



# SHRINE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS

A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

274 Sherman Street, Albany, NY 12206 (Rear Entrance)  
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**Sunday, January 21, 2024**  
*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Teach me your ways, O Lord.*



## MASS INTENTIONS

January 21

**9:00 am English Mass**

✠ *Rosa and Salvatore Cannavo* by Sylvia Yager

✠ *Josephine and Antonio* by Sylvia Yager

**11:00 am Spanish Mass**

January 28

**9:00 am English Mass**

✠ *Jimmy Yager* by his wife Barbara Yager

**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 14, 2024**

**Regular Offertory: \$2073**

**(\$75 Solemnity of Mary, \$10 Christmas &  
\$5 Immaculate Conception)**

**Total: \$2073**

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."*

## DIRECTORY

**SHRINE CHAPLAIN:** *Rev. Francis O'Connor*  
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**DEACON:** *Rev. Miguel Fabián*

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & ATTACHMENTS:**

Deadline: Wednesdays@ Noon to:  
*Tammy Crasto*, [tmcrasto@hotmail.com](mailto:tmcrasto@hotmail.com)

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*Confesora Franco* (518) 542-4192

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, January 21**

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

**Sunday, January 28**

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

## LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

**Sunday, January 28**

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**Gospel:** St. Mark 1:21-28

**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.

**View Masses Online on Facebook:**

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

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

**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](mailto:mfredette103@gmail.com)."

**Tea & Short Reads:** Please join Father Dan once again for another round of Tea & Short Reads! This time, in addition to delicious teas, we will have poems, essays, and short stories to share — all with a Christian theme. Our meetings will be held on the Wednesdays of January at the Pine Hills branch of the Albany Public Library, 517 Western Ave., at 12:30 p.m. Follow this link for access to each session's readings: <https://blessedsacramentalbany.org/tea-short-reads/>

**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!

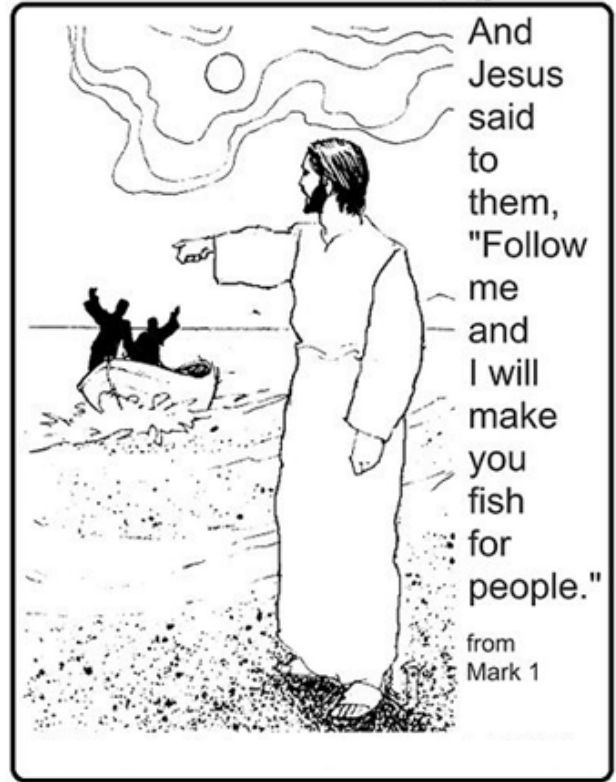
### CACC Annual Assembly ~ February 8

Each year the Capital Area Council of Churches holds an Annual Assembly providing an opportunity for Member Churches to conduct business important to keep the Council operating. This year, in addition to a short business meeting, CACC will be talking about how to make our congregations thrive. Resources and suggested actions will be shared and an opportunity to discuss positive steps for a church will occur. Please make plans to attend this important annual event.

### What is Ordinary Time?

The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

*Taken from United Conference of Catholic Bishops*



### Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry

We're open Mondays and Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m., and currently need Spanish-speaking volunteers! Please contact our parish office if you can help. All nonperishable food donations are welcome, but right now we most need pasta, coffee, peanut butter, jelly, laundry soap, bar soap, and shampoo. Also: this month, our food pantry will receive \$1 for every specially marked Bloomin' 4 Good flower bouquet purchased at the Hannaford in Windsor Plaza, Colonie (96 Wolf Rd.). Surprise someone with flowers and support us at the same time!

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## 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.