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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 25, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Terry Anderson, a journalist for the Associated Press, was seized and held hostage in Lebanon for seven years; blindfolded almost all of that time, Anderson described his experience in this way: *“Deepest darkness, fumbling, uncertainties are frightening. More frightening is the darkness of the mind, when outside light makes no impression and inner lights go dim. . .”* In November of 1965, a power failure plunged seven northeastern U.S. states and Ontario, Canada, into a darkness which lasted for more than thirteen hours. About thirty million people living in eighty thousand square miles of territory were affected. In 1977, another less severe power failure darkened New York City for fifty-two minutes. Losses due to accidents and looting were in excess of one billion dollars. -- In the Holy Scriptures, light and darkness serve as symbols for good and evil.

Today's first reading contains a prophetic reference to Christ as the Light that dispels darkness. Matthew wanted his readers to recognize that the Light of which Isaiah spoke had finally appeared with the coming of Jesus. The refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 27) reminds us that, **“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”** The second reading advises the Corinthians to live as children of the Light, avoiding divisions and rivalries, because several factions had arisen among the Corinthian Christians, each claiming allegiance to its first Christian teacher or to a particular Apostle such as Peter, Paul, or Apollos. In today's Gospel passage (Mt 4:12-23), Matthew explains that what Isaiah prophesied has been fulfilled through the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus. By his ministry of inviting people to the Kingdom of God through repentance, Jesus has brought Light to peoples living in darkness, thus fulfilling God's original promise. In addition, the Gospel describes the call of the first disciples (Mt 4:18-22), who would learn from, live out, and then teach us (through the Holy Spirit Who would empower them) Jesus' proclamation of God's Good News. They and their successors would continue Jesus' own preaching, teaching, and healing ministry to the end of time and this world, drawing people to repent of their sins and accept the Good News of God's rule (the Kingdom of God) over them. The ordinary men Jesus called had no formal training in Mosaic Law to preach the Good News, yet they and their successors have been very effective instruments in the hands of the Holy Spirit to extend Jesus' mission to the world.

Life messages: 1) We need to appreciate our call to be Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually and as a Church member, to be His disciple. The call is both a privilege and a responsibility. The mission of preaching, teaching, and healing which Jesus began in Galilee has become the responsibility of the Church and of each individual Christian. Our response to the call begins with our reception of Baptism and Confirmation, the Sacraments of Initiation. That response is meant to be strengthened through the years by the Eucharist and Reconciliation and to be made manifest in Matrimony or Holy Orders. We are healed and consoled in the Anointing of the Sick, which also prepares us for death. As we respond to Christ's call, we gain spiritual strength through our personal and family prayers, our Sacramental life, and our faithful study of the Bible and the Church's teachings.

2) We need to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom: When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are sent forth to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom and to defend the Catholic Faith. Each of us Christians has received a unique call to preach the Good News of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation through our daily life. This call challenges us to rebuild our lives, homes, and communities in the justice and peace that Jesus proclaims. May the Lord Jesus give us the strength and perseverance to answer his calling, so that we may faithfully serve the Lord, doing His Divine will as best as we can by cooperating with His grace.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday

Rosary at 4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon

12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. English

7:30 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community.....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Blanca Villatoro, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Jan 24	5:00 p.m.	Cesar Brillantes+
Sun	Jan 25	10:00 a.m.	Members of our Parish
Sun	Jan 25	12:30 p.m.	Carlos Sebastian Loya+
Tue	Jan 27	12:30 p.m.	Lucile Cook+
Thu	Jan 29	5:00 p.m.	Grace Spiehler S.I.
Fri	Jan 30	12:30 p.m.	Erica, William & Gene Hardy S.I.
Sat	Jan 31	5:00 p.m.	Purificacion Maglasang+

Parish Giving

January 18, 2026

1st Collection	\$3,167.56
2nd Collection	\$ 459.00
Lawn Care Maintenance	\$ 316.00
Children's Collection	\$ 23.86

2nd Collection	Jan 25	Church in Latin America
2nd Collection	Feb 1	Diocese of Tyler Catholic Schools
3rd Collection	Feb 1	Lawn Care Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 67
10:00 a.m. 141 and 12:30 p.m. 113

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.

Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock

Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo

Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez

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Committee Chairs

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Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

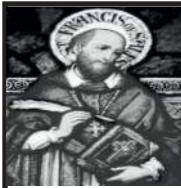
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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



God's good pleasure may be discovered in the incidents and accidents of our lives. It is up to us to make certain that they become blessings.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

Parishioner Input Form on Expanding the Parish Hall and Class Rooms

Parishioner Input Forms were distributed on Sunday, January 18, with a requested return date of this weekend, January 24/25. Please drop your completed form in the designated basket. Forms are still available in the church foyer. Take the time after Mass to complete the form and turn it in before you leave today.

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal: The Bishop's Appeal for Ministries

This year's goal for the 2026 Bishop's Appeal is \$42,000. Next weekend is Commitment Weekend, and pledge envelopes will be in the pews. Please prayerfully consider your 2026 pledge. Our parish goal is for 100% participation. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus Pork Loin Sales

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for smoked pork loins after each Mass the weekends of January 24/25 and January 31/February 1. The cost for the 3 lb. pork loin is \$20. All proceeds will be used for supporting events and activities at Prince of Peace and charitable causes.

Stroke Scan at Prince of Peace

Stroke Scan will be coming to Prince of Peace on Saturday, February 21, to provide health screenings. A Stroke Scan representative will be at the Masses the weekend of February 7/8 to make a brief announcement about what screenings are offered and to pre-register those interested in their services.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler. Bishop Kelly will be celebrating this Mass. All couples in the Diocese of Tyler who are celebrating anniversaries ending in 0 or 5, or 50th+ anniversaries in the year 2026 are invited. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Center. Registration forms are in the church foyer or you may register online at the dioceseoftyler.org/events. The deadline to register is February 6, 2026.

Altar Society Donation Envelopes

Altar Society donation envelopes are in the church. Your donation helps to provide for the needs of the altar. The Altar Society is grateful for your support.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.



The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Answers for January 11, 2026

Kids: a. Death
b. 3 times

Answered correctly by David Gutierrez, Vicky Gutierrez, and Elijah Rivera.

Adults: a. Because the slave is the master's own property
b. "We will do everything that the Lord has told us."

Answered correctly by Andrea Gustafson, Leo Rossler, Linda Rossler, Neri Gutierrez and Mimi Plumb.

Congratulations to Vicky Gutierrez, Andrea Gustafson, Leo Rossler, and Mimi Plumb for answering the five consecutive weeks!

Questions for January 25, 2026 (Exodus 31-35)

Kids: a. Which tribe did Bezalel belong to?
b. Who engraved the inscriptions on the tablets that Moses was carrying down from Mt. Sinai?

Adults: a. Whose assistant Oholiab was appointed as by the Lord?
b. Why did the Lord tell Moses that He will not go with the people to the Promised Land?

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