



The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise
(Benjamin West 1791)

1 february 2026
fourth sunday in ordinary time (English)
septuagesima sunday (Latin)



PRINCE of PEACE
Catholic Church & School
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A Parish Family of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston

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Fr. Richard Tomlinson

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Our Mission

To share the fullness of the Gospel to all we encounter in our lives by equipping disciples to create and strengthen a personal relationship with Christ. By the grace of God, we are called to strive for personal holiness, participate fully in the vibrant life of the Church's Tradition and transform the world.

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From Our Pastor

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Parishioners,

Can you imagine if everyone in the world thought that Christianity was best and only represented by Westboro Baptist Church, the small community that has made a name for itself by protesting loudly that pretty much everyone except for them is going to hell? As Catholics, you would immediately see that to do so is ludicrous, as far removed as it could be from the fullness of truth given in Catholicism.

So why would you do the same thing for other groups?

Islam is not all ISIS or Boko Haram. Judaism is not all Lubavitchers or Lev Tahor. Buddhism is not all Bodu Bala Sena or Falun Gong. Hinduism is not all Aghori or Thugees. Separatist groups often rise in world religions as a response to a revivalist movement in reaction to perceived or real threats. We see the same thing in Catholicism, which is not all *We Are Church* or the Society of Saint Pius V. In fact, radical progressivists like the Women's Ordination Conference and the sedevacantists who believe there has not been a real pope since Pius XII are Catholics in some exterior forms, but hardly in their heart of hearts.

I grew up in South Carolina with no exposure to Islam, and frankly, no interest either. When 9/11 happened, my entire knowledge about that religion was five minutes from World History class and the American media. And I was perfectly fine with that. It was not until I started meeting Christians who lived in the Middle East and were persecuted that I began to want to learn more. And I discovered that, like so many things, the story is so much more complex and rich than I ever had any idea. I discovered that there were places like the United Arab Emirates where Christians and Muslims and Sikhs and Hindus and Jains live side by side today in harmony under a government based on Islamic *Shari'a*. And that there are places like Rwanda where Hutus perpetuated a genocidal slaughter against millions of Tutsis, and that they were all Catholics, bound by the law of love of the Gospel. There are places like Armenia, Assyria, and Greece where Christians were brutally murdered by Turks and Arabs. And that Muslim Turks and Arabs were also brutally murdered by Armenians, Assyrians, and Greeks.

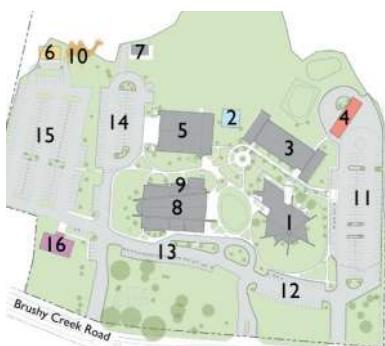
Those who do not learn history the past are doomed to repeat it, the thinker George Santayana is credited with saying, even though he actually said: *Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it*. I would say: *those who do not learn history and religion, both their own and that of others, are condemned to perpetuate error and will never see peace*.

Vatican II, in *Gaudium et spes* §8, wrote: *Differences crop up ... between races and between various kinds of social orders; between wealthy nations and those which are less influential or are needy; finally, between international institutions born of the popular desire for peace, and the ambition to propagate one's own ideology, as well as collective greeds existing in nations or other groups. What results is mutual distrust, enmities, conflicts and hardships. Of such is man at once the cause and the victim.*

Maybe we can stop being the cause of such conflicts. But we have to start with the Gospel, continue with the Gospel, and end with the Gospel: **God is love**.

In Christ,

Our Map—A Smoke, Vape & Tobacco Free Campus



- 1 Parish House, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima (includes within it Croghan Hall)
- 2 Guadalupe Hall
- 3 Lourdes Hall & School Office
- 4 Walsingham Hall
- 5 PAC (Parish Activity Center) & PAC Classroom
- 6 St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Hall
- 7 Blessed McGivney Hall
- 8 Church
- 9 Christ the King Adoration Chapel
- 10 St Joseph's Workshop
- 11 Parking Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16 St Isidore Garden (feeds the hungry of SVDP)



