

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

02: Bob Burke  
 09: Biff Gilliam  
 10: Helen Ravagli  
 11: Barbara Luna; Zina Talya  
 14: Paul Harmon  
 18: Cecilia Chan; Wyatt Simonton  
 19: Sandra Burke; Kelsey Brown  
 20: Carol Donato  
 24: Ronnie Haney  
 26: Caeli McCabe

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

24: Edwin & Nurium Alvarado

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com).

Dylan Anderson	Melanie Furlough	Kimberly Martin	Bernadette Servis
Sid Barr	Linda Gardner	Chefley Matthews	Ray Servis
Robert Berry	Elizabeth Gillam	Rhonda Mayberry	Jane Sliwinski
Patricia Bonnewitz	Lynn Goss	Willard Mock	Don Smith
Gloria Bowden	Mary Graf	Greg Moore	Margaret Smith
Kellsei Boyce	Kathleen Hamilton	Jane Moreton	Maureen Smith
Millie Budney	Ronnie Haney	Beverly Moyer	Chere Tew
Sandra Burke	Jeanne Harper	Chris Moyer	Jim Tew
Julie Byron	James Heady	Ray Moyer	Amy Tracy
Deacon John Carey	Pablo Ignacio	Don & Patsy Notestein	Emilia Walker
Riordan Cavoris	Patrick Ignacio	Angel Ortiz	Wardell Family
Suzi Crawford	Meja Irvin	George Perry	Charles Watson
Justin Curtis	Leslie Jarrett	Gary Peters	Danielle Weedon
Trish Decresce	Maggie Kreiser	Laurie Peters	Laura Williams
Alessia Destefano	Fran Lecco	Frank Powell	Louise Williams
Carol Donato	Paul Lent	Nelson Sanchez	Michael Williams
Islea Duncan	Patel Mahenra	Princess Sanchez	Betty Jo Wolfrum
John Evans	Carolyn Martin	John Seaquist	

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 Attendees:

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# ***Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church***



**February 8, 2026**  
**Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church**  
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**Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM**  
**Thursday: 12:15 PM**

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact  
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## A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FATHER JIM

Last month we celebrated the Feast of the Nativity (Christmas or The Incarnation.) In other words, God become one with us. So, I want to begin by quoting Paul and say that “Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

Many adults feel as though Christmas is for children. They become choked up or teary eyed watching children enjoy Santa Claus. Everyone loves to see a smile on a child’s face when the presents are opened. Perhaps I get this way because it touches my inner child. It helps us revisit our sorrowful yet joyful past. That child is still part of us. When Jesus came as a child, it was not just for a few years. His infancy and childhood transcends history. The child Jesus is still with each one of us and definitely in the children today. And when Christ comes and is in all things, Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again.

Christ is suffering and in some tragic cases, dying, as children are separated from their parent at the border of Mexico and the United States. Christ is risen, however, as your church provided presents at Christmastime for the impoverished families, Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I always enjoy the story about Mary and Joseph finding Jesus in the Temple, holding a bible study with the scribes. I like the story because he gives his parents pushback. Jesus is an adolescent in the story (12 years old, but just about a teenager). We also might have an adolescent in us. You know, the one that wants to keep those in authority honest. Lately, Catholics have been pushing back against the bishops and cardinals. I absolutely love it. (Many of them are out of step with the lay people’s lived experiences. In all adolescence, Christ has died, Christ is Risen and Christ will come again. Some adolescents are sacrificed on the altar of bullying and some at the altar of peer pressure.

But Jesus remains an adult as well. I experience that in friendship. My friends David and Phil faithfully break bread with me at Hardees on Thursday nights. They always have my back. But, I also find Jesus very much in the friends of the Ministerial Association. I imagine at the best of times that is what Jesus enjoyed (or enjoys). Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Jesus dies and suffers in the heartache and breakup in broken relationships and separations. He lives in events like Catholics, Baptists and Methodist singing songs at the Creche on a cold December night. My friend Anatasia said that it was too bad that Jesus did not live long enough to collect social security. In other words, Jesus the senior citizen. Well, Jesus always existed throughout the ages in the dreamers and sages. There was not a lot of Jesus in Elijah. Jesus was in Ana and Simeon when as an infant he was brought to the Temple for his dedication.

One time, a friend of mine went to the Vatican - about 30 year ago. He saw John Paul II standing next to Mother Theresa on the balcony. My friend said that he did not see a lot of human being in the frail and old Mother Theresa, but he saw a lot of Jesus!

Christmas was a month ago, but we can look for Jesus this very day. He never stops being a child, an adolescent, and adult or a senior citizen. Jesus promises two things. First, he will always be with us. Second, he promised eternal life. If you get a better offer—take it!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS

Pauline Ball (mother of Maria Leslie)  
Dolores Wurth

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, Feb. 10: Parish Pastoral Council Executive Meeting (12 N)  
Saturday, Feb. 14: OCIA (10:45 am)  
Tuesday, Feb. 17: Shrove Tuesday Service  
Wednesday, Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday Masses with Ashes  
(12:30 and 7 pm)  
Friday, Feb. 20: Stations of the Cross (6 pm)  
Saturday, Feb. 21: OCIA  
Sunday, Feb. 22: OCIA Rite of Election  
Saturday, Feb. 28: OCIA (10:45 am)

### CHURCH CLEANING HELP NEEDED

Our cleaning team needs your help. Do you have an hour a week to spare? If you can help, please reach out to Tina Tyree (ttyree0421@gmail.com).