



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian Churches

stguerinparish.org



ST. CELESTINE CHURCH and St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish Office

3020 North 76th Court
Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
Phone: 708-453-2555

MASSES

Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM
11 AM

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 AM

Reconciliation Saturday 4—4:45 PM



ST. CYPRIAN CHURCH

2601 North Clinton Street
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MASSES

Saturday 4 PM
Sunday 9 AM
Tuesday and Thursday 8 AM

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ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 8:30 AM to noon and 12:30 to 8 PM; Friday: 8:30 AM to noon and 12:30 to 5 PM;
Saturday: 8:30 AM—12:30 PM; Sunday: closed.

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, January 24

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Giovanni Saso
+William Hoeflich
+Ceal Mueller
+Joseph Sweeney

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Alan Knipp
+Marion Ziaja, Anniversary

Sunday, January 25

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Geraldine Lustro
+Ceal Mueller
+Marie Brixey

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Patricia Lindahl
+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo
+Edgar C. Hopp, Birthday
Luzio Sanchez, 2nd Birthday
Joycelynn Reyes, Birthday
Jimmy and Josieline Reyes, 25th
Wedding Anniversary

Monday, January 26

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Fr. Bernard White

Tuesday, January 27

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

Faithful Departed

Wednesday, January 28

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+A. J. Corbett, Birthday

Thursday, January 29

8 AM ST. CYPRIAN

People of the Parish

Friday, January 30

8 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Concetta Piraino

Saturday, January 31

4 PM ST. CYPRIAN

+Carl and +Rose Rossi
+Giovanni Saso
+Giuseppa Zagone
+Ceal Mueller
+Marie Brixey, Birthday

5 PM ST. CELESTINE

+Sheila Strabley, 10th Anniversary
+Dan Miller, Birthday

Sunday, February 1

7:30 AM ST. CELESTINE

People of the Parish

9 AM ST. CYPRIAN

+Richard Saia

11 AM ST. CELESTINE

+Frank and +John Kucera
+Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
+Frank and +Adrienne Pudlo



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.

Bulletin Deadlines

Please send information to Kim at khagerty@stguerinparish.org.

February 8 is due on Wednesday,
January 28 at 9 AM

February 16 is due on Wednesday,
February 4 at 9 AM

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Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Monday, Wednesday, Friday after Mass at St. Celestine
7:30 AM Tuesday and Thursday before Mass at St. Cyprian
Second Wednesday of the month 7 PM at St. Celestine

From the Pastor's Desk

First Reconciliation This Saturday, January 24, and next Saturday, January 31, our students from the School and Religious Education Program at St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish will receive their First Reconciliation. This is their first time coming to seek God's love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and I hope they will come again as many times as they need it, in order to continue to experience God's love and forgiveness in their own lives. I would like to thank Ms. Ruthanne Swiatkowski, our Director of Religious Education Program, and the teachers and catechists who have taught and prepared our students for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers as they are preparing to receive their First Communion in May.

I would like to highly encourage parents to please cooperate with us by bringing your children to Mass every Sunday in order for them to understand and participate more fully in the Eucharist. There is no point in letting your children receive communion if they don't know what is going on at the Eucharist and with whom they are receiving. Parents, you are the first educators for your children, and as Pope Francis said: "Do not forget that the greatest inheritance that you can give your children is FAITH."

National Catholic Schools Week

This Sunday, at the 11 AM mass, we will kick off National Catholic Schools Week, which is celebrated from January 25 to January 31, and also the 90th anniversary of St. Celestine School. I am very grateful that Cardinal Cupich will be the principal celebrant for this mass.

This week we highlight the unique

aspects of Catholic education and the community spirit within Catholic schools.

Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week this year is "Normal lives, called to holiness," emphasizing the call to holiness in everyday life.

The success of our school rests primarily with the generous and hardworking individuals who diligently go about every day fulfilling the vision of Catholic education. This great team of collaborators is headed by our principal, Sheila Klich. Alongside her stands a faithful group of committed teachers, teacher's aides, support staff, room parents, members of Parents Club, School Board and committees, volunteers, and all of the good, caring people who I have probably neglected to mention. Our parish is indebted to them for all they do!

