

# Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Join us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass



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### **CLERGY, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS**

- Bishop William Draper Byrne
- Very Reverend Gary M. Dailey, Rector
- Rev. Yerick Méndez, Parochial Vicar
- Rev. Sinh Trinh, Parochial Vicar
- Deacon Angel Pérez
- Deacon Joe Rivera
- Dolly Garzón, Spanish Pastoral Minister
- M. Lynn Dubreuil, Director of Religious Ed.
- 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 31-FEB 8, 2026



## MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

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| 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.  |  |
| Monday         | February 2   | 12:10 p.m. | †Felicia Grasela   |
| Tuesday        | February 3   | 12:10 p.m. | †Pedro Juan Pérez García                                   |
| Wednesday      | February 4   | 12:10 p.m. | Healing for Martin Edward Mullane                          |
| Thursday       | February 5   | 12:10 p.m. | Healing for Rachel Ailene Hamm                             |
| Friday         | February 6   | 7:30 a.m.  | <b>First Friday Mass</b>                                   |
| Friday         | February 6   | 12:10 p.m. | Healing for Casey Elizabeth Mullane                        |
| Saturday Vigil | February 7   | 4:00 p.m.  |  |
| Sunday         | February 8   | 8:30 a.m.  | †Lillian Caraballo   |
| Sunday         | February 8   | 10:00 a.m. | †Lizandra Flores   |
| Domingo        | 8 de febrero | 11:45 a.m. |  |
| Sunday         | February 8   | 4:00 p.m.  |  |

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

†Norberto Alicea

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### 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.

**Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

Readings for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Gospel According to Matthew,

Matthew 5:1-12a, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020126.cfm>

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

JAN 24-25, 2026, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Masses: (\$1,753.00); Fuel (\$145.00)

### 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.

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### FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

This week we have 2 liturgical events: The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr with the traditional blessing of throats.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on February 2 which is 40 days after Christmas and it commemorates Jesus' presentation in the Temple, fulfilling Jewish Law. Also known as Candlemas, it marks Christ as the "Light to the Nations," highlighting the encounter with Simeon and Anna, and symbolizes obedience, purification, and the prophecy of Jesus' mission. This event is recorded in Sacred Scripture in Luke 2: 22-39, where Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to Jerusalem for his dedication and her purification. This feast is traditionally celebrated with the blessing of candles, symbolizing Christ as the Light of the World. It serves also as a bridge between Christmas and the upcoming passion, with Simeon prophesying that Jesus is a light for revelation and that a "sword of sorrow" would pierce Mary's heart. On Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> you may bring any candles from your home and they will be blessed for sacred use in your homes.

On the following day, February 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise a 4<sup>th</sup> century bishop in Armenia. Bishop Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Bishop Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears. Legend has it that as the hunters hauled him off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Bishop Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone. Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Bishop Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

The ancient tradition of the church is to bless throats on this day. On Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the blessing of throats will take place after the 12:10 Mass.

### Looking ahead...

- **Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – Masses will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**
- **Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent after the 12:10 p.m. Mass and at 6:00 p.m. in Spanish.**
- **The Rite of Election – Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**
- **Lenten Bible Study (Bilingual English-Spanish) with Fr. Méndez – Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Bishop Marshall Center throughout the season of Lent.**

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### I Believe Youth Rally

The Diocesan Youth Leadership Team invites all middle and high school teens to the I Believe Youth Rally on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 4:00–7:30 PM at Pope Francis Preparatory School in Springfield! Join Bishop William Byrne and everyone's favorite four-legged friend, Zelig the Episcopup, for an evening full of fun, music, prayer, and community. Stick around for the Fun Zone from 7:30–8:30 PM with dinner and snacks included! Register and learn more at <https://westernmasscatholic.org/youthrally/>.

### 2026 Diocesan Men's Day of Reflection

The Office of Missionary Discipleship and the Diocesan Men's Commission invite men from Western Mass and beyond (ages 18+) to join for the 2026 Diocesan Men's Day of Reflection on March 28 from 9:30am to 2pm at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Westfield. The Day themed "Band of Brothers" will feature Tolkien-inspired talks by Marian Father and one of the 50 official "Eucharistic Preachers" of the National Eucharistic Revival Andy Davy, MIC. The day, which costs \$25, will include Mass with Bishop William Byrne, Adoration, Confession, a hot lunch buffet, a panel discussion about men's ministry, and time for fellowship and discussion. Paper Registration (with payment via check made out to the "Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield") is available and will be accepted until Sunday, March 1, 2026; online registration is first come first serve. Paper registration forms are available at your local Parish or in the lobby of the Diocese of Springfield Pastoral Center at 65 Elliot St, Springfield, MA 01105 during normal business hours. More information or register online at <https://westernmasscatholic.regfox.com/mensday>.

### Divine Mercy Ministry to Seniors

Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact Mary Higgins at (413) 552-7231 or via email: [DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com](mailto:DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com).

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

| GROWING IN FAITH |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
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**JESUS PROCLAIMED THE GOSPEL.**

**BLESSED  
CHILD OF GOD  
DISCIPLES  
GOD  
HEART  
HEAVEN  
JESUS**

**MEEK  
MERCY  
MOUNTAIN  
PERSECUTE  
REJOICE  
REWARD  
SPIRIT**