

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, February 1**

**8:00am - All Souls**

**9:30am - Tamiko Ferguson by Shirley Hargro**

**Sunday, February 8**

**8:00am - All Souls**

**9:30am - Ransom Davis by Alice Bragg**

**Mass requests for 2026 are now available. Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer. Contact the office. The offering is \$15.**

### February Lectors 8:00am Sunday Mass

**February 1 - Myrna Draper**  
**February 8 - Barbara Breckenridge**  
**February 15 - Stephen Williams**  
**February 22 - Andre Allen**

**Ash Wednesday—6:00pm**  
**February 18, 2026**

### 9:30am Sunday Mass

**February 1 - Cynthia Davis**  
**February 8 - Youth**  
**February 15 - Lurita Boyd**  
**February 22 - Ndidi Nwabugwu**

### Weekly Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

Sun. Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12

Mon.: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tues.: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thurs.: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Fri: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Sat.: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Sun.: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16  
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### Special Intentions Prayer for Our Parish

- ◆ Our Deceased Members
- ◆ Our 1st Responders,
- ◆ Health Care Workers
- ◆ Our Military Personnel
- ◆ All those in need of our prayers

especially our sick & shut-ins :

Jessica Allen, Diane Brown, Joyce Davis, Shirley Hargro, Christal John-Millin, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Louise Nolley, Josephine Williams & Elise Wilson.

### Message from Fr. Bob"

**Surfing.... In this weather?!** Many of us are surfing all the time, aren't we?.... We surf the internet for all kinds of things, hopefully for what is wholesome and helpful. We search and research. We seek to find. What about our search for God? How often do we find ourselves participating in soul-surfing for God and the ways of Love? The prophet Zephania (Zeph 2), in our first reading, proclaims, "Seek the LORD... observe his law; seek justice, seek humility; [seek] refuge in the name of the LORD." We also have a recipe for what we are to seek and how we are to seek, search, and surf as presented in our scriptures this weekend. What? Seek justice, seek humility, seek reconciliation in the Lord's mercy. How? By doing no wrong, speaking no lies or deceit, living the Beatitudes (Mt 5:1-12a) as Jesus' agents of mercy, peace, cleanliness of heart! With all that is awry in our country and the world these days, we are heavy with a "climate of cruelty" that is much worse than the deep cold and snow that winter has currently brought upon us. It is time to start surfing in this weather! For God! It's time to seek & find a much better way in a climate of Love for one another and our world.

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### National Day of Prayer for the African American & African Family

*Rooted in Faith:*

*Reclaiming, Restoring, and Healing the Village*

FEBRUARY 1, 2026  
 FIRST SUNDAY OF THE  
 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**God of Mercy and Love, we place our African American & African Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen, Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us.**

Prayer composed by Fr. Jim Goods, OFM, who in 1989 founded this National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family.

Produced by the National Black Catholic Congress, 2026

**Parish Financial Information**  
**\*Weekly Totals Include E-Giving**

**January 2026 Collections**

	<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>Martin's Future</b>	<b>Diocese Collection</b>
January 4	\$2647.00	\$2575.00	\$15.00
January 11	\$2174.00	\$858.00	\$0.00
January 18	\$2463.00	\$617.00	\$5.00
January 25	\$857.00	\$590.00	\$117.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8141.00</b>	<b>\$4640.00</b>	<b>\$137.00</b>

**Are you unable to get to Mass?** Do you know someone who cannot join us on the weekend? Or would like home visits and Holy Communion? Are you aware of someone who would like a visit? Please let the office know or complete the survey form found on the information table at the ramp entrance. Though this is an ongoing effort to identify individuals who would like a visit from someone in the parish family, you are encouraged to let us know as soon as possible so that we can plan. Please place the completed forms in the collection basket.

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**Wanted - volunteer assistants** (2) for First Reconciliation. This position requires five or six classes, a Penance Service, and one other activity. You will receive training and work with an experienced teacher. Classes begin in late February and will be on Thursday evenings at 6 PM at Blessed Trinity. Contact Lanette Jennings, Paula Hunt, Fr. Bob, or Pat Dyer if interested.

