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WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST:

WEEKEND MASSES

5:00 pm: Saturday Evening
9:30 am: Sunday Morning
11:30 am: Sunday Morning

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:30 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at 1:00 PM on the first Sunday of each month. Arrangements must be made in advance with Sister Mary. Please note that there are no baptisms during Advent and Lent.

Marriages Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance and participation in the Diocesan Pre-Cana Program is required. Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment with Fr. Frank who will discuss the necessary details.

Sacrament of the Sick In the event of serious illness, please call the Rectory and request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Communion for the Homebound Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to those unable to join us for Eucharist. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Confessions First Saturday of the month in the church from 4:00-4:30 PM. By appointment for all other times.

ST. SAVIOUR PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Frank W. Spacek, D. Min., **Pastor**
Rev. Kevin P. Cavalluzzi, D. Min., **In Residence**
Emily SanPietro, **Administrative Assistant**
Sister Mary R. Walsh, CSJ, **Pastoral Associate**
Deacon Paul E. Norman, **Faith Formation**
Dr. Nicholas J. Nicassio, **Music Ministry**

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
Friday No Office Hours
Saturday & Sunday No Office Hours

To speak with a priest, please call for an appointment. For sick calls, phone anytime.

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WHO IS WELCOME IN ST. SAVIOUR CHURCH?

Are you a sinner? Have you been away from the church for a long time? Are you divorced or separated? Are you physically or mentally challenged? Are you from a different culture? Are you not accepted because of your sexual orientation? Are you elderly, a teen or young adult? Are you discriminated against because of your color? Are you feeling broken? Are you poor or out of work? Have you been imprisoned? Have you a feeling that you are left out? **You are welcome here! This is your home, and we are your family!**

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Sunday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is the day on which Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple for the very first time, following the mandate of Mosaic Law. The Law of Moses stated that any couple who were blessed with a first-born son should bring that child to the Temple symbolic of the fact that this child belonged to God and was a child of God. It is also considered the day of Mary's purification, and she herself would make an offering to the Lord in thanksgiving for her first-born Son. Prior to 1969, the Church actually referred to this feast as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Today is also traditionally referred to as "Candlemas Day" because today is the day we bless all the candles we use in church for our own worship services as well as all the candles we might use in our homes. Last weekend we invited everyone to bring candles you might use in your home this weekend so that we might bless them also today during Mass. Candles symbolize the Light of Christ, which Simeon prophesied in today's Gospel when he said that "this child shall be a light of revelation to the Gentiles." We pray today that the Light of Christ, which burns within each and every single one of us, may continue to burn brightly and shine so great that it cast a light on all the people we encounter in our lives.

Tomorrow we celebrate the feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Saint Blaise has long been associated as the saint we turn to when we have a sore throat or any other disease. This weekend at the conclusion of all our Masses we will be blessing throats for anyone who wishes to have them blessed. I encourage EVERYONE to stay behind for this special blessing, as it seems so many people lately are feeling under the weather or suffering from a sore throat or COVID or RSV or even the flu. We all know that many of these illnesses often begin with a sore throat. Tomorrow I will go through our Academy and our High School and bless the throats of any student who wishes to have their throat blessed in honor of Saint Blaise.

Shifting gears now and moving toward an update on the multiple maintenance issues facing us, I am happy to say work is progressing on our parish hall bathrooms. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, the work that needs to be done is more extensive than we initially imagined, so it's going to take a little while longer to accomplish. However, I am excited and looking forward to the prospect that when this work is completed our bathrooms in the parish hall will be brand new. I am hoping that the work will be completed by the end of February. Regarding the organ, we are still trying to find a company who might be willing to repair our organ a little bit at a time so that we can at least begin using it again. Our organ is a majestic instrument. They don't make pipe organs like that anymore and ours is in need of serious repairs. We are doing our best to get the organ up and playing again as soon as possible. I thank you for your patience. Finally, we had issues with the heat in the Rectory last week, but luckily it just involved changing a few burned out parts that had not been changed or repaired in many years. We need to remember that all our buildings are over 100 years old and it seems as if everything is falling apart at once. We will continue to do our best in repairing these items as they occur. I thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Have a great week everyone – please stay safe and healthy!