I also would like to thank the parents of our school children who see Catholic education as a value and who are financially able to make the sacrifice to send your children to St. Celestine school. Please bring them to church every Sunday to worship and praise our Almighty God.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

*In prayer,
Fr. Paul*



An Announcement from Fr. Paul Cao



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After almost 13 years of serving as Pastor of St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish, I am writing to announce that I will be moving to a new assignment on July 1, 2026.

It has been a profound honor to serve the communities of St. Celestine and St. Cyprian. I am deeply grateful to all the staff and parishioners at St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish. Thank you for the support and friendship you have shown me over the last decade. As I prepare for this transition, I reflect on the many ways I have seen God's grace at work in our parish. You truly have taught me how to be a good pastor.

Please pray for me as I move on to my next assignment, that I will continue to be a good and effective priest in service to God's people.

I look forward to celebrating my final Masses with you in the coming weeks and having the chance to say thank you in person. May the intercession of St. Mother Theodore Guerin continue to guide and protect you all.

*In gratitude,
Fr. Paul*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light; (Is 9:1)

Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that all of you agree in what you say,
and that you be united in the same mind and in the same
purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

Gospel:

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea,
in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,
that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet
might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they
were not expecting God that day. But there
he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God
stands before us today, and like the Apostles,
we often don't see him coming. But still, he
beckons. Will we follow?

Observances for the week of January 25, 2026

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Tuesday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

In practicing patience, we bear
any kind of suffering for a greater
good, safeguard our reason
against sorrow, and “look at
(other people) with God’s gaze
knowing how to distinguish their
faces from their faults.”.

Blessing of Light

Where you have known darkness,
may the light stretch and shine.
Where you have dwelt in
shadows, may the sun reach its
gentle rays.
Where you have hidden in
shame, may you know light-filled
redemption, healing, belonging,
and rest in Jesus.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 25, 2026

Sunday:

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/ Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday:

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday:

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

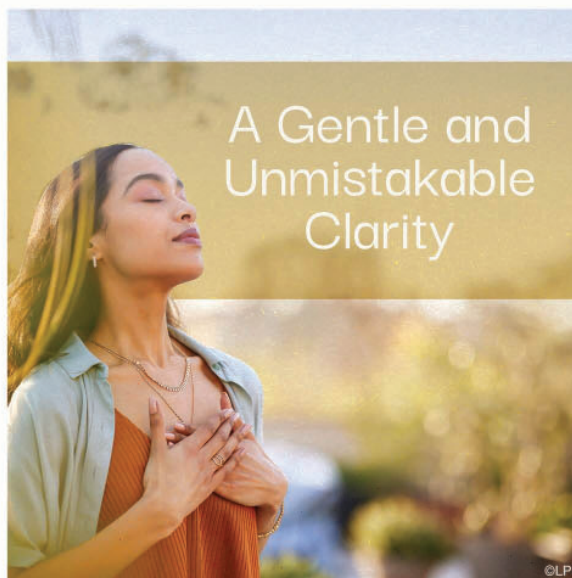
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: “Go to the seminary.” There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, “Lord, if that’s from you, let me find great joy in it.” Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, **“Come after me” (Matthew 4:19)**. And *immediately* they leave their nets and follow. There’s no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, **“In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us” (1 John 4:10)**. They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus’ call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Young or old, believer or non-believer, rich or poor: it doesn't matter who we are. It doesn't matter what our life looks like. If we are a human being, if we have a soul, we stand on the shore of a great and powerful sea, a net in our hands and a hunger in our soul.

Sea of Galilee Moments

Young or old, believer or non-believer, rich or poor, healthy or sick: it doesn't matter who we are. It doesn't matter what our life looks like. If we are a human being, if we have a soul, we stand on the shore of a great and powerful sea, a net in our hands and a hunger in our soul.

So what's in the sea? I don't know about yours, but mine is filled with feelings of inadequacy. It's filled with fear and resentment and confusion. It's filled with misplaced pride. It's deep. It's dark. It's well-stocked.

I cast my net, over and over again. What else is there to do? If I draw back a harvest, it can sustain me for days, weeks, maybe even years. The nourishment of the sea can keep away the hunger pangs — for a time. You can survive on fear and resentment and pride if it's all you have. You'll never feel full, and you'll never be strong, but you'll survive on what the world can offer you — so long as you keep coming back to the shore.

This is where Jesus finds us.