Do you love to work with teens and young adults? Do you want to help them become Christian leaders? Can you combine fun with service learning? Do you have a few hours a week that you can volunteer? If you can answer "yes" to these questions, we want to talk to you about Youth Ministry. Training and mentors are available. Volunteers need to be Confirmed and members of our parishes are preferred.

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**Lent Starts on Feb. 18, 2026**

**"Fat Tuesday Bake Sale will be on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026. This annual event is sponsored by the St. Martin de Porres Women's Guild.**

There will be a **Baptism class** on February 17, 7 PM at Blessed Trinity for parents of infants and children under 8. Please pre register through your parish office. The class fee is \$20 for materials. No one will be refused due to inability to pay. If your child is over 8, please ask for a referral for older children.

**Section One of First Communion** classes begin on Thursday, February 19, 6 PM at Blessed Trinity for children in Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community who are in at least the second grade. Parents of teens, please contact the office for a referral to classes for older children. Please pre register with your parish. A complete schedule will be available at the first class. The class fee is \$10 each section one and section two for materials. No one will be refused due to inability to pay.

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*"At A Glance"*

**Lent**



**Mon., Feb 2 - Presentation of the Lord - Blessed Trinity @ 11am**

**Sun., Feb. 15 - "Fat Tuesday" Bake Goods Sale**  
by St. Martin de Porres Women's Guild

**Wed., Feb. 18- Ash Wednesday**  
Blessed Trinity-12n  
St. Martin de Porres @6pm.  
Ss. Columba-Brigid-Word Service 12n.  
Soup Supper 5pm.  
Mass 7pm.

**Sun., Feb. 22-Lent-Regular Mass Schedules**  
Rite of Sending @ Blessed Trinity  
Rite of Enrollment @ Cathedral

**Fri., Feb. 20 - Stations of the Cross-Ss. Columba-Brigid -7pm**

**Fri., Feb. 27 - Stations of the Cross-St. Martin de Porres-6pm.**

**Fri., Mar. 6-Stations of the Cross-Blessed Trinity-6:30pm**

**Mon., Mar. 9-Life in the Spirit Retreat @ Blessed Trinity@6:30pm**

**Fri., Mar. 13-Living Stations of the Cross-Ss. Columba-Brigid@6:30pm**

**Mon., Mar. 16-Life in the Spirit Retreat @ Blessed Trinity @6:30pm**

**Fri., Mar. 20-Blessed Trinity-Soup Supper 5:30pm**

**Stations of the Cross/Penance Service-6:30pm**

**Mon., Mar. 23-Life in the Spirit Retreat @ Blessed Trinity@6:30pm**

**Fri., Mar. 27-Tenebrae Service-Blessed Trinity-7pm**

**Sun., Mar. 29-Palm Sunday-St. Martin de Porres-8am & 9:30am**

**Tues., Mar. 31-Chrism Mass-St. Joseph Cathedral-7pm**

**Thurs., April 2-Holy Thursday-Ss. Columba-Brigid-Mass @ 7pm**

**Fri., April 3-Good Friday-St. Martin de Porres-3pm**

**Sat., April 4-Holy Saturday-Blessed Trinity-Morning Prayer 9am**  
Easter Vigil-8pm

**Sun., April 5-Easter Sunday - Masses at regular times.**

**#Onebody-Racial Healing One Heart, One Mind at a Time.** Tues., Feb 3rd @ Ss. Columba-Brigid from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Join us for a Holy Conversation about Race. Light refreshments will be served.

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Heart of Buffalo Catholic Community at Blessed Trinity will host **Life in the Spirit for the Lent** and Easter Season. Registration is required. Flyers are available. Don't miss this Spirit-filled experience.

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**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** is the 3rd  
Saturday of every month—10am - 12n..  
All are invited to attend.