Father Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Lo, I am sending my messenger
to prepare the way before me;
and suddenly there will come to the temple
the LORD whom you seek. (Mal 3:1)

Psalm:
Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Ps 24)

Second Reading:
Therefore, he had to become like his brothers
and sisters in every way,
that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest
before God. (Heb 2:17)

Gospel:
"Now, Master, you may let your servant go
in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation." (Lk 2:29-30)

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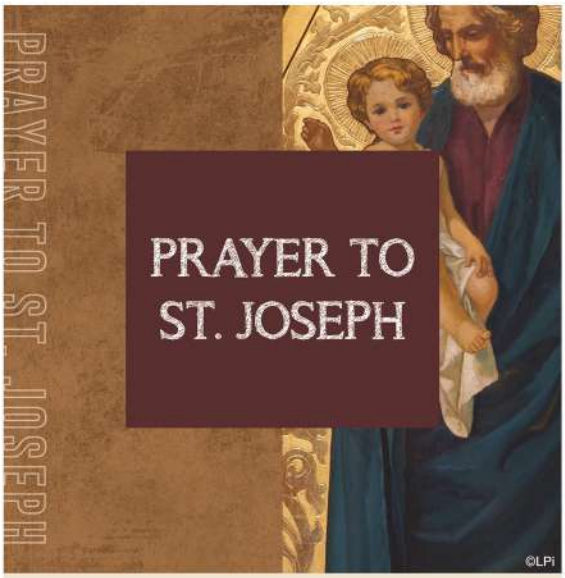
Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Anna and Simeon saw greatness and glory in the face of a tiny babe. Jesus was insignificant in the eyes of others who looked for the Messiah in the gilded halls of kings. But Anna and Simeon recognized God when they saw him. Do we?

Observances for the week of February 2, 2025

Sunday:	The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
Monday:	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Wednesday:	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day



Devotions, *Explained!*

For centuries, Christians have relied on the intercessory prayers of Joseph, earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ. One particular novena prayer to St. Joseph is often called "the unfailing prayer to St. Joseph."

Prayer of Faith

Dear God,
Open my eyes to Your movement in my life.
And, even when I don't see it or don't understand, help me to rely on the promises of Your love and mercy.

Amen.

BRING BACK THAT OLD PALM!

Everyone wonders what to do with that old palm they received year on Palm Sunday. Well, wonder no more! We invite ALL members of our parish family to bring back their old palm right here. You may bring back old palm to create the ashes that will be distributed here in church on Ash Wednesday—which happens to fall this year on March 5th.

ONLINE GIVING By WeShare

WeShare allows parishioners a safe and easy way to donate online. If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy!

1. Visit our website: www.stsaviourchurch.org and click "Give Online."
2. Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
3. Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you've added your information, donations will automatically deduct from your account.

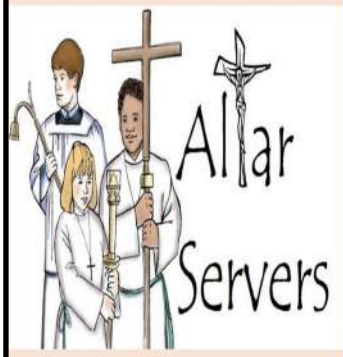
SAINT THOMAS FOOD PANTRY

Pantry is in need of the following items: oatmeal, white or brown rice, pasta, evaporated milk, canned or dried black beans, canned tuna, salmon or chicken, bar soap, and shampoo.

PRAYER LIST

If you know of any parish members who are ill and need our prayers, please email the rectory at stsaviourchurch@aol.com to add their name & how many weeks they should be added to our newly formed list. This list will appear in the weekly bulletin. If you do not have access to email please call Emily at the rectory at 718-768-4055.

Calling all youth..... Is God inviting you to Ministry????



This ministry seeks to encourage the youth of our parish, grade 3 and older, to fully engage in our faith through their service to the Church as altar servers. Serving at the altar gives youth a hands-on, personal experience of God's work in the liturgy. It also can be an opportunity for them to work alongside other children and adults and be edified by their witness of faith. Through their service, altar servers provide the parish with an example of service, witness to the seriousness and solemnity of the liturgy, and inspire those who come to Mass with hope for the future of our Church.

