celestine.

We do have extra books at the the Pastoral Center if you want to read it on your own. They are available for \$20.

Fr. Stan invites us to consider three central spiritual insights: Who are you? Where are you headed in life? And how can you find healing from pain and wounds? He offers a Christian vision for looking at the gift and value of life as well as resources, daily spiritual practices, for living a life of beauty and purpose.

We are so blessed to have Fr. Stan as a resident priest here between his many jobs! He is an author, a Professor at DePaul University, and will be teaching in Rome during Lent.



# 2026 LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

## ASH WEDNESDAY February 18

8 AM Mass at St. Celestine  
Noon Prayer Service at St. Cyprian  
4 PM Prayer Service at St. Celestine  
7 PM Masses at both churches

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays at 7 PM

February 20 at St. Cyprian  
February 27 at St. Celestine  
March 6 at St. Cyprian  
March 13 at St. Celestine  
March 20 at St. Cyprian  
March 27 at St. Celestine

## MISSION Monday and Tuesday, February 23 and 24 at 7 PM at St. Celestine with Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

## LENTEN DINNERS Fridays at 5 PM at St. Celestine February 27, March 13, and March 27

### HOLY WEEK

**LABYRINTH** March 29—April 3 in the Gym and Annex at St. Celestine from Palm Sunday—Good Friday. Palm Sunday, March 29, Noon—5 PM; March 30—April 2: 4—9 PM, and April 3, Good Friday 9 AM—9 PM

## Monday, March 30

7 PM Parish Reconciliation Service at St. Celestine

## Wednesday, April 1

7 PM Taizé Prayer at St. Cyprian

## Holy Thursday, April 2

8 AM Morning Prayer at St. Cyprian  
7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Celestine, followed by Church Visits

## Good Friday, April 3

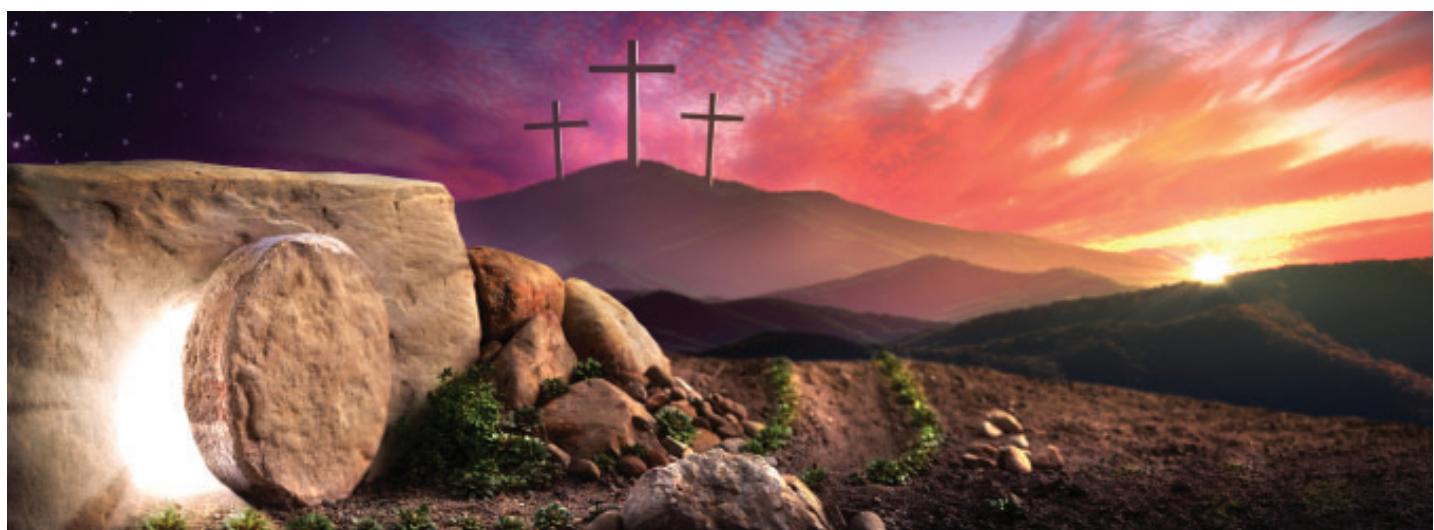
8 AM Morning Prayer at St. Celestine  
3 PM Service at St. Cyprian  
7 PM Shadow Stations at St. Celestine

## Holy Saturday, April 4

8 AM Morning Prayer at St. Cyprian  
11 AM Easter Basket Blessing at St. Cyprian  
Noon Easter Basket Blessing at St. Celestine  
7:30 PM Easter Vigil at St. Celestine

