

PARISH EVENTS and LITURGIES

Sunday, January 18

8:30 am Christian Initiation, FLC
 9:00 am Religious Education K-12, FLC & SH
 10:30 am Preschool, FLC
10:30 am Mass - Monica Collier †
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open
 11:30 am Brunswick Stew Delivery, Commons
 11:30 am Father & Daughter Dance Tickets, Pick-up
 5:00 pm Roanoke College Mass

Monday, January 19 - Office Closed
Martin Luther King Day

12:00 pm No Mass

Tuesday, January 20

11:00 am Confessions
12:00 pm Mass - Henry Hoffman †
 7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting, FLC

Wednesday, January 21

11:30 am JOY Lunch & Games, SH
 3:00 pm Adoration 3-6 pm & 7-9pm
 4:00 pm Olive Branch Open
 5:00 pm Confessions
6:30 pm Mass - Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 22

10:30 am Bible Study, FLC
12:00 pm Mass - Leonard Thompson †
 7:00 pm Roanoke College Mass
 7:00 pm Cantors & Instrumentalists
 7:30 pm OLPH Choir

Friday, January 23

Saturday, January 24

9:00 am OLPH Parish Leadership Retreat, SH
 3:00 pm Olive Branch Open
 3:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Vigil Mass - OLPH Parishioners
 6:00 pm Brunswick Stew Delivery, Commons
 6:00 pm Father & Daughter Dance Tickets, Pick-up

Sunday, January 25

8:30 am Christian Initiation, FLC
 9:00 am Religious Education K-12, FLC & SH
 10:30 am Preschool, FLC
10:30 am Mass - Alberta Ickes †
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open
 11:30 am Brunswick Stew Delivery, Commons
 11:30 am Father & Daughter Dance Tickets, Pick-up
 12:00 pm Franciscans, SH & FLC
 5:00 pm Roanoke College Mass

**In observance of Martin Luther King Day,
 the Office will be closed on
 Monday, January 19
 and there will be no Mass.**

	January 24 Saturday Mass 5:00 pm	January 25 Sunday Mass 10:30 am
Altar Servers	Tyler White	Annabelle Krell Jeffrey Krell
Lectors	Cathy Wizorek Vicki Hubbard	Brian Corbett Kathryn Anderson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Donna McGuire Scott Lear Parish Deacon	Mike Sexton Sharyn Sexton Vicky Rowland Volunteer Parish Deacon Yaw Asirifi Barb O'Connell
Linen Washer		Teadora Andrade
Ushers	Paul Chauvin Jerry Ferguson Jack Miller Garry Secor	Bryan Boggs Jay Fukumoto Dave Hafey Gary Rowland
Bus Driver		Nathan Johnson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 18 - January 25, 2026

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

*Please pray for our sick, that they may be
 strengthened by the love of Christ.*

Rob Ahlers	Placido de Guzman	Bernie Langheim
Joe Birkenmaier	Diego Hernandez	Joseph Mukuni
Emanuel Clements	Therese Huynh	Dec. Steve O'Connell
Fr. Danny Cogut	Jeanette Keener	Judith Perrine
Lois Conn	Marieta Keener	Jackie Richards
Patricia Dopp	Larry Keyes	Sue Thompson
		John Wizorek

WE WILL BE HAVING *Lunch and Learn*

Sunday, February 1st following the 10:30 am Mass in the Social Hall, Fr. Kyle will give a talk on the Sacrament of Confession (why Catholics have confession and what the Bible says about it) as we prepare for the upcoming season of Lent. **Lunch will be provided.** We hope to see you all there.

FIRST TREATS The First Sunday of the month, February 1st, is coming up quickly. We have a sign-up sheet in the Commons starting this weekend to bring treats for after the 10:30 am Mass. Treats will be served in the Social Hall along with coffee and lunch for Fr. Kyle's Lunch and Learn event.

Please bring your "Treats" to the Social Hall before or after Mass. We hope you stay for lunch and Fr. Kyle's talk.

Thank you for helping out.

WEEKLY OFFERING	Jan. 3rd & 4th 2026	JULY 1st YTD
Sunday - Holy Days	\$ 20,989.00	\$ 386,464.00
Total Income Budgeted	\$ 10,710.00	\$ 288,650.00
Better or Worse	\$ 10,279.00	\$ 97,814.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 304.00	\$ 46,684.00

Thank you for your continued support.

January 18, 2026
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
John 1:29-34

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly **encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.**

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The **Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable.** We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

~ Father John Muir

Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,

Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide.

Remind us of our identity in You: loved, called, and equipped for mission.

Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step.

~Amen.



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