The Junior Lector Ministry prepares young parishioners to proclaim the Word of God at Mass. Lectors convey, through their readings, a better understanding of the scriptures. This communication of the scriptures draws parishioners closer to God, and contributes to the celebration of the Mass. Effective proclamation is intrinsic to the celebration of the Mass. As a part of the Liturgy of the Word we are called to convey the transforming Word of Christ

For more information and application forms, please contact Sr. Mary Walsh at St. Saviour Rectory 718-768-4055 or after Sunday Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach

The Brownbaggers project serves the poor in NYC during the winter months. Since 2009 we have delivered thousands of lunches. Meeting monthly in the Parish Hall at 12:30pm, we assemble 100 brown bag lunches with food and clothing items donated by our volunteers. We then travel via subway to multiple Manhattan parks to distribute our lunches to those most in need, returning to Brooklyn by 3:30 pm. Dave Beaudry is the current director of our Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach Program.

Please RSVP now for Sunday, March 9

Children under the age of 18 must to be accompanied by an adult. Please wear comfortable shoes and have your metro card charged.

Twenty-five volunteers are needed for this event.

RSVP to: davebeaudry@gmail.com

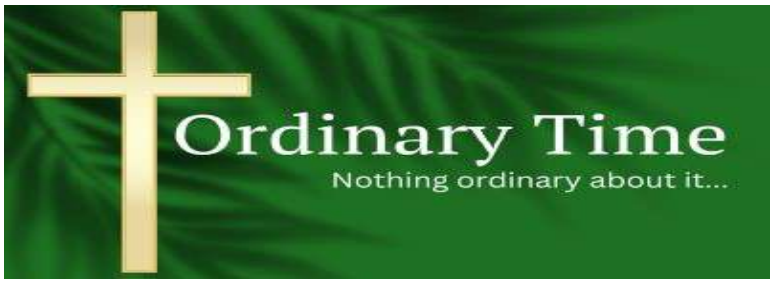
Please consider donating warm socks, hats or gloves into the Brownbaggers Donation Box which will be located in the vestibule of the church after every Mass. Any donations received will be distributed at that month's Brownbagger event. Also, financial donations used to purchase food items can be made in the Parish rectory.
Thank you for your support.

***Just a reminder that all adults must be VIRTUS trained to attend.**

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—California Wild Fires
February 9—Maintenance & Repair
February 16—Special Fuel Collection

We still have Mass Intentions available for both weekday AND weekend celebrations of Eucharist. Please consider having a Mass celebrated for a loved one or family member—either living or deceased. We are ALL in need of prayers, and there is no greater prayer than the celebration of Eucharist. Each Mass Intention is only $15.00. If you are interested in having a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or in honor of someone who is living, please call Emily at the Rectory and she will be more than happy to assist you.



"If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are."
- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

January 25-26

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Children's Collection $244

Aid to churches in need $281

Attendance 286

Sunday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord
9:30 a.m. Robert & Tina Eschenauer
11:30 a.m. Gisela Ciron/Intentions of Nicole Victoria Fell/Robert M. Duffy

Monday, February 3, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Pauline Guida

Tuesday, February 4, Saint Thomas Aquinas
8:30 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory of the Tannenbaum-Martinez Family

Wednesday, February 5, Weekday
8:30 a.m. Msg. John Condon

Thursday, February 6, Weekday
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Friday, February 7, Saint John Bosco
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, February 8, Weekday
5:00 p.m. Migdalia Hohertz

Sunday, February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Robert Buturla
11:30 a.m. Valentino Nicola Marinelli/Nicholas Agas/ Intentions of Nicole Victoria Fell

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Please remember to take your 2025 offering envelopes which can be found in alphabetical order on the tables in the back of church. Also, please remember to take our new 2025 wall calendar generously donated by Duffy & Leone Funeral Homes. Please feel free to take as many calendars as you would like. Thank you.

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