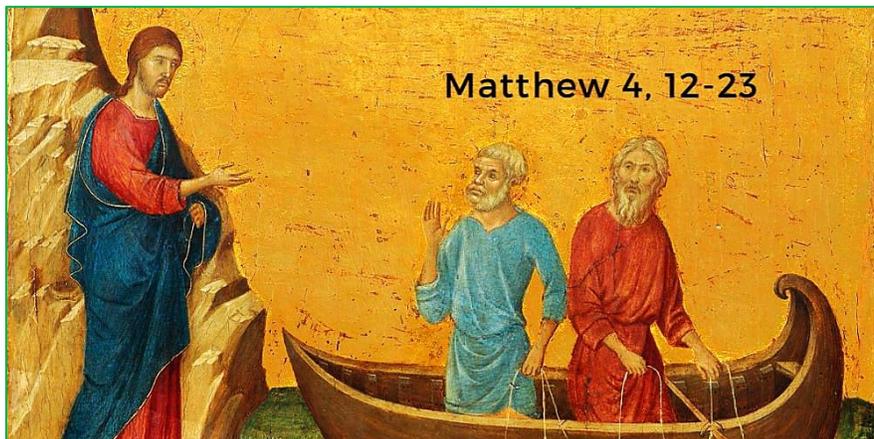


# Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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- Rev. Sinh Trinh, Parochial Vicar
- Deacon Angel Pérez
- Deacon Joe Rivera
- Dolly Garzón, Spanish Pastoral Minister
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- Ashley Duplessis, Director of Music
- Jacob Broer, Cathedral Organist / Head Sacristan
- Michael Gilsinger, Weekend Sacristan
- Julian Flores, Maintenance
- Paul E. Evans, Jr., Altar Server
- Marion Johnson, Pastoral Council Chairperson
- Mary Jeanne Tash, Safety & Security Coordinator
- Wanda Castellano, Administrative Assistant

## *All Masses are celebrated in the Cathedral*



**Weekdays, M-F: 12:10 p.m.**

**Saturday, Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY MASSES: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m.**

**Misa en Español: domingo, 11:45 a.m.**

**Holy Day of Obligation: As announced**

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession*

**Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment**

Please call the parish office to schedule your Mass Intention.

# Mass Schedule

Cornerstone laid on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29, 1860 / First Mass celebrated on Christmas morning, 1861.

**JAN 24-FEB 1, 2026**



## **MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE**

|                |              |            |   |
|----------------|--------------|------------|---|
| Saturday Vigil | January 24   | 4:00 p.m.  | †James and Louise Gianfelice  |
| Sunday         | January 25   | 8:30 a.m.  | †Margarita Rivera   |
| Sunday         | January 25   | 10:00 a.m. | †Margarita Rivera   |
| Domingo        | 25 de enero  | 11:45 a.m. | †Margarita Rivera   |
| Sunday         | January 25   | 4:00 p.m.  |   |
| Monday         | January 26   | 12:10 p.m. | †Ginger Jesuit  |
| Tuesday        | January 27   | 12:10 p.m. | Living and Deceased Members of<br>The Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union |
| Wednesday      | January 28   | 12:10 p.m. | †Sr. Dorothy Doyle, osu   |
| Thursday       | January 29   | 10:00 a.m. | Birthday Blessings for Sr. Marcella Savoie, osu                           |
| Friday         | January 30   | 12:10 p.m. | Blessings for Christopher & Jocelyn Platzer<br>and Family                 |
| Saturday Vigil | January 31   | 4:00 p.m.  | Healing for Karl & Nancy Platzer and Family                               |
| Sunday         | February 1   | 8:30 a.m.  | Healing for the Cochran Family  |
| Sunday         | February 1   | 10:00 a.m. | †José Daniel Flores   |
| Domingo        | 1 de febrero | 11:45 a.m. | Una Intención Especial<br>Por La Salud de Edilma Hernández                |
| Sunday         | February 1   | 4:00 p.m.  |   |

**Please pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters in Christ, marked with the sign of faith.**

†Rily Elle Hardin    †Elena Scantlebury    †Lilliana Caraballo    †María López Quintana

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral**



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month following the Pro-Life Vigil, before the 12:10 p.m. Mass.
- Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

## **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Readings for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Gospel According to Matthew, Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012526.cfm>

### **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

JAN 17-18, 2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
All Masses: (\$2,237.00); Fuel (\$107.00)

### **MISSION STATEMENT / MISIÓN**

Guided and protected by our patron Saint Michael the Archangel, the Cathedral parish is a welcoming, diverse community which embodies the mission of Christ who strengthens us by the sacraments.

Guiada y protegida por nuestro patrón San Miguel Arcángel, la parroquia Catedral es una comunidad acogedora y diversa que encarna la misión de Cristo quién nos fortalece a través de los sacramentos.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

Some questions have come my way regarding the prayer position of the lay faithful during the Our Father. So, I offer here not my opinion, but the authority of tradition.