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Parish Calendar

Fr Christopher Smith = FCS Fr Richard Tomlinson = FRT Fr Timothy Davison= FTD | Readings are Year A

sunday, 1 feb fourth sunday in ordinary time (English) septuagesima sunday (Latin)	monday, 2 feb the presentation of the Lord (English) the purification of the blessed virgin mary (Latin)	tuesday, 3 feb st ansclar (English) st blaise (English & Latin)
LB 8a Mass Deceased Perone Family (FCS) LB 10a Mass McCullen/Simmons families+ (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Dominic Grancitelli+ (FRT) 6p Vespers <i>8.50a religious education</i> <i>1p basketball pac</i> <i>1.30p potluck parish house</i> <i>6.30p cyo</i> <i>svdp in narthex</i>	7a Mass Shawn Woods-L (FTD) 7p Latin Mass Valentino Tomas De La Cruz-L (FRT) with Blessing of Candles	7a Mass Nicholas Rauch-L (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Seger Family-L (FCS)
<i>5.30a men's workout</i> <i>6p basketball</i> <i>6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall</i>		<i>6.30p fraternus/fidelis</i> <i>7p men's bible guadalupe hall</i>
wednesday, 4 feb st thomas aquinas (English) weekday (Latin)	thursday, 5 feb st agatha (English & Latin)	friday, 6 feb st paul miki & companions (English) st titus (Latin)
7a Mass Julieta Macatangay-L (FTD) 12p Latin Mass Tim & Rosie Seger+ (FRT) 5p Confessions	7a Mass Kristine Burrell-L (FCS) 12p Latin Mass John Warga, Jr+ (FRT)	7a Mass Kristie Fenner-L (FTD) 11-12p Family Confessions 12p Latin Mass Harper Hartnett-L (FCS)
<i>7p introduction to catholicism pac</i> <i>7p women's study guadalupe hall</i>	<i>6p basketball pac</i>	<i>6p basketball pac</i>
saturday, 7 feb weekday (English) st romuald (Latin)	sunday, 8 feb fifth sunday in ordinary time (English) sexagesima sunday (Latin)	prayer requests
8a Latin Mass Sophia Hartnett-L (FRT) 3.30p Confessions 5p Mass Bill & Linda Standera+(FTD)	8a Mass Fred Adams+ (FCS) 10a Mass For the People of the Parish (FCS) 12p Latin Mass Tim & Rosie Seger+ (FCS) 6p Vespers	All those serving our country, Brian Aho, Lucretia Albright, Angela Bagley, Deborah Baker, Jim Bannister, Vanessa Baugh, Daniel Bennett, Gerard Brady, Francine Burke, Wrenn Calcutt, Michael Campanelli, Jean Casey, Martha Catel, Frank Cespedes, Julia Chatignyblais, John Cegledy, Anna Chevalier & Casey Chevalier, Alan Coker, Rosemary Craig, Gena Cunningham, Alan Deese, Carol Deretchin, Thomas Dorsey, Gloria Dussich, Jim Eagan, Mary Ann Egan, Annmarie Egas, Andrew Frisari, Kenneth Gifford & Kathryn Gifford, Jim Green, Jennifer Gregory, Bridgitte Gunnells, Shannon Harkins, Eileen Harrison, Mary Jean Heap, Riley Holcomb, Judith Inghram, Carl Jones, Tammy Jones, Alejandro Kawasaki, Laura Kuczewski, Cliff Leavitt, Julie Mallory, Mary Martin, Ed Matthews, Dorothy McDonald, Peter McPherson, Connie Meiners, Kathy Melone, Sandy Milton, Janine Moore, Kathleen Mottl & Dan Mottl, Kristina Murphy, Lillie Nesbitt, Elizabeth Nowlan, Alan Olson, Valerie Pachur, Jenn Pfaffl, Doris Pratt, Kenneth Price, David Purpura, Lorenzo Rosa, Rose Schillaci, Kelly Shane, Christy Smith, Dcn Bob Smith, Lois Smith, Matt Smith, Yanini Smith, Kevin Stanton, Christine Tallman, Laurie Taylor, Rose Teuscher, Cal Valois & A. Thana Pacco Rivas, Luigina Warga, Kayla Whatley, Sarah Williams, & Stephen Wiltberger.
<i>8a basketball pac</i> <i>40 days for life in narthex</i>	<i>8.50a religious education</i> <i>after 10a mass—parish school open house & donuts on plaza for parishioner appreciation</i> <i>1p basketball pac</i> <i>3p craft group mcgivney hall</i> <i>no cyo</i> <i>40 days for life in narthex</i>	
<p><i>Please contact the Parish Office to request a name be added to the prayer list.</i> <i>We will leave names on the prayer list for two weeks, unless requested otherwise.</i></p>		



Happenings & Needs

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homebound ministry

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, contact Deacon Mark Thompson at mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org

bounce—loss of a loved one

Be comforted by those who have experienced the grief of the death of a loved one on the first Saturday of the month at 10a in St Vincent de Paul Hall. Learn more: Julie Gianelloni at 864.561.4733 or Jim Roberts 864.238.6850.

prayer shawl ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets on the third Friday of the month (20 February) at 10.30a. They crochet/knit shawls/lap robes which they donate to nursing homes, cancer and dialysis centers. They welcome more volunteers and donations of yarn are always welcome. Questions? Call Paulette at 864.434.0278.

