

# OUR LADY OF OSTRABRAMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

3000 DEPOT LANE, CUTCHOGUE, NY 11935

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY  
29  
2023

When Jesus saw the crowds,  
he went up the mountain  
and began to teach them.

Matthew 5:1

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Our readings this week all speak of the distinctive characteristics of the people God gathers to achieve God's purposes. The deep communion of love that God envisions requires a community that is humble and lowly, as Zephaniah describes. God chooses the weak and foolish to reveal God's strength and wisdom, as Paul says. And in the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches that a people who know their weakness and vulnerability can most fully place their trust in God and work for a just world. As Christians, we believe God will fully heal our world when Christ returns. But Christ also invites us to experience a foretaste of this future right now, through our life in Christian community, and in our work of peacemaking and justice-seeking in the world. Our poverty in spirit can enable us to be both recipients and instruments of the "kingdom of heaven" here and now.

## **THE BLESSED COMMUNITY**

We turn to the first action of Jesus' public ministry described by Matthew—Jesus preaching to the crowds in what we call the Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon begins with today's Gospel passage, the Beatitudes. Having just called his first disciples to form a community, Jesus begins to spell out what this

community is all about. The Beatitudes lay the foundation, describing the primary values and practices, and the core identity of this community.

Jesus tells his followers, first and foremost, that **they are blessed by God**. The community will reveal its blessed character through its humility, meekness, and hunger for justice. Knowing they are loved as God's children, they will have open and pure hearts, free to be merciful, and they will be able to endure suffering gracefully. Listening anew to the Beatitudes, we remember how far we fall short of Jesus' vision. But we know God has gathered us, and continues to transform us, to receive the fullness of blessing.

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## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3);  
**Psalm** — The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

**Gospel** — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).



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**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST - MASS**

Weekdays: 8:30 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Saturday Evenings: 5:30 pm

**Sundays: 8:00 am, 9:30 am (Polish), 11:00 am**

**Holy Days Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm**

Day: 8:30 am; 7:00 pm (Polish)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :**

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm or at other times by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Each Sunday during Mass at 11:00 am.

Call the Rectory to make an appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Marriages are to be scheduled at least six months in advance by interview with a parish priest. Pre-Cana conferences are required (online trainings are invalid).

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** During Mass at 8:30 am on First Saturday of the Month.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please call the Rectory to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to be brought to the home.

**DEVOTIONS:**

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Last Thursday of the month 7pm; First Friday, 9:00 am;

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Monday after Mass at 8:30 am

**Rosary** in community we pray before daily Mass

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, January 28th**

**8:30am +**

**5:30pm +For Parishioners & Benefactors**

**SUNDAY, January 29th**

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00am +** In memory of John Ashton

**9:30am (Polish)**

**11am (Family Mass) +For all Priests**

**MONDAY, January 30th**

**8:30am +For Parishioners & Benefactors**

**TUESDAY, January 31st**

*St John Bosco*

**8:30am +**

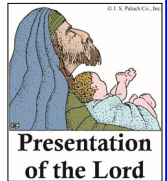
**WEDNESDAY, February 1st**

*NO MASS*

**THURSDAY, February 2nd**

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**8:30am +**August Andrade from Jeff Andrade

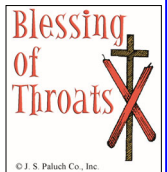


**Presentation of the Lord**

**FIRST FRIDAY, February 3rd**

*St Blaise—Blessing of the throats*

**8:30am +**Althea Sidor from family



**Blessing of Throats**

**FIRST SATURDAY, February 4th**

**8:30am +**In memory of Fran & Rip Stelzer from the Ashton family

**5:30pm +**For the Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

**SUNDAY, February 5th**

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00am +** John Sidor, Jr from family

**9:30am (Polish) +** O Błogosławieństwo Boże dla Barbary, Krzysztofa, Emilii Moczulskich

**11am (CCD Family Mass)+**For Parishioners & Benefactors

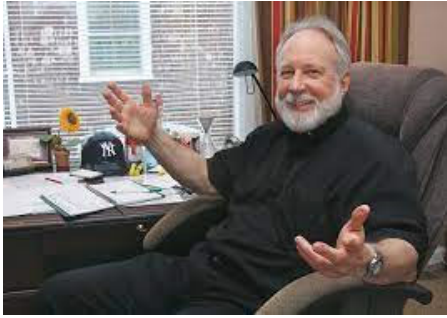
**FIRST FRIDAY**

FEB 3, EXPOSITION AFTER 8:30AM MASS

**FIRST SATURDAY**

FEB 4 ANNOINTING OF THE SICK, 8:30AM MASS

**The Essential Elements of Devotion-**With the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart, we are asked to: 1. Go to confession (Can be within 8 days before or after the First Saturday); 2. Receive Holy Communion; 3. Pray five decades of the Rosary; 4. Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.; 5. Pray for the intentions of the Pope.



To My Friends of Our Lady of Ostrabrama Parish:

I'm sure you've already heard about it, but I wanted to communicate it to you in my own words: I will be retiring from my diocesan assignments as pastor of Sacred Heart parish and administrator of Our Lady of Ostrabrama parish, effective this June 2023.

As of this writing, the diocese has not yet chosen my replacement, so I have nothing to share with you at this point in time.

My future plans are to fill in at other parishes in the diocese when a pastor plans a vacation or a personal retreat. I would also like to offer retreats, especially during Lent and Advent to parishes throughout our diocese.

Also, I would like you to know that I am scheduled for hip replacement surgery on February 17, 2023, and I will be recuperating until March 10, 2023, according to the surgeon. Since you will not see me "around the neighborhood" it won't mean I've decided to practice at being retired; quite the contrary, I'll be rehabbing so I can get back to being with my people.

I appreciate all the warmth and friendliness you've shared with me during the time I've been with you (since 2015!) and I'd like to ask you to please keep me in your prayers.

Blessings,  
Fr. Joe

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

- Sunday January 22, 2023: \$2,491
  - Dues: \$100
  - Church in Need: \$314
- TOTAL: \$2905**

*Thank you for your Generosity*

**\*\*Prayer Requests\*\***

*Please Pray For:*

**Helen Puric; Joe Zuhoski, Sr;  
Our Country; the end of  
abortion; and all priests**

**Attention Parishioners**

**STAY CONNECTED**

**STAY INFORMED**

Sign up for parish email notifications.

Just email

[olocutchogue@gmail.com](mailto:olocutchogue@gmail.com) and ask for parish news and announcements!



**\*\*\*CCD FAMILY MASS \*\*\***  
**ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**  
**Next Sunday February 5, 11am**



Please join us for the  
7th Annual Pro-Life Walk

March 25, 2023 11 am

Foley Square, New York City

Register at: <https://personhoodeducationny.com/international-gift-of-life-walk-nyc/>

**Respect for Life Prayer**

*O God, our eyes behold the beauty of your creation, and our ears catch the sounds of your power. We hold our lives sacred because they are your gift. Bring us to greater awareness of the sanctity of human life and to sorrow for the times we have ignored or offended it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**Join the Marian Council of the  
Knights of Columbus #3852**

Contact Grand Knight Brian Bannon at

[MarianCouncil3852@gmail.com](mailto:MarianCouncil3852@gmail.com)

*Meetings on the first Monday of every month at  
St Patrick's Southold basement at 630pm*



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