## EASTER SUNDAY, April 5 Masses

7:30 AM at St. Celestine  
9 AM at St. Cyprian  
11 AM at St. Celestine  
11:30 AM at St. Cyprian



# PARISH MISSION

with Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA

## “OUR RESTLESS JOURNEY”

Monday February 23  
Tuesday, February 24

### Fr. Tom is

- ✓ Prior-Provincial Elect of the Augustinians
- ✓ South-sider graduate of St. Rita
- ✓ Teacher, retreat director, preacher
- ✓ Well-known for his talks and retreats
- ✓ Preaches the love and mercy of Jesus

7 PM at St. Celestine Church

3020 N. 76<sup>th</sup> Ct., Elmwood Park, Illinois



St. Augustine said: "You have made us for Yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." We are on a constant "restless" journey towards God, united in mind and in heart. Am I fighting or embracing the journey?



## Pictures from Recent Events

About 125 people braved the cold and snow on Friday, January 30 to attend Bingo sponsored by the Parish Pastoral Council. It was great to see so many people having fun and we are grateful to the Pastoral Council and all the volunteers who helped make the evening such a success. Plan on joining us April 24 for the next Bingo! St. Celestine School children enjoyed Catholic Schools Week.





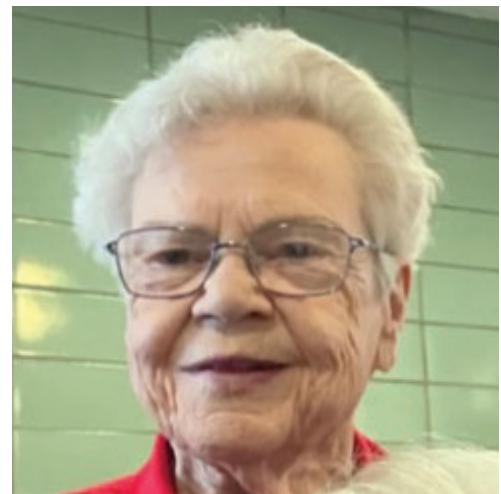
## A Fond Farewell to the St. Mother Theodore Parish Community from S. Carol Meyers, S.P

As of February 1, 2026, I as a Sister of Providence will retire to our Motherhouse, St. Mary of the Woods in Indiana. I am grateful for the opportunity to have participated in the parish life as a member of the Parish Council, the Women's Club and as a Lector.

Consider making another bus trip to St. Mary of the Woods, founded by St. Mother Theodore Guerin in 1840.

God bless you.

*S. Carol Meyers*



## Mother of Perpetual Help Society Devotional

We, a local Mother of Perpetual Help Society, warmly invite the parishioners of St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish to join us for the Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional, to be held weekly in the St. Celestine chapel.

Every Tuesday, beginning on March 3, we will pray the rosary at 7 PM followed by the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 7:30 PM. Feel free to join us for either the rosary or the novena or both! This is a wonderful hour of prayer to offer to our Blessed Mother.

This beautiful and time-honored devotion is a peaceful opportunity to place our needs, our families, and our parish under the loving care of Our Blessed Mother. Whether you have prayed this novena for years or are new to it, all are welcome to come, pray, and find comfort, hope, and strength through Mary's intercession.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Panzarella Konrath at [panzkon@gmail.com](mailto:panzkon@gmail.com).



## Pray for Them

### Sick

Please remember the following people who are seriously ill. If you wish to add a name with the person's permission, please call the parish office. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

Angelo L'Abbate, Michael Binder, Jacqueline Boshell, Edward Bray, Sue Brink, Brian Cunningham, Ellison Deehr\*, Elene Dimperio, Cathy Downing King, Eleanor, Tom Ferguson, Tammy Garcia, Maciej Gondek, Dorota Gondek, Lorry Hartnett, Grace Hensley, Karl Humowiecki, Kathy Johl, Adele Johnson, Lisa Kostrzeski, Justine Kucera, Robert Kucera, Larry Lemanski, Bart Masi, Kathy Mooney, Joseph Morgan, Sr.\*, George Moskaliuk, Sandra Moskaliuk, Efrem Munoz, Martha Munoz, James Nasti, Larry Nestor, Ron Nichols, Sr. Louise Noesen, Carolyn Paprocki, Sr. Rita Mae Rabito, Lucia Ramirez, Aida Rivera, Sarah Rotolo, Kathy Sassolino, Morgan Schlanger, Joseph Serwa, John Sheahan, Mary Skelly, Sue, Brian Swatek, Colleen Schlanger Thomas, Donna Toriani, Judy Virgilio, Robert Virnich, Lillian Wardzala, Jim Waterloo, Jim Wazorick, Danyll Wolcotte, Nicholas Zych

\*recently added

### Faithful Departed

Donald Fallon, Marcia Kozenczak, Ken Milenske

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### Save the Dates!