serve as an usher or greeter

Greeters and ushers are greatly needed across all Mass times! Consider serving your parish in this simple yet meaningful way:

- Be a welcoming face to all who enter the church
- Help create a reverent and organized worship experience
- Offer hospitality that reflects Christ's love

Contact Marco DeMaria at 864.631.7713 or [mad4jen@msn.com!](mailto:mad4jen@msn.com)

Donations (envelopes in the narthex may be dropped into the offertory baskets)



sanctuary candle \$20



bread & wine \$20
donated by: Rogers Family
in memory of: Teresita Vivar



flowers \$400
donated by: Chantal LaDuke
& Steven Thiele
in honor of: their wedding 31 january
2026



music \$300

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december offertory

Giving to the offertory is convenient and easy. Scan the QR code, click "donate" on our website, or visit Tithe.ly to make a gift <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1479801>. Or, options to give to special projects are available.



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As of December 31, 2025			
Offertory	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$ 208,021	\$ 251,280	(\$43,259)
Year-To-Date	976,282	\$ 988,020	(\$11,738)

substitute teachers needed

Join our Substitute Teacher list at the parish school! Please email Liz Burgdorf, Receptionist, to learn more at reception@popcatholicschool.org.

belonging women's conference

You are invited to the annual Belonging Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, 28 February from 8.30-5p at St. Joseph's Catholic School. The day includes nationally known speaker Barbara Heil, more than 20 workshops, Catholic vendors, Holy Mass, uplifting music, and a catered box lunch—all included with registration. Registration is now open; www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Belonging

men's breakfast

All men of the parish and their friends are invited to breakfast and fellowship on the first Thursday of each month (e.g. 5 February) at 8a at Eggs Up at 3935 Pelham Rd. Contact Don Foertsch at 864.268.3810

pop women's craft group

Join a free craft get-together on the second Sunday of the month (e.g. 8 February) from 3-5p in McGivney Hall. Bring your own supplies to work on a project or observe others; all skill levels are welcome! Contact Michelle Grabiec at m_grabiec@hotmail.com with questions.

new: first friday confession (certain months)

For the benefit of families, Confessions will be heard from 11a-12p on the following upcoming dates: 6 February, 6 March, and 1 May.

over 900 books, socializing and fun await

The Blessed McGivney Hall is open on Sundays after the 10a Mass. Grab a hot drink or breakfast, peruse a library of over 900 vetted Catholic titles, and socialize with parishioners. **Children 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times.** Contact John Olson to learn more at jamolson@gmail.com.

monday morning workout for men

Join the men (18 and older) of the parish who "offer it up" and attack the week every Monday morning from 5.30-6.15a for outdoor exercise and prayer. No fitness background is necessary. Park in the lot between the PAC and McGivney Hall. Participants will offer up prayer and suffering for Fr. Smith, Fr. Tomlinson, all clergy, our own families, and the marriage and family life throughout the Parish. Questions? Contact Paul Pizzuti at pizzuti@fidei.email or 864.501.8954.

columbiettes meet & greet

Please join the Columbiettes at 7p on 11 February in McGivney Hall for a meet and greet with light refreshments, fellowship, and a chance to learn more about this organization.

candlemas

Candlemas, also known as the **Feast of Light**, is a day of purification, renewal, and hope. Celebrated forty days after Christmas, it commemorates the Presentation of the Lord and Our Lady's obedience to the Mosaic Law, as prescribed in *Leviticus 12:2-8*. A **blessing of candles** will take place during **Latin Mass on Monday, 2 February at 7p**.

Candles for the blessing should be placed on the table **inside the communion rail before Mass**. You may bring your own candles or purchase them through the parish office.

Parish candle purchase details:

- Price:** Two 8" candles per box – \$5
- How to order:** Place payment in the collection basket and write "Candlemas candles" with your name on the envelope
- Distribution:** On 2 February, purchased candles will be placed on the table inside the communion rail with your name on the box



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meal train at pop

Parishioners and school families are invited to reach out to Jennifer Pfaffl by email at missfluff129@yahoo.com during times of need to have a Meal Train organized. It takes a village to provide support to those in need. Please consider supporting the gift of comfort for those in need.

st vincent de paul—needs

St. Vincent de Paul accepts checks made directly to SVdP and online giving through Zeffy. Scan the QR code or [click the link](#) to make your gift to SVdP.



