

## February Reflection: The Holy Family

As January moves to February, Nature is pretty bleak. Really short days are colder even in the hottest places around the world. Indeed plants have gone dormant. Animals hibernate. Life is hidden. It is no wonder that the Church sets aside February for us to focus on the Holy Family.

Little is written in Scripture about Christ as a child, except for the retelling of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph finding Jesus in the Temple after a search of three days.

Think about it: if Christ was about 12 years old at the time of this incident, that would mean roughly 4,400 days had passed in the life of the Holy Family. We know that a few of these years were spent in Egypt, and by the time they returned to Nazareth, Christ was approaching “school age”. And yet the “Light of the World” remained hidden in the mundane activities we all go through as we make our way to adulthood.

Artists’ renditions of the Holy Family typically show the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph with Christ either as an infant or a young boy. The depiction on this month’s cover is a more active illustration of what might have been a day-in-the-life of the Holy Family. St. Joseph in the forefront at work with wood and tools fashioning a piece of furniture perhaps; the Christ Child contributing to the work and “learning” the trade.

The background shows the Blessed Mother busy weaving or doing needlework, silently watching the scene before her – and always keeping these things in her heart.

In the book *The Life of Mary as Seen by the Mystics*, Raphael Brown has compiled a narrative of the Blessed Mother’s life taken from the revelations she imparted to St. Elizabeth of Schoenau, St. Bridget of Sweden, Ven. Mother Mary of Agreda, and Sister Anne Catherine Emmerich. We are offered a glimpse into those years considered “the hidden life” of Christ. While revelations such as these are not doctrine by any stretch of the imagination, they can illustrate to some degree how, as St. Luke concludes in the Gospel for the Feast of the Holy Family (Luke 2:52):

*And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and man*



Our Lady of Fatima Church welcomes our visitors!  
New to Tradition or not, please stay after Mass  
and enjoy coffee and socializing!



Joining our community is easy! Please fill out a registration card and put it in the designated box in the hall near the Epistle side door.

# February 2025

## Our Lady of Fatima

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### Mass Times: Check webpage for updates

- Sundays: 8 am Low & 10:30 Sung High
- Every Saturdays: 9 am & 1st Fridays: 7pm

**Confessions:** 30-45 minutes before all Masses

**Rosary** 30 min before all Masses

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

- 1st Fri 6pm, 1st Sat 10am

### Baptisms, Extreme Unction & Sick Calls:

- Arrange with Pastor

**Holy Matrimony:** see Pastor 6 months prior

### -St. Anthony’s Shut Ins & Outreach

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# Announcements at a Glance

- **Candlemas:** Sun Feb 2 marks the official close of the Christmas season. Celebrate it more fully by attending the 10:30 am Sung Mass, which will begin with blessing of Candles then a short procession.
- **Candlemas customs:** have it that faithful bring candles to their church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year. These blessed candles serve as a symbol that Christ is the Light of the World.
- **Nacho Fundraiser:** OLF's homeschool families will host this event on Sun Feb 2 from 12:30-1:30. Enjoy reg and GF nachos while supporting our homeschool families as they work to raise money for their field trips.
- **Feast of St. Blaise:** Mon, Feb 3 and blessing of throats will be offered after all Masses the following weekend.
- **Fr. Kimball:** Feb 8-9 - Extra Sat 8am Mass and confessions during Masses this weekend. Bring in articles to be blessed on Sun, Feb 9.
- **RIP Cynthia Brown:** a longtime parishioner from Portland, passed away just before Christmas and was buried at Mt. Calvary on Jan 25. Her daughter-in-law, Sherry O'Neil & granddaughter, Madelaine Zepeda, invite us to join them for her Requiem Mass at OLF on Sat Feb 8 at 9am.
- **HNS Meeting:** Sun, Feb 9 ~ 12:30pm. Inquiries welcome.
- **St. Martha's Guild Annual Planning Meeting:** calling all moms to join us in planning another year of celebrating the Liturgical Year for our community.
- **Book Clubs:** Men's club will be meeting off-site on Sat, Feb. 8; the current book is "Brother Petroc's Return" by SMC. Ladies' rescheduled meeting and discussion of "The Picture of Dorian Gray" will be off-site Wed, Feb. 12. Teens will meet at OLF on 4th Sunday after 2nd Mass Feb 23, 12:30pm, discussing "A Study in Scarlet" by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
- **Homeschool Ice Skating field trip:** Sat Feb 22 - Father's talk at noon, then they'll go skating nearby from 1-3pm, Questions > melissawis86@gmail.com
- **Confirmation: Save the Date:** Sun March 9 at STB in Veneta. An adult Confirmation class meets after 2nd Mass most Sundays - See Mr. Austin.

