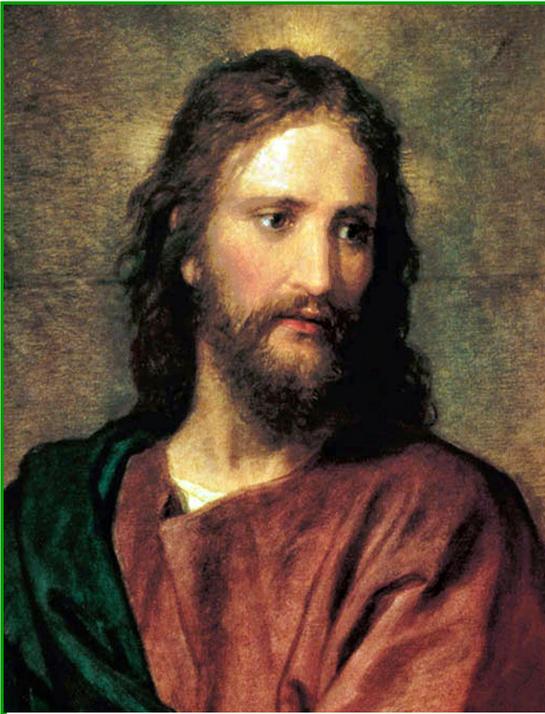


*Second Sunday of
Ordinary Time
January 18, 2026*



“He stooped toward me and heard my cry.” Psalm 40:2

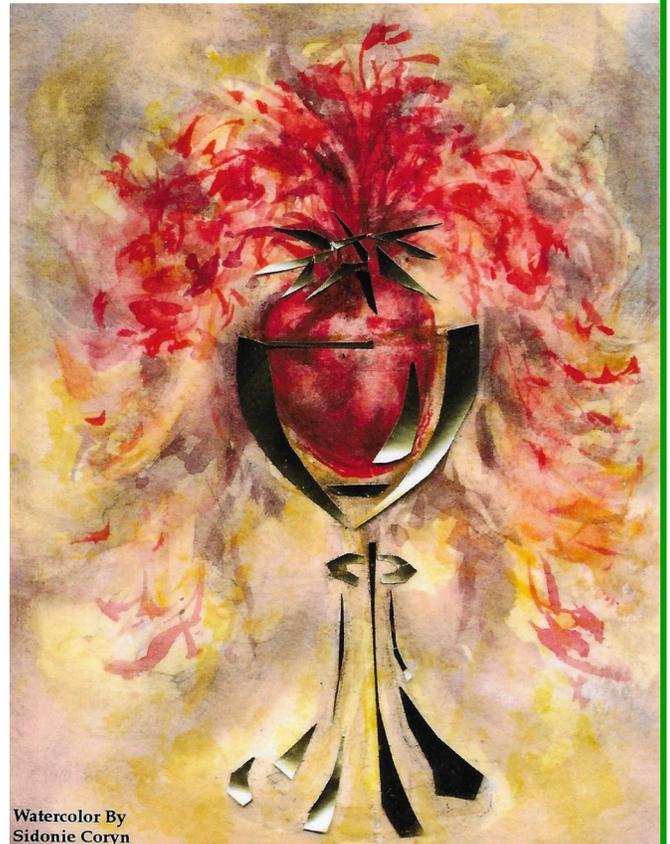


From the Gusset

Glory is a concept that is difficult to **imagine** or **perceive**. **Glory** to us is as difficult to understand as a blind person trying to understand what light is. We are all **familiar** with **beautiful** things whether they are objects or **people**, but **Glory** is more than **beauty** – just like **joy** is more than **happiness**! You see, **beauty** can make us stop and gawk (take a second look), but when we see **Glory** – we cannot take our eyes off of **It**. In comparing **beauty** to **happiness** and **Glory** to **joy** - it would be as if, **happiness** gives us peace and **comfort** and satisfaction; whereas **joy** gives us goose bumps – or even brings a tear to our eyes. **Glory** is like that. God is truly **glorious**! The Old Testament often speaks about the **Glory** of God especially in **the Psalms**, but Jesus, Himself, (in the New Testament) is even more