If I close my eyes, I can picture the moments exactly, all of them: my Sea of Galilee moments. I could describe them to you — the day, the year, what was happening in my life, what I wanted and what I needed and what gnawing hunger had brought me, once again, limping, crawling back to the shore.

But you wouldn't understand my Sea of Galilee moments, just like I wouldn't understand yours. There is only one who understands, and his is the voice we heard, clear and strong: "Put down the net, and come with me."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If one's gift or talent is making money, and one uses that money for honorable purposes, is it considered a spiritual gift? What does our faith teach us about wealth and stewardship?

Answer:

Jesus said it best: to whom much is given, much is expected. All gifts come from God, and our abilities are given to us to be used for the benefit of ourselves and of others and at the service of the Gospel. In an article entitled "The Many Faces of Stewardship," Catherine Doherty wrote about stewardship in the "nitty-gritty everydayness of my life," and about the currency or "money" of spiritual stewardship: love, understanding, and unselfishness.

For a gift to have a spiritual benefit, our intention and involvement would be part of the consideration. If I give money to a charity, but do so in order to gain a tax advantage, it could hardly be a virtuous thing on my part. But if I give because I want to help and, in fact, am even willing to get involved, I have committed myself in a deeper, more meaningful way. Regardless of our money-making talents, in the end, true stewardship comes down to how well we practice the virtues of faith, hope, and love within our life and with those in our community and church. Ultimately, the most important element in stewardship is not intangible — it's you!

*On those dwelling in
a land overshadowed
by death
light has arisen.*

From that time
on, Jesus began
to preach and say,
“Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is
at hand.”

- Mt 4:16b-17

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah prophesies a future reversal of fortune for the people living in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali. Have you ever received an unexpected gift or blessing?

Second Reading:

Paul urges the Corinthians to be united in mind and purpose, and to avoid rivalries. How do you react to conflicts at home or at work?

Gospel:

Matthew tells us that Jesus began his public ministry by calling disciples, healing the sick and preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven. Have you ever felt a “call to action” to live out your faith?



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Parishioner Town Hall Meeting Saturday, February 7 at 10 AM at St. Cyprian Church



Seven years ago, St. Cyprian and St. Celestine were combined into a new parish, St. Mother Theodore Guerin, with one school, St. Celestine, and two churches, St. Cyprian and St. Celestine, as part of the Renew My Church process. The Archdiocese requires us to review the process every five years, and that is going on now. St. Celestine School, with 390 students, is self-supporting and is not part of this review.

In mid–August, Fr. Paul Cao invited parishioners from both sites to meet with a team from the Archdiocese who have guided us in the process of reviewing the state of the parish.

As part of the process, the team has been looking at the history of our parish combination, our ministries, our finances, and has toured all the buildings on both campuses to see how the facilities are used and what repairs need to be made.

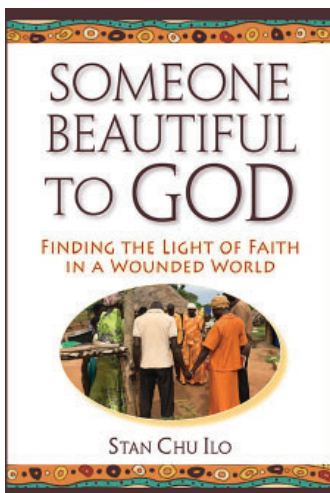
We would like to invite all parishioners to a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, February 7 at 10 AM in St. Cyprian Church, where our recommendations will be presented to the parish. After that, Fr. Paul, with the aid of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, will make a decision to present to our Vicar, Bishop José María García–Maldonado and the Archdiocese as to plans for the future of our parish.

Welcome Cardinal Cupich!

Cardinal Blase Cupich will preside at the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, January 25 as we kick off the 2026 Catholic Schools week and the celebration of the 90th anniversary of St. Celestine School. All parishioners are invited to attend this mass. There will also be an Open House 12–2 PM in the school so you can come see all of the amazing, exciting, and interesting things happening at St. Celestine School!



Fr. Stan Ilo Book Discussion



Some parishioners are interested in reading Fr. Stan Ilo's book, *Someone Beautiful to God: Finding the Light of Faith in a Wounded World* and then inviting Fr. Stan to the final session to discuss the book with us. We will meet on Wednesdays, January 28, February 4 and 11 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room at St. Celestine. If you are interested, please email Kim at khagerty@stguerinparish.org or call 708–453–2555 to get your book for class. We will discuss the intro and first chapter January 28.

