

Sunday, February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gathering: We Are the Light of the World (Jean Anthony Greif) ... BB466

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Refrain: We are the light of the world;
may our light shine before all,
that they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.

Blessed are they who are meek and humble, They will inherit the earth
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow, They will be comforted
Bless us, O Lord,
when we share their sorrow; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Bless those who hunger and thirst for justice, They will be satisfied
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Blessed are they who show others mercy, They will know mercy too
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mercy; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Blessed are hearts that are clean and holy, They will behold the Lord
Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and holy; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Blessed are hearts that are clean and holy, They will behold the Lord
Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and holy; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Blessed are they who bring peace
among us, They are the children of God
Bless us, O Lord, may your peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Bless those who suffer from persecution, Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, when they persecute us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Gloria: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB855

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Responsorial: Happy Are the People-Refrain III-Ps33 (Haugen) ... G43

Refrain

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own.

Vs. 1: Your words, O God, are truth indeed, and all your works are ever faithful; You love justice and right, your compassion fills all creation. **Refrain**

Vs. 2: See how the eye of God is watching, ever guarding all who wait in hope, to deliver them from death and sustain them in time of famine. **Refrain**

Vs. 3: Exult you just, in the Lord, for praise is the song of the righteous! How happy the people of God, the ones whom you have chosen! **Refrain**

Vs. 4: Our soul is waiting for God, for God is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O God, be on us who place our hope in you. **Refrain**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Renewal (Stephan)

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of unity, hear our prayer.

(God of unity, hear our prayer.)

For peacemakers, for those who promote dialogue and understanding within families or between nations, racial groups, or gangs: that God will bless and make fruitful their efforts, let us pray...

For all who suffer for the sake of Christ, for those who live in communities that are hostile to Christians, for those imprisoned or persecuted because of the Gospel: that they may have courage and hope as they live the paschal mystery today, let us pray...

For Lectors, that they may prepare and present the Word of God eloquently, and that all people listen carefully and act on God's message, let us pray...

For those who have died, especially Tom Lakey, that they may know the abundant joy and great rejoicing of heaven, let us pray...

For what other intentions do we want to pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Prep: Christ Before Us (Whitaker) ... BB548

1. Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ to guide us all our days. He to carry all our sorrows, he to bear us perfect grace. Jesus Savior, Friend and Brother, Intercessor, Son of God, save your people.
2. May we be for one another all that you would have us be. May we live your law of kindness, love compassion, charity. May we climb your holy mountain may we see your holy face! Visit now this humble dwelling; dwell within this holy place.
3. God before us through the ages; Christ beside us here today. Spirit, lead us forth forever; guide and help us all our days. Christ the Savior, God the Living Great creator, Spirit blest! Holy Three in One immortal, come and be our welcome guest.
4. O Redeemer, fill your servants with your words of lasting life. Give to those with hands of healing love transcending pain and strife. Make us loving sons and daughters for your Kingdom restless till we rest in you.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God forever.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)

Holy: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB858

Mem: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) – When We Eat this Bread ... BB860

Amen: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB862

Lamb: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB863

Communion: The People of God (O'Brien) ... G465

Refrain: Come to me all who are burdened;

Come and rest in my love.

Rejoice and be glad, your hope lies in heaven,

Your home with the people of God.

1.) Blessed, blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed be the Lord's own children,
Theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blessed, blessed are they who walk in sorrow, blessed be the Lord's own children;
They are embraced by God.

2.) Blessed, blessed the ones who are lowly, blessed be the Lord's own children,
They shall inherit the land.

Blessed, blessed the ones who thirst for righteousness,
blessed be the Lord's own children; all of their dreams will come true.

3.) Blessed, blessed are they who show mercy, blessed be the Lord's own children,
Mercy from God shall be theirs.

Blessed, blessed the ones with pure heart, blessed be the Lord's own children;
for they shall see God.

4.) Blessed, blessed the ones who make peace, blessed are they who know pain
For the sake of righteousness.

Blessed, blessed are you who know suff'ring, blessed are you who know insult
Because of your God.

Closing Prayer

Let us pray: Grant that our faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God.

Sending: O God, Beyond All Praising (trad.) ... BB563

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