## Church Cleaning Schedule

*We NEED more volunteers even if it's just 1-2 times/year*

Please contact Monique Dodge at  
monique.dodge06@gmail.com

Jan 27-Feb 1	St. Zita Group
Feb 3-8	D. Wisniewski
Feb 10-15	Drennen
Feb 17-22	Roesler
Feb 24-Mar 1	Diaz/AM Delaney

## OLF Hospitality Committee

Sundays	Clean up after 2nd Mass
1st/Feb 2	Greninger family
2nd/Feb 9	J&M Dodge family
3rd/Feb 16	Marvin family
4th/Feb 23	OPEN
Thank you Marion Wheeler who does set up every Sunday	

## Holy Week Recollection for Young Ladies 18-30yrs:

the SSPX Sisters in  
Browerville, MN  
invite young ladies to assist  
at the Sacred Triduum  
April 16-19, 2025.  
See flyer on bulletin board or  
call them at 320-594-2944  
for details.

## Before Mass Rosary Leaders

Contact Jay Marvin at jmarvinjr@hotmail.com



Sundays	8am Mass	10:30am Mass
1st	Shane Meyerhofer	Michael Wisniewski
2nd	Tim Cleary	Zach Brehm
3rd	Michael McBee	Jay Marvin
4th	Aaron Meyerhofer	Matt Hamilton
5th	Joe Wisniewski	Joe Haslebacher

## Eucharistic Crusaders

Contact Catherine Haslebacher at cathasle09@gmail.com



*Crusaders offered their work in December*  
*To help our parents, and to thank them*  
Treasure Sheets turned in: 18

Masses: 219	Holy Communion: 96	Visits to Our Lord: 97
Sacrifices: 1670	Spiritual Communions: 82	Good Examples: 335
Daily Offerings: 472	Decades of Rosary: 2092	15 Mins of Silence: 91

*February dedication for SSPX Schools*

## Renovations and Capital Campaign Updates

The next project is the purchase of one or both of the adjacent properties to the North and/or East of our church for lodging of our priests, without which there is no chance to eventually having daily Mass in Vancouver. It is time to build capital to prepare for both properties to hit the market in 6 mos. and up to 2 yrs from now. The Capital Campaign will launch a nationwide series of fundraising videos this spring to share for raising funds outside our church.

Total raised (less \$200,000 from Portland property): **\$805,515**

Pledges: **79,080 (increased \$30,000 this month)**; Funds available: **\$43,900**

## Church Collections

<u>2024 Donations</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>November</u>
First Collections	\$ 18,237	\$ 10,928
Mother of Lu (1st Sun)	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,537
HNS Bldg Fund (2nd Sun)	\$ 1,304	\$ 1,130
Special Needs (3rd Sun)	\$ 1,316	n/a
Priory (STB ) (4th Sun)	\$ 736	\$ 1,091
Gifts for Religious (5th Sun)	\$ 1,967	

Average Sunday attendance for December 303.

Thank you for your support & generosity!

### A Word About Stipends

As a matter of justice, our priests should be compensated for activities performed outside of bringing the Mass to us. Here are recommendations:

- ❖ Sick Calls: \$25 and Baptisms: \$25-\$50; server stipend optional.
- ❖ Funerals and Weddings: \$100 to priest; \$20 to each server
- ❖ Organist, Schola, or Choir. Stipends help expand our music inventory.
- ❖ Flowers: Unless a florist is used, cost of flowers plus \$150.

To reiterate, these are *recommendations only and not required, but appreciated*. Certainly be as generous as you are able to our priests and their helpers!

- ❖ Father is once again available to accept Mass stipends, but you may still see the Coordinators for stipend options for out of the country Masses.