Taking personal reflection as his starting point, Fr. Stan writes as an

African Catholic priest who has lived and ministered to God's people in Africa, Europe, and North America. "Everywhere I go," he says, "I see the beauty and purpose that give people so much joy and hope when they embrace transformational faith." In addition to having grown up in a typical African village, his theological and biblical studies and pastoral experience and social ministries on three continents have contributed to a treasure–trove of stories about people with robust and expectant faith doing extraordinary things for God.

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.

St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish

BINGO NIGHT

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Families of some of those baptized in the last year at our parish came to Mass on The Baptism of the Lord, January 11, for a special blessing.



St. Celestine Catholic School

*A Place Where All Are Welcome To
Believe, Achieve And Succeed!*

2025–2026 School Year

Dear Parishioners, Alumni and Friends,

From the very youngest grades, our students are creating and constructing knowledge with technology tools to foster skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, and computational thinking.

Your gifts to St. Celestine have made a great impact on our school and the programs we offer our students including iReady, STEAM activities, coding and design, classroom technology and applications, digital citizenship instruction, 1:1 Chromebooks & iPads, technology center, Google Workspace, programming, technology clubs, interactive displays that make the classroom more engaging, and much more.

We are grateful to you for your continued support of gifts and prayers to our annual fund. Because of you, we are a thriving school community and able to offer cutting-edge technologies to our students in addition to the many educational and spiritual experiences, athletic programs and clubs we offer them.

As you know, technology is constantly being upgraded but with your continued support you will help us keep it state-of-the-art for all the children to benefit this school year. Technology costs, as with so many other costs, continue to rise. Your support now is more important than ever!

Gifts to the annual fund directly support the 1:1 technology initiative which provides iPads and Chromebooks as well as other hardware, network infrastructure, security, software applications and licensing for over 550 devices throughout the school. We thank you for supporting the annual fund and more importantly for helping us prepare our children for their future.

Sincerely

Sheila Klich, Principal



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- Ongoing education

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**Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review:
1-312-534-5205**

Contact Your Parish or School Safe Environment Administrator

Andrea Mayer
708-453-2555 amayer@stguerinparish.org

Learn more at protect.archchicago.org/compliance-resources



January 2026



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Guitar Choir, the Contemporary Choir, the Adult Choir, and the Children's choir for singing during this Christmas season. Many hours of practice and time were spent preparing for these liturgies. Thanks to all of you for your kind words to me about the choirs.

I hope you all have a wonderful New Year filled with joy and God's blessings. Thank you again.

Craig Kamptner, Music Director

From our friends at St. Giles:

Surviving Divorce: Meeting twice monthly on Thursdays at 7:30 PM at Saint Giles Parish (Dore Center, 1025 Columbian Ave, Oak Park). *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. New participants welcome anytime and registration is appreciated. Chris Malagoli, cvmalagoli@yahoo.com, 708-912-4378 or Tobin Counts, atlantacounts@att.net, 678-571-5220. Visit our website for more information: <https://catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/surviving-divorce>

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	Justine Kucera	Warren Sarbacker
Michael Binder	Robert Kucera	Kathy Sassolino
Jacqueline Boshell	Larry Lemanski	Morgan Schlanger
Julie Boyce	Bart Masi	Joseph Serwa
Edward Bray	Kathy Mooney	John Sheahan
Sue Brink	George Moskaliuk	Mary Skelly
Elene Dimperio	Sandra Moskaliuk	Julie Spaargaren
Cathy Downing King	Efrem Munoz	Heidi Stringham
Eleanor	Martha Munoz	Sue
Tom Ferguson	James Nasti	Brian Swatek
Patsy Galecki	Larry Nestor	Colleen Schlanger Thomas
Tammy Garcia	Ron Nichols	Donna Toriani
Maciej Gondek	Sr. Louise Noesen	Judy Virgilio
Dorota Gondek	Brendan O'Brien	Robert Virnich
Peter Gonzalez	Sherry Olsen	Lillian Wardzala
Cynthia Guillen	Carolyn Paprocki	Jim Waterloo
Lorry Hartnett	Betty Quartello	Jim Wazorick
Grace Hensley	Sr. Rita Mae	Sue Weber
Karl Humowiecki	Rabito	Joshua Wilmes
Renee Iman	Aida Rivera	Danyll Wolcotte
Adele Johnson	Austin Rose	Tamycka Ortega Zapata
Lisa Kostrzeski	Sarah Rotolo	Nicholas Zych
		*recently added

