

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It is told that when Mother Theresa was once cleaning the wounds of a leper, a millionaire businessman came to visit her. The disgusting stench of the wounds and the sight of the worms crawling out from the man’s body seized the businessman with gross disgust. He exclaimed, “Even if I were to be given a million dollars, I wouldn’t dare do what you are doing.” Mother Theresa replied: “Me, too; even if I were to be given a million dollars, I would not also do what you will not do.” In our gospel today according to St. Matthew, Jesus is talking about this popular heavenly constitution, the Beatitudes. In Greek, the word Beatitude is “*macarius*” which means happiness. So, the meaning of the word “Blessed”, as Jesus told, is that this is happiness. All that Jesus wants for us is to be happy, not according to the understanding of the world of what happiness is all about, but according to what God meant by this word. The Beatitudes, therefore, signify not just sweet religious attitudes of a passive life by which we have to pray and attend Mass everyday due to the belief that it’s the surest way to be a perfect disciple of Jesus and the surest way to heaven. That is far from it. Rather, our Christian lives should also be directed towards the problems of the world, the conversion of sinners and the missionary task of the Church which we support day and night. I would like to give more emphasis on the first Beatitude that says: “How blest are the poor in spirit, the reign of God is theirs.” In St. Luke, the words ‘in spirit,’ is not found. I don’t know if this is intentionally done or not. I remember the story of a group of missionaries who built a hospital for the poor. When it was finished, a group of rich people went to speak to the missionaries and to ask them why they had referred only to the poor, excluding everyone else, since the hospital was supposed to be for everyone. One of the missionaries said to them: “It is true that the hospital is for everyone, including you, and everyone will be taken care of for free of charge and courteously. But it is also true that for those who are poorest and in greatest need, this hospital is good news of great joy in a special way, for, unlike you, they have had no other place to go. That is why now, they are especially happy. When we built the hospital, we had them especially in our mind and hearts without excluding anyone. The Hebrew word for poor is “*Ani*” and “*Dal*” which conveys a notion of powerlessness and usually accompanies with material deprivation. Also, those having sufficient worldly goods themselves take up the cause of the poor and are one with them in their struggle. Jesus opted for poverty and the poor. He didn’t slam the door on anyone. So should we. He calls us to conversion – to an option for the poor. The rest of the Beatitudes: being hungry for holiness, merciful, pure of heart, peacemaker, persecuted for righteousness and others, all spell out God’s prescription of happiness for us

Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Monday, February 2 9:00 a.m.

Joseph Anthony Italiano req Gizelle Italiano
 Birthday Blessings for Daisy Arriola req Teresa Tan
 Thanksgiving req Lorena Roy
 Helen Osmena req Leilani

Tuesday, February 3 9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Leilani Yotingco req Rod Yotingco
 For the soul of John W. MacDonald req Peter and MaryJane MacDonald
 Safe travel for Nest Valencia and company req Maria Laguisma
 Birthday Blessings for Calvin Taylor req Banzon family

Wednesday, February 4 9:00 a.m.

All souls in purgatory req Benilda Fajardo
 Intentions of Casey req Anne McInnis

Thursday, February 5 9:00 a.m.

Maria Rosa Macri req Tony and Joanne Tigani

Friday, February 6 9:00 a.m.

Thresia Vayalumkal req Mathew family
 All souls in purgatory req Pauline Nguyen
 Birthday blessings for Barbara Legg
 Birthday Blessings for Fritzie Tan req Teresa Tan

Saturday, February 7 5:00 p.m.

William, Tuyen, Thomp req Pauline Nguyen
 Samson and Virgilio Gabate req Gemma
 Soul of Lea Baldassero req Donna Marcaccio
 Birthday blessings for Jason Laguisma req Maria Laguisma

Sunday, February 8 10:00 a.m.

For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community

INSTALLATION MASS

**for Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.
 10th Bishop of Hamilton Diocese**

Installation Mass will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on February 2, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Let us continue to pray for Bishop Dabrowski as he prepares to begin his new ministry in the Diocese of Hamilton.



BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Let everything that breaths praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.”

Psalm 150:6



PARISH SUPPORT

January 24/25, 2026

Sunday Offering	\$	1,370.00
Loose Offering		340.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish.

DAY OF PRAYER AND ADORATION

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Prayer Intention: For Children with Incurable Diseases

Friday, February 6, 2026

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
9:30 a.m. Adoration Begins
4:00 p.m. Benediction
6:00 p.m. Confession
7:00 p.m. Holy Mass

*“How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
My soul yearns for the courts of the Lord.” (Ps. 84: 1-2)*

PARISH MOVIE & DINNER NIGHT



“DEAD MAN WALKING”
Saturday, February 14, 2026
Following the 5:00 Holy Mass
Lasagna Dinner and Movie:
\$15/person
At St. Charles Parish Hall

Tickets are available after every Holy Mass
Please invite your family and friends

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
MONDAY 2ND OF FEBRUARY 2026

ADORATION: 8:00 AM
SOLEMN HOLY MASS: 9:00 AM

On February 2—forty days after Christmas—the Church celebrates the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**. Mary comes to the Temple forty days after giving birth to Jesus, and she and Joseph offer for her purification a sacrifice of two turtledoves, the offering prescribed for the poor. Simeon recognizes in this ordinary-looking baby the Son of God, and as he takes him in his arms. To celebrate this feast, consider purchasing from our church **Candles costing \$5**. These special candles to keep and use in your home. Then, throughout the year, light your blessed candles during dinner or special occasions. The glow of a flickering flame may help rekindle your love for God in times of difficulty, or it may be a reflection of your joy. Regardless, it will serve as a sign of the One who is God’s light to the nations, God’s salvation to all people.



HEALING MASS
Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

AND THE WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK

6:00 p.m. ADORATION

7:00 p.m. HEALING MASS

& ANOINTING WITH HOLY OIL

Please join us in with your family and friends

“And the angel Gabriel came to Her and said, ‘Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!’” (Lk 1:28).

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAY FOR US

SAINT LUKE: THE STORY OF SALVATION
FULFILLED

Join us at **St. Charles Garnier Parish** for an 8-week Bible study on the Gospel of Luke. From the announcement of John, the Baptist’s birth to the Ascension of Jesus, this study explores the key events of salvation history and invites us to grow closer to Christ through Scripture, prayer, and fellowship.

SCHEDULE

Tuesdays | February 3 – March 24, 2026

Morning Session: 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

(after the 9:00 AM Holy Mass)

Evening Session: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Weekly Dates

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

REGISTRATION

- **Fee: \$50.00**
- Please register at the parish office

INFORMATION

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FEAST OF ST. BLAISE, BISHOP, MARTYR
& BLESSING OF THE THROAT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

May God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. Amen