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**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 † Sexuagesima Sunday**

**Sunday, Feb. 8, HIGH MASS 9:00 am - St. John of Matha, C**

*Pro Populo*

Mon., Feb. 9, No Mass in Springs - St. Cyril of Alexandria, BCD

**Tues., Feb. 10, HOLY MASS 8:15am - St. Scholastica, V**

*Private Intention (Fries)*

Wed., Feb. 11, No Mass in Springs - Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes

*Audrey & Caleb Hockel & Family (Knight)*

Thurs., Feb. 12, No Mass in Springs - Seven Holy Servite Founders

*Matthew Fries (Fries)*

Fri., Feb. 13, No Mass in Springs - Feria (St. Catherine de Ricci, V)

*RIP Mathias Trujillo (Trujillo)*

Sat., Feb. 14, No Mass in Springs - BVM Saturday (St. Valentine, BC)

*Private Intention (Fries)*

**Sunday, Feb. 15, HOLY MASS 9:00 am - Quinquagesima Sunday**

*Pro Populo*

**Serving Schedule:**

**Sun., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Steven Kosovich, Alexander Vigil

**Tues., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>:** Joseph Fries, Jude Vigil

**Sun., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>:** Andrew Fries, Tobias Vigil

**Sun., Feb. 22<sup>th</sup>:** Anthony Vigil, John Fries

***“Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God.” - Divine Office***

**Confessions:** Sundays - 8:00 am and after Mass

**Tues. & Wed:** 7:45am

**Benediction with Rosary and Confessions:** will be at 1:50pm on Wednesdays that Mass is scheduled

**Ending Hymn:** Holy God We Praise Thy Name Pg. 59 #59

**Catechism Classes:** Sun., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:15am - 8:45am

**Blessing of Religious Articles:** Following Holy Mass on the Third Sunday of each month.

**PRAY FOR:** Jacqueline Meyer, Anna Ahern, Christine Flores, Frank Eberwein, Rose Borders, Mark Gilmor, Arlin Wertish, the Slusher Family, Alex and Xavier Trujillo, Pauline Buonocore, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Joshua Potts, Cynthia Bernard, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, RIP Gerard Crochet, RIP Mary Allie, RIP Gabriel Trujillo, RIP Mary Watson, RIP Timothy Pogar, RIP Don Hopkins, RIP Roger McCarville, RIP Joe Vogel, RIP Hol Tom Gallegos, RIP Mike Felthager, RIP Mary Gilmor, RIP Maria Atwood, RIP Charles Lambrecht and family, RIP Jose Raul Flores, RIP Frances Kwitek, RIP Susan Walz, RIP Matias & Ben Trujillo, RIP Richard Micklich, RIP Edward Ponder and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this list.)

**PURIFICATION CANDLES:** Beeswax candles are available in the back of Church. A donation to help cover the cost of the candles would be appreciated.

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** will follow Mass this morning. This special blessing begs for preservation from diseases of the throat and from choking through the intercession of St. Blaise.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Matthew Kosovich and Abby Lee Moore on their reception of the sacrament of Matrimony and to Julia and Mariah Welch on the reception of the sacrament of Baptism.

**LENTEN RETREATS:** for adults in Springs will be on Saturday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> from 8am - 1:45pm; for children in Springs will be Tuesday, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:15am - 12:15pm; for adults in Denver - to be announced.

### St. Valentine, Priest and Martyr - by Fr. Francis Xavier Weninger

The holy Priest Valentine lived at the time of the Emperor Claudius. He was held in high estimation, both by the Christians and heathens, on account of his natural amiability, wisdom and virtue. Claudius himself desired to see him, and on his being brought into his presence, said to him: "Why do you refuse to be my friend, when I wish to become yours? Nothing in you displeases me, but that you confess a faith which is against our gods." Valentine replied: "O Emperor! if you knew the God I worship, you would consider yourself blessed to serve Him. He it is who has given you your life and your crown, and who alone can make you eternally happy." One of those present interrupted him, saying: "What think you, then, of Jupiter,~of Mercury?" "I think that they have been wicked men, as their lives show," answered the Priest; and, therefore, they are unworthy to be called gods." "That is sacrilege!" cried many: "Valentine deserves to die!" Valentine begged the Emperor graciously to lend him his ear, only for a short space of time, that he might defend his words. Having received permission to speak, he placed the falsity, of the heathen gods and the truth of the God of the Christians so clearly before their eyes, that the Emperor, prepossessed in his favor, said to those surrounding him: "I must confess this man speaketh with much reason, and nothing can be said to confute his teaching." Calphurnius, the Governor, who was also present, on hearing the Emperor speak thus, was filled with fear that he would embrace the Christian faith, and cried: "Valentine is a sorcerer, a blasphemer of the gods of the Empire! He must die, or an insurrection will break out among the people!" This speech alarmed the Emperor to such a degree that he gave up the holy Priest entirely into the hands of the Governor. Calphurnius immediately cast him into a dungeon, and gave orders to Judge Asterius to accuse him as an enemy of the gods, according to law. Asterius wished first to make an attempt to win over the Priest, who was so universally loved, from the Christian faith, but to the good fortune of the judge, the contrary took place. Valentine restored the sight of the daughter of Asterius, who had been blind for many years, and, in consequence, the judge and his whole family forsook their idolatry and were baptized. When this was reported to the Emperor, he admired the power of the God whom Valentine adored, and endeavored to set the Saint free, but again frightened by Calphurnius with an insurrection, he at length gave orders to behead him. Saint Valentine received his death sentence with great joy, and ended his life by a glorious martyrdom. My God, Who dost possess in incomprehensible abundance all that is perfect and worthy of love, annihilate in me all guilty, sensual, and undue love for creatures: kindle in my heart the pure flame of Thy love, so that I may love nothing but Thee or in Thee, until, being entirely consumed by holy love of Thee, I may go to love Thee eternally with the elect in Heaven, the country of pure love. Amen.