Faithful Departed

Dino Romanucci Luis Torres Louis Nervoso

Military

Col. Stephen Acosta	Marines
Staff Sgt. Lawrence G. Campbell	Air Force
Senior Airman Cory McCambridge	Air Force
Lt. Col. Peter Anderson	Army
Sgt. Kenneth G. DiCristifano	Army
Spec Michael Migliorisi	Army
Pvt. John Cerrone	Marines
PFC Paul J. Lagoda	Marines
PFC Sophia M. Garcia	Marines
Lt. Robert Reynolds	Army
Staff Sgt. Alberto Boy	Marines
Staff Sgt. Natalie Borrini	Air Force
Cpl. Brian Macaluso	Marines
Lnc. Cpl. Meghan Jennings	Marines
Lnc. Cpl. Michael Casanave	Marines
Pvt. Nicolas Casanave	Marines
ABEAN Melanie Hodges	Navy
PFC Vincent Negron	Marines
Pvt. Matthew Meyer	Army
Master Sgt. Scott A. Cross	Air Force
Dario Rodriguez	Air Force
Ensign Devon Zych	Coast Guard
Lnc. Cpl. Andrew D. Nordlie	Marines
Luis N. Burciaga	Army

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for January 25, 2026

Matthew 4:12-23

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: After John the Baptist's arrest. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

HEARD
NAZARETH
NAPHTHALI
DARKNESS
KINGDOM
ANDREW
ZEBEDEE

JOHN
BY THE SEA
JORDAN
DEATH
HEAVEN
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Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, January 25

9:45 AM ST CEL Girl Scouts in the Lower Meeting Room
 11 AM ST CEL Scout Mass, Family Mass with Cardinal Blase Cupich
 12 PM ST CEL School Open House

Monday, January 26

5 PM ST CEL Troop 47219 in the Annex
 6 PM ST CEL Lion, Tiger, Wolf Meetings in the Lower Meeting Room

Tuesday, January 27

7 PM ST CYP Teen OCIA in the Rectory

Wednesday, January 28

6 PM ST CEL Troop Meetings in the Lunchroom
 6:30 PM ST CEL Book Study of Fr. Stan's Book *Someone Beautiful to God* in the Fireside Room

Thursday, January 29

6 PM ST CYP OCIA in the Rectory

Friday, January 30

6:30 PM ST CEL Bingo in the Gym

Saturday, January 31

1 PM ST CEL First Reconciliation in the Church

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 31

4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider	Fr. Paul Cao
Altar Servers	Isaac M., Diego M.
Lector	John F. Madden
Eucharistic Ministers	Nancy Krzys
	Ruben Monterroso

5 PM St. Celestine

Presider	Fr. Fil Ngwila
Altar Server	Axel R.
Lector	Nick Kaspar
Eucharistic Ministers	Perlita Domingo, Carol Gutkowski, Pat Strabley, Tom Lepore, Mary Joost, Barbara Miller, Peggy O'Donnell

Sunday, February 1

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers	Jazmin G., Yasleen G.
Lector	Timothy Orr
Eucharistic Ministers	Minnie Reillo, Maria Mojek, Michael Wittrock, Michelle Doyle, Bill Lesch, Mary Kay Macchione

9 AM St. Cyprian

Altar Servers	David D., Marco D., Matthew D.
Lector	Gissell Araujo
Eucharistic Minister	Maryann Dibari

11 AM St. Celestine

Altar Servers	Robert O., Sarah P., Christian C.
Lector	Lynn Loftus
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeanne Chouloute, Kathy Iversen Jaroch, Ray Maraviglia, Sandra Mazzeffi, Paulette Maraviglia Skip Marcucci

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- Friday, January 30 in the gym: **Bingo**
- Saturday, February 7 at St. Cyprian Church at 10 AM: **Parish Town Hall Meeting**
- Wednesday, February 18: **Ash Wednesday**
- 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**



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

Baptisms: To schedule, contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski at 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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