



**SHRINE CHURCH OF  
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**  
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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**Sunday, February 5, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

♪ *The just man is a light  
in darkness to the upright.* ♪



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**February 5**

**9:00 am English Mass**

✠ *George and Mary Barber*  
by the Giordano family

✠ *Elizabeth Anne Linzey*  
by Rosario Balarin and Carol Clarke

✠ *Helen McGinty* by the McGinty family

**11:00 am Spanish Mass**

✠ *Victor Hugo de la Vega Urina* (9th anniv.)  
by his mother, Laura Urina

✠ *Eligió Morillo* by his wife Mercedes Lara

✠ *Julio Cesar Gonzalez Murillo*  
by his wife Luz Marina Murillo

✠ *Gladys Armenteros* by Matilde Arias

✠ *Edgar Roberto Argueta* by Maria Argueta

✠ *Florentina Fabián* by her Family

**February 12**

**9:00 am English Mass**

**11:00 am Spanish Mass**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

*~ Giving as an act of Worship ~*

*We need at least \$2,750.00 per week in the collections to  
break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.*

**Information from January 29, 2023**

**Regular Offertory: \$ 3245**

**(\$525 Christmas, \$500 Solemnity of Mary)**

**Fuel: \$458 Total: \$3703**

If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail checks to  
274 Sherman St., Albany, NY 12206. *Do not mail cash.*

**View Masses Online on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/>

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, February 5**

***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.*

**Sunday, February 12**

***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

**LECTIO DIVINA**

**English:** <https://catholic.bible/category/lectio-divina/>

**Spanish:** <https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-en-espanol/>

**Sunday, February 12**

***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**First Reading:** Sirach 15:15-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 5:17-37

**Scam Alert:** If you receive an email from  
Fr. O'Connor or Fr. Dan requesting money or gift cards be  
sent to anyone in need, **It is a scam.**

**Mission Statement**

*"We are a vibrant, welcoming, multi-cultural Catholic  
community in the heart of the City of Albany  
celebrating and ministering the presence of Jesus  
with our parishioners and neighbors."*

**Hospital Visits:**

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, admissions  
know that you are a Catholic and what your parish is. Then  
Father or another priest can visit and bring communion to you

## Candlemas, St. Blaise and Blessing of the Throats

February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as “Candlemas.” It is traditional to bless candles on this day. This day marks the presentation of Jesus in the Temple forty days after His birth, and in some places is considered the official end of the Christmas season. The liturgy for this day includes rites for a procession and blessing of candles. For this reason, the feast became known popularly as “Candlemas” – the Mass of Candles. Candlemas is known as the “Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple” in many eastern churches. Other traditional names in the western churches include the “Feast for the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary” as well as the “Meeting of the Lord”. Candlemas Celebrations Around The World: France and Belgium Candlemas Day is celebrated with a specific method of preparing crepes. Mexico Candlemas Day is celebrated with tamales. Puerto Rico Bonfires and singing mark the end of Candlemas Day. Luxembourg Children roam the streets singing. In Puno, Peru, Candlemas Day is marked by a "costume dance" featuring 20,000 dancers and 5,000 musicians.

**Confirmation Classes for 2023** began on Friday, January 27. Classes meet each Friday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Meeting Room. For registration and more information, see Owen Glenn after the 9:00 English Mass or Confesora Franco after the 11:00 Spanish Mass.

**Tax Statements:** If you would like a 2022 tax statement for your donations, please call the Shrine office or email your request to [mfredette103@gmail.com](mailto:mfredette103@gmail.com).

### Tea and Short Reads

This 6-week series of discussions (and tea!) will explore a different short story or poem each week. They take place at the Pine Hills Library on Wednesdays from March 8 thru April 12 at 12:30 pm. The writings involve the themes of patience, the environment, commitment, life and death, childhood, and war. Discussion will be facilitated by Rev. Daniel Quinn. For more information and links to the readings, go to: <https://albanypubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/10230048>

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



### Palms for Ashes

The ashes used for Ash Wednesday are made from the burned and blessed palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday. If you would like to bring your palms to Church for burning, please bring them by February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Black History Month:** Every February, the U.S. honors the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape the nation. It celebrates the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and adversities that are an indelible part of our country's history. Listen for some beautiful music this month from the choir honoring Black History Month!

## NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME! OR HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please fill in your information below and drop in the collection. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) I am new to the parish.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Send me “The Evangelist”.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Please send church envelopes.