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Sunday, January 25, 2026 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Mass Schedule @ Main Church

Saturday Evening, 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

*Confessions, Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm or  
anytime by appointment*

## Weekday Morning Mass

Monday - Friday

8:30 am @ MAIN CHURCH

*Monday 8:30 am Mass*

*with Miraculous Medal Novena*

### **Served By:**

Rev. James Ferry, Pastor

Rev. James N. Chern, Weekend Assistant

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

### **Religious Education**

#### **Family Catechesis (Grades 1-6)**

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#### **Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)**

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### **Religious Education**

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### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Celebrated *usually* the first Saturday of the month. Parents are required to meet with Father Jim Ferry. Please call RECTORY.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

Administered in an emergency at any time. Please call RECTORY when someone is ill or admitted to the hospital.

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Engaged couples are asked to make their arrangements one year in advance of their wedding. Please call RECTORY for an appointment with a priest.

### **First Friday**

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. There is 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration during the “Fall” months of September, October, November and December and the “Spring” months of March, April, May and June.

### **Peace and Good Corner Gift Shop**

Religious articles, books and cards are available for purchase inside the church before and after all Masses or by appointment. Contact RECTORY.

### **New Parishioners**

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes. Please register at RECTORY or call for registration forms.

**MISSION STATEMENT** *The people of God in West Orange were called by the Holy Spirit in 1914 to form Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, a community centered on Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit remains with us today as we continue our journey to God. We are inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, called to respect life and proclaim our Catholic faith. We serve God by providing spiritual, educational, and social activities for our parish family as well as extending God's love and compassion to serve the greater community.*



Dear Friends,

This is an abridged commentary on this Sunday's Mass readings from CATHOLICCULTURE.ORG

Source: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2026-01-25>

2026 January 25, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Pope Francis on September 30, 2019 directed that the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time should be observed as the Sunday of the Word of God. In a *motu proprio* entitled *Aperuit Illis*, the Holy Father said that the annual date should be "devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God."

Today is Day 8, the final day, of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25. The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 is taken from Ephesians 4:4, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling."

### **Commentary on the Mass Readings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Isaiah 9:1-4). This reading is another prophecy, concerning the messianic days, given by Isaiah in the eighth century B.C. It describes the new era of liberty and joy, which the future Messiah will usher in.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:10-13, 17). St. Paul corrects the Corinthians for the pride that was causing them to form factions and divisions.

The Gospel (Matthew 4:12-23). The prophet Isaiah announced a future of liberation and great joy for all of Galilee, through the image of light that dispels the darkness in which the people walk.

Light thus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy. He is the light that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free man from the obscurity in which he is enclosed.

The light becomes an efficacious means to express God's involvement in human history. God manifests Himself as 'The Light' that disperses the darkness. The light illuminates, encircles, defines things, emphasizes the colors and gives depth to space. The light heartens and comforts: to be in an enlightened place helps us to accept reality for what it is and makes one feel happier, more certain and protected.

God's initiative with regard to men permits them to have a renewed relationship with reality. In God's light everything assumes a new significance, its authentic and definitive meaning. A light which illuminates gives strength and permits the disclosure of the universe and man. This is why, after saying, 'on those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone' (Is 9:1), the text adds, 'you have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing' (Is 9:2).

A joy and happiness that became real in Jesus' presence. He is the promised light that has come into our midst, His physical presence that expresses the definitive arrival of the Light. The light that shines brightly marks God's initiative performing His first merciful and free step towards a wounded humanity.

This dynamic is expressed through Jesus call of the first Apostles. He chooses them with an unequivocal call, 'Follow Me'. Faced with God's sudden interruption in their lives He invited them to abandon the nets and trust themselves totally to the Lord for a new 'catch', a new definitive horizon. At the Last Supper, the end

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES - JANUARY 25, 2026



SATURDAY, 24 JANUARY

5:30 pm Anna Fiorilli

SUNDAY, 25 JANUARY

7:30 am The People of the Parish  
9:30 am Richard Kelley  
11:30 am Felizardo Bacani

MONDAY, 26 JANUARY

8:30 am Ann O'Brien

TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY

8:30 am Bernard J. Mooney

WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY

8:30 am Martin & Anne Healy

THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY

8:30 am Bernard J. Mooney

FRIDAY, 30 JANUARY

8:30 am Emily Cupelli

SATURDAY, 31 JANUARY

5:30 pm Jesus & Nieves Guzman

SUNDAY, 1 FEBRUARY

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am Louise Chiaramonte  
11:30 am Ray Cassidy

SUNDAY, 25 JANUARY

7:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass  
9:30—11:45 am G 7-12 (OLLC) (HALL)  
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)  
11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 26 JANUARY

Miraculous Medal Novena 8:30 am **DAILY MASS WILL BE HELD MONDAY THRU FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK IN CHURCH.**  
following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.

THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY

Deadline for News & Announcements for the Feb. 8th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110

6—8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)

SATURDAY, 31 JANUARY

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church  
5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, 1 FEBRUARY

7:30 am Mass  
9:00 am Rosary Recitation (OLLC)  
9:30—11:30 am G 6 (OLLC) HALL  
9:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Loft)  
11:30 am Mass



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<b>JAN 31- FEB 2, 2026</b>		
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Eileen Reilly Judy Albore (C)
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	MaryEllen Chandler
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Paul Hirsch
11:30 am (Adult Choir)	Rachelle Brown	Espie Cain Wendy Sheyka (C)

**Prayers Needed**

**Paul Di Francescantonio  
Frances Maroon  
Mary McGuiness**

If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

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of this earthly life, Jesus reminds His disciples 'you did not choose me, no, I chose you' (John 15:16).

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to remember that our personal vocation is founded on God's original and absolutely free choice. His invitation towards us, therefore, is an invitation to make a final decision to let Him conquer or re-conquer us to mark a turning point in our lives.

*Let us ask the Lord, for us and the whole Church, for the gift of a true conversion of our hearts enabling us to receive Christ as the only Light to follow. Christ is the only one that really dispels the darkness within and around us. – From the Dicastery for the Clergy.*

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In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry

# Church Capital Investment Fund Raffle



January 3, 2026

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THE LORD IS MY  
*Light*  
AND MY SALVATION  
PSALM 27:1

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