## Focus on Groups: St. Martha's Guild & Tertiary Groups

Martha and Mary. These women, sisters and friends of Christ, are models for two important aspects of our life. In Martha, we see an active example of charity and hospitality as she takes care of the temporal needs of Christ and His disciples. He comes to their home for rest, yes, but always working to complete His Father's business. There He takes time to teach, listen, heal those who visit Martha and Mary's home in Bethany.

In the midst of this activity we find Mary. She demonstrates the quieter example of contemplation. She is content to spend her time in the presence of Christ, listening to Him, learning and growing in her spiritual life.

There are Marthas and Marys among us, too, each playing a part to connect us within the Mystical Body of Christ. For many years OLF has had an active group who plan, arrange, and bring to life the Liturgical Year for us. Appropriately named the St. Martha's Guild, these ladies tirelessly and creatively connect the cultures of Catholic life, be it the Christ the King Around the World Potluck, All Saints Revue, Las Posadas, or Friday Soup Suppers in Lent. Our Faith is richer and deeper for these albeit social events. Our understanding of what it means to be Catholic is enhanced by their efforts.

On the other hand, in recent years OLF has strengthened ways for individuals to grow in the grace of the spiritual life. Interest in being part of a Third Order (Tertiary) group has blossomed, and OLF has three such spiritual groups offering opportunities for OLFsters to tap into contemplative time.

If you have a desire to the active role in building community, ideas that can bring the Liturgical Year to life, reach out to members of St. Martha's Guild! Their annual planning meeting is Sun, Feb, 23 at 9:15 (meet in the hall near the play area).





If, however, your calling is to cultivate a more intimate relationship with Our Lord and Our Lady, the Tertiary groups listed below can get you started.

Can't decide? Why choose one? Be a Mary *and* a Martha - they were both saints!

<b><i>What does it mean to join a third order group?</i></b>	
Our chapel is blessed to have not one but three of them For specific inquiries you may contact tertiary leaders below	
Caremelite Tertiary => Jeanette Palfly	jeannettepalfly@gmail.com
Third Order Franciscan => Yolanda Garcia	yolaofs77@hotmail.com
SSPX 3rd Order => Sean Delaney	hitheringwaters@protonmail.com



Our Lady of Fatima Masses and Activities for February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adult & Children Catechism Classes Every Sunday 9:15-10am						1st Saturday <b>Mass 9am</b> & Benediction 1st Sat Groups 10:30-12:30pm 1
Feast of Candlemas Procession during 10:30 Mass <b>Mass 8am &amp; 10:30am</b> Mother of Lu Prayers & 2nd Collection Homeschool Nacho Fundraiser ~ 12:30-1:30 NO 1st Sun Server Practice 2	 3	4	5	PCP 6:30-7:30pm 6	1st Friday Holy Hour 6-7pm Exposition & Confessions <b>Mass 7pm</b> Blessing of Throats 7	<b>Mass 8am - Fr. Kimball</b> <b>Requiem Mass 9am</b> for Cynthia Brown by Fr. Washicko Men's Book Club off-site ~ 6:30pm 8 
5th Sun after Epiphany <b>Mass 8am &amp; 10:30am</b> Fr. Kimball & Fr. Washicko HNS Sun - 2nd Collection & Meeting~12:30 2nd Sun Blessing of Articles & St. Blaise Blessing of Throats 9	10	Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes 11	 Ladies meet off-site 6:30pm 12	13	 14	<b>Mass 9am</b> 15
Septuagesima Sunday <b>Mass 8am &amp; 10:30am</b> 2nd Collection for special needs St. Martha Guild Annual Meeting 9:15-10am 3rd Sun Ascende Meeting~12:30 16	17	18	19	20	21	<b>Mass 9am</b> Tertiary Meetings 10:30-12pm Homeschool Field Trip Fr W talk at noon then ice skating 1-3pm 22
Sexagesima Sunday <b>Mass 8am &amp; 10:30am</b> 2nd Collection for Priory Fr. W teaches adult class in hall 4th Sun Teen Book Club~12:30 23	24	25	26	27	28	Confessions 45 min & Rosary 30 min before all Masses