- Wednesday, February 18: **Ash Wednesday**
- Monday, February 23 and Tuesday, February 24: 7 PM at St. Celestine Church, **Parish Mission with Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA**
- Friday February 27 5—7 PM at St. Celestine: **Fish Fry**
- Friday, March 13 5—7 PM at St. Celestine: **Fish Fry**
- Friday, March 27 5—7 PM at St. Celestine: **Pasta Dinner**
- Sunday, April 5: **Easter Sunday**
- Monday, June 8: **Golf Outing at White Pines**
- June 7—12: **Totus Tuus**

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

### Gospel for February 15, 2026

*Matthew 5:17-37*

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: Time is getting short. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

UNTIL	HEAVEN	AND EARTH
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## Parish Weekly Events

### Sunday, February 15

11 AM ST CEL First Communion Family Mass

### Tuesday, February 17

7 PM ST CYP Teen OCIA in the Rectory

### Wednesday, February 18

8 AM ST CEL Morning Mass with Ashes  
12 PM ST CYP Prayer Service with Ashes  
4 PM ST CEL Prayer Service with Ashes  
7 PM BOTH Mass with Ashes

### Thursday, February 19

4 PM ST CEL Food Pantry  
4:30 PM ST CEL Troop 45703 in the Lower Meeting Room  
5 PM ST CEL Troop 47857 in the Annex  
6 PM ST CYP OCIA in the Rectory

### Friday, February 20

7 PM ST CYP Stations of the Cross in the Church

### Saturday, February 21

9:30 AM ST CEL Religious Education in the School  
12 PM ST CEL Scouts Blue and Gold Event in the Gym and Annex



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## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, February 21

#### 4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider Fr. Paul Eruva  
Altar Servers Isaac M.  
Diego M.  
Lector Beverly Parylak  
Eucharistic Ministers Nancy Krzys  
Ruben Monterroso

#### 5 PM St. Celestine

Presider Fr. Paul Cao  
Altar Server Evan V.  
Elijah V.  
Lector Peighton V.  
Eucharistic Ministers Nick Kaspar  
Perlita Domingo  
Pat Strabley  
Peggy O'Donnell  
Maryann Dibari  
Patricia Rinella  
Mary Joost  
Carol Gutkowski

### Sunday, February 22

#### 7:30 AM St. Celestine

Presider Fr. Fil Ngwila  
Altar Servers TBA  
Lector Andy Johnson  
Eucharistic Ministers Minnie Reillo  
Mary Kay Macchione  
Michelle Doyle  
Florence Smith  
Ken Doyle  
Lynn Schmidt

#### 9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider Fr. Paul Cao  
Altar Servers David D.  
Marco D.  
Matthew D.  
Lector Bonnie Billa  
Eucharistic Minister John P. Madden

#### 11 AM St. Celestine

Presider Fr. Paul Cao  
Altar Servers Nickolas F.  
Macaria T.  
Lorenzo T.  
Cecelia  
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Lector Timothy Orr  
Eucharistic Ministers Greg Derlacki  
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**St. Celestine Church and Parish Office** 708-453-2555 3020 North 76th Court, Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707

**St. Cyprian Church** 2601 North Clinton Street, River Grove, Illinois 60171 [stguerinparish.org](http://stguerinparish.org)

**Office Hours:** Monday—Thursday, 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30—8 PM; Friday 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30—5 PM  
Saturday 8:30 AM—12:30 PM; Sunday closed

**Holy Hour:** First Friday of each month at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church.

**Baptisms:** To schedule, contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski at [rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org](mailto:rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org) or call 708-453-2555 x 5017. Baptisms take place at 12:30 PM on the second and fourth Sundays monthly at St. Celestine and the third Sunday of the month at St. Cyprian. Baptismal Prep classes take place on most first Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM at St. Cyprian; please call the office to sign up for the class.

**Masses:** See cover.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:30 PM at St. Cyprian and 4 PM at St. Celestine.

**Weddings:** Engaged couples are encouraged to call a year in advance of a preferred date. The couple must talk to Deacon Mike DeLarco before a wedding date can be reserved. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

**Rosary:** Second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the chapel at St. Celestine, after the 8 AM Mass Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at St. Celestine, at 7:30 AM before the 8 AM Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Cyprian.

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