The "*orans*" position (the extending of the hands in prayer) at Holy Mass is a particular praying posture in the Roman Rite reserved for the priest alone, not for deacons and laity. In the Sacred Tradition of the Church's Liturgy, the rubrics of the Holy Mass, including the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, ONLY instruct the priest to use the *orans* gesture or position of the hands as he prayerfully intercedes before God on behalf of the people. In fact, he is instructed to use this gesture about 14 times from the Introductory Rites of the Mass to the Concluding Rites.

There is NOT a single rubric (instruction) in the liturgy or missal that instructs the deacon or laity to use this prayer gesture in Holy Mass. Some people may argue that because the rubrics are silent on this question there must therefore be an implicit permission or tolerance here for the laity and deacons to use the *orans*. This argument is contrary to the liturgical Tradition. Furthermore, that argument is dangerous, inasmuch as it can and will lead to other liturgical abuses that the rubrics are silent about (e.g., holding hands during the Our Father).

The rubrics and general instruction of the Missal speak with one voice in the Living Tradition of the Church proclaiming that the priest alone in offering the Sacrifice of the Mass acts in the person of Christ the head. The *orans* gesture signifies this sacred priestly function as mediator. Consequently, the rubrics do NOT instruct the laity the use of the *orans* position because it is NOT their function to act in the person of Christ the head as priestly mediator. For this reason, the *orans* gesture within the Tradition of the Church can only apply to the ordained priest.

On this basis, the voice of Sacred Tradition forbids the use of the *orans* by the deacon and laity in the Holy Mass. So, the General Instruction says the following about Gestures and Bodily Posture: "*Attention must therefore be paid to what is determined by the General Instruction and by the traditional practice of the Roman Rite and to what serves the common spiritual good of the people of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice*" (42). It goes on to say, "*For the sake of uniformity in gestures and bodily postures during one and the same celebration, the faithful should follow the instructions which the deacon, a lay minister, or the priest gives, according to what is laid down in the Missal*" (43).

**FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY:** In the bulletin, as an insert, is our financial report from fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. First of all, sorry for the delay with this report but we were waiting for some final numbers from the diocese with regard to a few of our accounts. Please review this report and the letter from Fr. Gary regarding our many accomplishments during the last fiscal year. Michael Jones, the Chairman of the Finance Council, will give a brief report after Communion at each Mass this weekend. Thank you for your attention to this. As always, if there are any questions about the report do not hesitate to speak with Fr. Gary or Michael Jones or John Korona, our former Council Chairman.

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**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in Springfield** will hold an **Irish Breakfast** at the John Boyle O'Reilly Club, 33 Progress Street in Springfield on Sunday, February 8. The all you can eat breakfast will be from 8:30 until 11:30 and will include waffles made to order. **Cost:** \$15 (Adults), Free (Children under 5).

### St. Patrick's Church, South Hadley **Prayer Service and Rosary for Addiction Recovery**

Addiction is not only a physical or psychological disease, but a Spiritual disease. With God all things are possible, without God we can do nothing. Perhaps no one knows or understands this quite like someone struggling with substance abuse disorder or addiction and those who love them. Every month we pray for those who are struggling with this disease and those who love them. Addiction and substance abuse can be a stark reminder of our own struggles, weaknesses and failings and that it is only in, with, and through God, we overcome them and are healed. Join us on Sunday February 22nd at 12-noon 30 Main St, South Hadley as we pray for all those suffering with this illness and those who love them.

**The Office of Youth Ministry and Diocesan Youth Ambassadors invite all middle to high school youth to a St. Valentine's Party** on Saturday, February 7, from 6–8:30 PM at Holy Family Parish Hall in South Deerfield. Enjoy music, dancing, food, games, and a swing dance lesson at 6 PM, with beverages sponsored by 6,7 Brew Cafe. Attire is dressy casual. Tickets are \$10, available in advance or at the door. Scan the QR code or visit [westernmasscatholic.regfox.com/stvalentine](http://westernmasscatholic.regfox.com/stvalentine) for more information.

### **Activities at St. Michael's Cathedral**

- **Photo Exhibit:** There is a new photo exhibit up in the Cloister Gallery that includes both parish and diocesan events. Take a look after Mass.
- **The Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the rectory. Please join us if you can knit or crochet. We have some yarn if you don't.
- **Bible Study with Mary Jeanne:** A daytime reflective bible study on the book of Mark will meet on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> in the Bishop Marshall Center.

### **A FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR RESPECTFUL QUIET IN THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH:**

A number of people have asked that we remind ourselves that Jesus is very much present in our Cathedral Church in the Blessed Sacrament and that many people choose to be in quiet prayer in preparation for Mass and in thanksgiving prayer following the Mass. Please take all unnecessary conversations into the cloister hallway of the cathedral or in the parking lot. Thank you for your attention to this.

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### **THE WORD MADE FLESH.**

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**BOAT**  
**CAPERNAUM**  
**DARKNESS**  
**FISHERS**  
**GOSPEL**  
**JESUS**

**JOHN**  
**KINGDOM**  
**LIGHT**  
**NETS**  
**REPENT**  
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**SEA**