glorious than any of the times God made His presence felt in the Old Testament! We say in **the Creed** every Sunday: that Jesus is God Himself in person – “*true God from true God.*” Though Jesus must veil Himself in **the Eucharist** every Sunday – we are exposed to God’s **Glory** every time the **Eucharistic Prayer** is prayed by our **priest**! My **favorite Theologian** talks about how God doesn’t just ‘*passively*’ hide Himself in **the Bread of the Mass**, but ‘*actively*’ hides Himself behind the appearance of **Bread and Wine**!! There in the **priest’s hands**, held high for all of us to see – is the **Glory** of God – **the Eucharist**! I have instructed our three Choirs to sing the **Gloria** at all of our **Masses** as we enter into **Ordinary Time**. Of course we sang the **Gloria** during the **Christmas** Season, but we will continue to sing it until **Lent** (when the Liturgy makes us put **the Gloria Prayer** away until **Easter**). Of course, we will have to recite the **Gloria** in **West Brooklyn**, until Judy Bresson gets better – but I encourage all of you to sing the **Gloria** with gusto. I think we tend (at all 3 of our **Parishes**) to let the Choir say (sing) **the Prayers** for us. This is just **laziness** on our part! The **Glory** of God is appearing before us in **the Blessed Sacrament**. **St. Jerome** says that God hides in **the Eucharist** for two reasons. One is because we could not endure to look directly at God’s **Glory**, so God must hide His **Glory**. Remember, **Moses** and **the Prophet**, both had to shield their eyes as God passed by, and then they only saw the backside of God! The second reason that God hides in **the Eucharist** is to get us to strengthen the eyes of our **Faith**. Because isn’t **Faith** really to see God?

Yours on the Path Fr. Randy



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Sidonie Coryn

Collection Amounts for the Month of December

	OLPH	SMA	St. Patrick
Loose Collection	\$292	\$70	\$80
Envelopes	\$16,000	\$6,630	\$2,270
Total	\$16,292	\$6,700	\$2,350
Monthly Expenses	\$10,921	\$4,184	\$3,695
Diocesan Appeal	\$7,795/\$10,350	\$4,730/\$3,796	\$11,807/\$2,495
Immaculate Conception	\$360	\$255	\$300
Christmas	\$4,345	\$1,170	\$855

A Christmas Tithe of \$300 was made to N.I.C.E. from the St. Anne Sodality in Sublette

A Christmas Tithe of \$250 was made to the Badger Square Residents from Sublette



Truth and Beauty and the 8th Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Ex 20:16, Deut 5:20

The 8th Commandment forbids misrepresenting **the truth** in our relations with others. **The Catechism of the Catholic Church** states in Paragraph 2465: *The Old Testament attests that God is the source of all truth. His Word is truth. His Law is truth. His faithfulness endures to all generations. Since God is true, (we) the members of His people are called to live in the truth.* We were taught in **Seminary** that to lie is like reflecting the **Devil's image** into **creation**; whereas, to tell **the truth** is to reflect the image of Jesus Christ into **the world**. Of course, we are to do the latter. It is interesting that as **the Catechism** fleshes out what truth is **the Catechism** soon talks about **beauty** and **art**. Paragraph 2502 talks about how **Sacred art**

is **true** and **beautiful** and attempts to help us visualize **the beauty** and **truth** that became visible in Jesus. **St. John Damascene** spoke of how the beauty of images moves us to **contemplate the glory** of God. How **Icons** are united with **the Word** of God, Itself, and help us to **adore** and **glorify** God. Here in **Sublette**, **our Lady** watches over us, helps us to **worship** and **glorify** her Son, and she **hopes** that by gazing upon her **beauty** in our **Icon** – she would be able to help us to **meditate** on **the truth** of God's great **love** for us.

THE MASS and THE SAINTS

“We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You....!”

Sometimes, **the Prayers** of **the Mass** are prayed with such *intensity* that they don't make too much sense or should I just say, there does not seem to be a **logical progression** of ideas in them. Because **human beings** are impulsive, because we can easily be carried away by our **emotions**, because we have way too much **sugar** in our **breakfast cereals** – we can actually be a bit hyper or high-strung when we come to **Mass**; and I think this is a good thing!! You see, God wants us to **acknowledge** His **Glory** in **the Mass**, and **the Gloria Prayer** is one of the first **Prayers** where we do acknowledge **the Glory** of God. **St. Hyacinth Cormier** described **the Gloria Prayer** as *“an impulsive succession of acclamation and words of praise that spring forth – unplanned from the soul.”* See that is ‘ok,’ because our **Faith**, our desire to express **the joy** in our **hearts**, and of course our **love** of God; help us to weave all these things together in **the Gloria Prayer**. **St. Hyacinth** said, *“our Faith and our love of God are the only rules when it comes to praying to God!”* **The Gloria** is a **Prayer** that is meant to be **sung** every time it is appropriate in **the Mass** Liturgy. Indeed, **the Sacramentary** calls **the Gloria** ‘a **hymn**’ and even puts the musical score right in **the priest's Prayer book** (though it is followed by **the text** without music). We typically sing **the Gloria** during **Christmas** and **Easter** season, and since we have **not** been **praying the Gloria** during **Advent** and **Lent** – this makes **the joy** in our **hearts** and **the glory** we are trying to express all the more **intense** when we **sing** this **Prayer**. But because I have noticed, as your **priest**, that the people of our **Parishes** don't **sing the Gloria**; but rather, simply defer to the Choir – as a rule – we will recite **the Gloria** in **Ordinary Time**. Please though, we need as good **Catholics** to thank God for His **Glory**! God actually uses our salvation for His **Glory** by saving us through His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Lord God, and so He is **powerful** enough to save us. Jesus is the Lamb of God, and so He is **gentle** enough **to suffer** for us. Jesus is the Son of the Father, and so as our **older Brother** (the Brother who stayed home in the **Prodigal Son**



