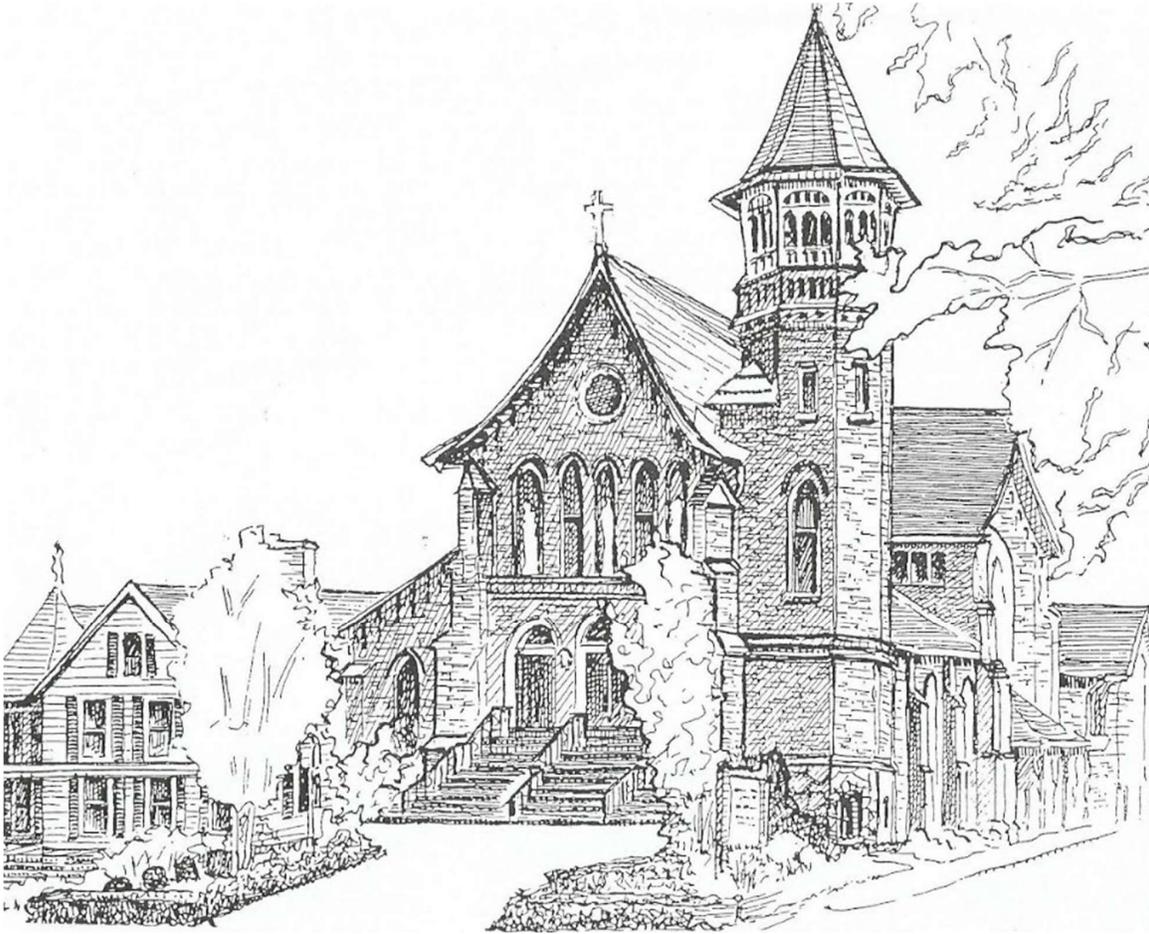


## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026



**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church**  
**80 Mansion St. | Coxsackie, NY 12051**

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# CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

# GLORIA

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy  
you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,  
Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might - y  
Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a -  
way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right  
hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For  
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo-ry!  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the  
high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10

Refrain



Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.

Verses

1. Long was I waiting for God, and then he heard my cry.  
It was he who taught this song to me, a song of praise to God.
2. You asked me not for sacrifice, for slaughtered goats or lambs.  
No, my heart, you gave me ears to hear you, then I said, "Here I am."
3. You wrote it in the scrolls of law what you would have me do.  
Doing that is what has made me happy, your law is in my heart.
4. I spoke before your holy people, the good news that you save.  
Now you know that I will not be silent, I'll always sing your praise.

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SECOND READING

I Corinthians 1:1-3

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [Please stand]



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.  
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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Verse: The word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
 To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.

GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

PREPARATION HYMN

**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

The musical score is written in G major, 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with corresponding lyrics. The chords are indicated above the notes.

