



**SHRINE CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.



MASS INTENTIONS

February 4

9:00 am English Mass

✠ *Grant Ford* by his family

11:00 am Spanish Mass

✠ *Victor Hugo de la Vega Urina* (8th anniv.)
by his mother, Laura Urina

February 11

9:00 am English Mass

✠ *Maggie Gilroy* by Maureen Jeffers

11:00 am Spanish Mass

SHARING OUR TREASURE

~ Giving as an act of Worship ~

We need at least \$2,750.00 per week in the collections to break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.

Collection Information for January 28, 2024

Regular Offertory: \$3175.41

(\$217 Fuel)

Total: \$3175.41

If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail checks to 274 Sherman St., Albany, NY 12206. *Do not mail cash.*

Mission Statement

"We are a vibrant, welcoming, multi-cultural Catholic community in the heart of the City of Albany celebrating and ministering the presence of Jesus with our parishioners and neighbors."

View Masses Online on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/>

DIRECTORY

SHRINE CHAPLAIN: *Rev. Francis O'Connor*
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Sunday, February 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

LECTIO DIVINA

English: <https://catholic.bible/category/lectio-divina/>

Spanish: <https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-en-espanol/>

Sunday, February 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Gospel: St. Mark 1:40-45

Scam Alert: If you receive an email or text from Fr. O'Connor or Fr. Dan requesting money or gift cards be sent to anyone in need, **It is a scam.**

Hospital Visits: Please notify our Shrine Church Office at 518-465-3685 and/or Fr. O'Connor at 518-588-2531 or Deacon Fabian or our Pastoral Associate Alejandra Saucedo about any member of our community who is in the hospital or is homebound and not able to come to church.

Tax Statements: "If you would like a 2023 tax statement for your donations, please call the Shrine office or email your request to mfredette103@gmail.com."

Save the Date: Our first-ever Central Albany Catholic Schools Reunion will be held at Blessed Sacrament School on Friday, May 31st from 5-7 p.m.! Be on the lookout for more details to come.

Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry

In 2023, the pantry served 2,761 households (2,059 children, 4,411 adults, and 864 seniors). Thanks to your continuous generosity, our food pantry was still able to serve the large increase in guests needing assistance! We're open Mondays and Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m., and need Spanish-speaking volunteers. Please contact our parish office if you feel called to help! All nonperishable food donations are welcome, but right now we especially need pasta, coffee, peanut butter, jelly, laundry soap, bar soap, and shampoo.

Candlemas, St. Blaise and Blessing of the Throats

February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as "Candlemas." It is traditional to bless candles on this day. This day marks the presentation of Jesus in the Temple forty days after His birth, and in some places is considered the official end of the Christmas season. The liturgy for this day includes rites for a procession and blessing of candles. For this reason, the feast became known popularly as "Candlemas" – the Mass of Candles. Candlemas is known as the "Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple" in many eastern churches. Other traditional names in the western churches include the "Feast for the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary" as well as the "Meeting of the Lord". Candlemas Celebrations Around The World: France and Belgium Candlemas Day is celebrated with a specific method of preparing crepes. Mexico Candlemas Day is celebrated with tamales. Puerto Rico Bonfires and singing mark the end of Candlemas Day. Luxembourg Children roam the streets singing. In Puno, Peru, Candlemas Day is marked by a "costume dance" featuring 20,000 dancers and 5,000 musicians.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Palms: If you wish you may bring your palms to Church this month. We will use these to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you!

Sneak Peek at Lent Reflection Group Opportunities

1. **Lectio Divina:** Tuesdays in English via Zoom, 7:00 pm (Contact Tammy at tmcrasto@hotmail.com for the link.) – starts February 13,
2. **Reflection Group:** Our Spanish-speaking reflection group will meet this Lent on Mondays. Sessions will begin on Monday, February 19 at 6:00 pm.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME! OR HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please fill in your information below and drop in the collection. Date: _____

Name: _____ () I am new to the parish.

Address: _____ () Send me "The Evangelist".

Phone: _____ Email: _____ () Please send church envelopes.