Parable), Jesus, is **obedient** to His Dad and ours – **to pay the debt** of our **sins**! **St. Alphonsus Liguori** would say, *“Jesus, who sacrifices Himself as a victim, is at the same time God, and so is equal to the One to Whom the sacrifice is offered.”* Do you see how God shows us His **Glory**, and wants us to **acknowledge** that **Glory** in **the Mass** and especially when we **pray the Gloria Prayer**!?

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 17th

(+) Robert Bulfer/ OLPH Finance Council

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Patricia Painter/ Mr. & Mrs. Louis Vaessen & (+) Roland Schuhler/ Carlene Schuhler

5:30 pm, **SMA** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Sunday, January 18th 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Doug Blaine/ Diane Blaine

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Francis & (+) Rosamund Buckley/ Family

Monday, January 19th

(+) Howard McInnis & (+) Robert Bulfer/ Fr. Randy

(+) Vince Brand/ Frances Brand

Tuesday, January 20th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Dennis McCoy & (+) Floyd Wilson/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vaessen

Wednesday, January 21st Feast of St. Agnes

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Delbert Bonnell/ Renee, Buck, and Hazel

Thursday, January 22nd World Day of Prayer for the Unborn

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Betty Jane Wilhelm/ Fr. Randy Fronck

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Roland Schuhler/ Carlene Schuhler

Friday, January 23rd

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Larry Leffelman/ Velma Quest

Saturday, January 24th

(+) Camilo & (+) Mercedes Lapid/ Sister Leticia Lapid

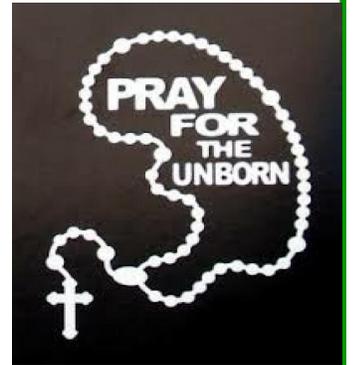
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Robert Bresson/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bresson

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Julie Malach/ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Henkel

Sunday, January 25th 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time—Word of God Sunday

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Thomas Sharkey/ Barbara Ewalt

10:30 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy



LECTOR TRAINING

Our final **Lector Training Class** will be held at **2:00pm** on the 24th at **St. Patrick Church**. Even if you plan to lector at one of the other **Churches**, you may still attend this **Lector Training Class**. What is most important for the **Lector** is that he prepare **spiritually** and **physical** for the proclamation of **the Word of God!** **Spiritually**, the **Lector** should have gone to **Confession**—coming as close to **the altar** in **the Sanctuary** as they do, and allowing for God to use a **pure instrument** to bring His **Word** to His people. Every **Catholic** is expected by **the Church** to make a good **Confession** at least twice a year during the two **Penitential Seasons** (**Advent** and **Lent**). Yet because the **Lector** is more **intimately** bound to the liturgy of **the Mass**, of course he or she will want to avail themselves more frequently to **the Sacrament of Healing**. **Physically**, the **Lector** ought to practice, practice, and practice the readings and preferably to do so **standing** and speaking **out loud!** In baseball, I was taught by almost every **coach** I had, *“to practice like you play!”* Practice at **full speed**, because that is how you are going **to play** the game (at **full speed**—a la **Pete Rose** style). It may seem strange, especially to **family members** when you are proclaiming **the Word out loud** at home, but you are allowing the Holy Spirit **to breathe** through you when you do so.