**Staff 1:** Chords: G, D7, G, Gaug, C6, C. Lyrics: 1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me; 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger; 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

**Staff 2:** Chords: C#dim7, G/D, D7, Em, A9, D, A, D. Lyrics: stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; near; when my life is al - most gone, near, and the day is past and gone;

**Staff 3:** Chords: G, D7/A, G, G7, C6, C. Lyrics: through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

**Staff 4:** Chords: C#dim7, G/D, Em, A7/Eb, G/D, D7, G. Lyrics: light, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home. fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home. hand; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Thomas A. Dorsey composed this hymn in a time of grieving for the loss of his wife and son. It has been a source of comfort and hope for countless others who have suffered significant loss.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993; 1932  
Tune: PRECIOUS LORD, Irregular; adapt. and arr. by Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993, from the tune MAITLAND by an anonymous composer in *The Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book*, 1850  
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## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

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## MYSTERY OF FAITH



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur -  
rec - tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

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COMMUNION HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

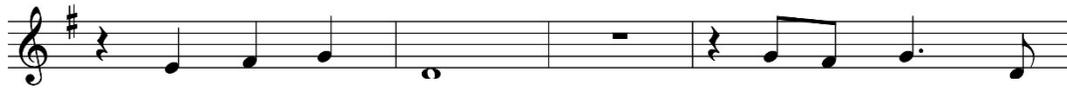
Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin  
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.  
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I who made the  
They turn a - way. I will break their  
My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Isaiah 6; Dan Schutte, b.1947  
Tune: Dan Schutte, b.1947; arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, John Weissrock  
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## WE SHALL OVERCOME

Traditional



- |                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. We shall o - ver - come, | we shall o - ver - come, |
| 2. We'll walk hand in hand, | we'll walk hand in hand, |
| 3. We shall all be free,    | we shall all be free,    |
| 4. We are not a - fraid,    | we are not a - fraid,    |
| 5. We shall live in peace,  | we shall live in peace,  |



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|--|----------------------|
| 1. we shall o - ver - come some - day; | Oh, deep in my heart |
| 2. we'll walk hand in hand some - day; | Oh, deep in my heart |
| 3. we shall all be free some - day;    | Oh, deep in my heart |
| 4. we are not a - fraid to - day;      | Oh, deep in my heart |
| 5. we shall live in peace some - day;  | Oh, deep in my heart |



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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. I do be - lieve, | we shall o - ver - come some - day. |
| 2. I do be - lieve, | we'll walk hand in hand some - day. |
| 3. I do be - lieve, | we shall all be free some - day.    |
| 4. I do be - lieve, | we are not a - fraid to - day.      |
| 5. I do be - lieve, | we shall live in peace some - day.  |

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### *The Prayer of Saint Michael the Archangel*

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

The Pope's prayer intention for January: For prayer with the Word of God:

*Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.*

## Why should we “fear the Lord”? What does that mean?

Your Questions Addressed

Answered by: Father Jay

One of the phrases people often stumble over in the Bible and in Church teaching is “fear of the Lord.” Understandably so. After all, we are constantly reminded that God loves us, that He is merciful, and that we are His beloved children. So why would fear have anything to do with our relationship with Him?

Part of the confusion comes from assuming that fear only means being scared. But there is another way the word has long been used — one that many of us learned growing up, even if we didn’t think of it in religious terms.

When I was a child, my grandfather would sometimes tell me to “respect” certain things: to respect fire, to respect a bear in the woods, or to respect a creek after a heavy rain. He wasn’t telling me to be terrified of these things, nor was he telling me to avoid them entirely. What he was teaching me was something subtler and far wiser.

He was teaching me that there are certain realities you don’t get to relate to *on your own terms*. You don’t decide, on a whim, how fire works, or how dangerous floodwater can be. There are forces at play beyond your control. If you want to use, enjoy, or safely encounter those realities, you have to acknowledge what they are and act accordingly.

That kind of “respect” is very close to what Scripture and Tradition mean by **the Fear of the Lord**.

To fear the Lord is not to be afraid of God as dangerous. Rather, it is to recognize who God truly is — holy, infinite, and utterly unlike anything else — and to approach Him with the reverence that reality demands. It is a form of love that takes God seriously.

This is why the Fear of the Lord is one of the **seven gifts of the Holy Spirit**. It disposes us to accept the truth about who God is and who we are. It teaches us that we cannot do “any old thing” before God and still expect a healthy relationship with Him.

God is our Creator, our Redeemer, our Savior — the One who, as a priest friend of mine likes to say, “loves us so much there’s nothing we can do about it.” Because that is true, our relationship with Him is necessarily unique. It has a shape and a direction that we do not invent for ourselves.

If, and only if, we accept the parameters for relationship that flow from these deep truths about God and about ourselves, can we enter into a friendship with Him that is deep, loving, and lasting.

The fear of the Lord, then, is not about being scared of God. It is about recognizing reality — and choosing to live within it — so that true friendship with God can flourish.