Pantry donations may be left in the large wooden bin in the Narthex. **Needed Items:** canned fruit, grits, jelly, laundry detergent, pasta sauce, and toothpaste. *Please be mindful of expiration dates.*

New winter coats, blankets, and throws are being accepted through the end of February. Donations may be placed in the wooden bin in the Narthex or brought to the SVDP trailer on Mondays from 11a-1p. Please note: the Narthex bin is for coats and blankets only. All other clothing donations must be brought to the trailer during Monday hours or by appointment by email at popsvdpvolunteer@gmail.com

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners and community partners, SVDP provided \$147,598 in utility assistance, 808 food bags, and served 828 families last year. Special thanks to Boy Scouts Troop 925, POP Volleyball Club, St. Isidore Garden, POP-CS, and Greenville Rage Youth Hockey League for their service and donation drives.

welcome new parishioners

Join us in welcoming new parishioners: Christian Martinez & Alix Valenzuela and family; Richelle McLeod; Joel & Patricia Galdeen; Nathaniel & Carson Lessard and family

ladies lunch bunch

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Lieu's Asian Bistro, located at 103 E. Beacon Drive., Tuesday, 10 February at 11.30a. Please RSVP to Dorothea Jones at 864.268.3354.

parish school donations

Did you know that 45% of families rely on financial assistance to attend the parish school? Your donations to our Annual Fund are needed. Prayerfully consider making a Catholic education possible with a check to POPCS or [online gift today!](#)



become a registered parishioner

If you consider Prince of Peace your spiritual home we ask that you register! Please visit our website princeofpeacetaylors.org and click the register button.

welcome committee

Interested in helping new folks feel at home at Prince of Peace Catholic Church? Contact Loretta Williams at welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org to learn more about the *Guild of St. Benedict Welcome Committee*. From emails and phone calls to welcoming events, there's a way for everyone to pitch in!

latin mass community monthly potluck

The Latin Mass community hosts a potluck the first Sunday of each month in the PAC after the 12n Latin Mass. Please bring a main dish to share. Volunteers needed for setup and cleanup! Questions? Contact the Green Family at 719.660.3440.

open light media account creation (free)

Our parish has gifted all families free access to Open Light Media. To begin exploring this benefit, create an account:

1. Create an Account

- Click Here: <https://plus.openlightmedia.com>
- Login, create an account using email address and password (if your name is in the black box on the right)

2. To join your group

- Click here [Openlight Media Plus Subscription Plans](#)
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- Click Join Your Group
- Enter your school's zipcode, then press the right arrow
- Click on the school name (Prince of Peace Catholic SCHOOL—do not say “parish”)
- Complete the fields ROLE and POSITION
- Confirm on the next page

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40 days for life

Members of the Prince of Peace Respect Life Committee will be in the narthex after all Masses on 7-8 February and 14-15 February. Please stop by to learn more and sign up.

We invite all parishioners to prayerfully consider giving one hour to pray at the abortion facility on Grove Road on the following Mondays: 23 February; 2, 9, 16, and 23 March.

Bring a friend and pray together. Many who participate share that this hour of prayer becomes one of the greatest blessings of their week.

sponsors needed

We are seeking faithful parishioners who are willing to serve as sponsors for OCIA candidates and Confirmation students who do not have a practicing Catholic in their life to fill this role.

A sponsor must be a Catholic in good standing and is asked to walk alongside a candidate during this important season of faith formation. Sponsors offer encouragement, prayer, and personal witness—helping the candidate grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith and inspiring them to live it authentically in daily life. This is a meaningful relationship rooted in accompaniment, not expertise.

Not all volunteers will be matched with a candidate this year; however, we hope to build a running list of parishioners who are open to serving as sponsors as needs arise.

If you feel called to consider this role or would like to learn more, please email Maria Barontini at maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org to discuss further.

pop art party 2026

Mark your calendars for the 22nd Annual POP Art Gala on Saturday, 18 April 2026. This year's theme, **When in Rome**, promises an elegant and festive evening inspired by the beauty and culture of Rome—all in support of the extraordinary students of Prince of Peace Catholic School. More details coming soon!

best of the upstate

Nominations for Best of the Upstate begin 6 February with The Greenville News! Please nominate the parish and school as your “Best Place of Worship,” “Best Private School,” and “Best Preschool.”

join our blue ribbon school of academic excellence

Prince of Peace Catholic School (Kindergarten–8th Grade) provides a rigorous and well-rounded education that blends a classical approach to English and reading with a modern, research-based approach to science and math. Rooted in our Catholic faith, we form students in virtue, prayer, and academic excellence, partnering closely with parents to educate the whole child.

Did you know? Through the Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF), more than 85% of students in South Carolina qualify for a \$7,634 scholarship toward nonpublic school tuition—including Catholic schools like Prince of Peace.

Enrollment for the next academic year is underway. For more information, please contact our school office.

Visit us at <https://popcatholicschool.org>

For more information, please call 864-971-4767 or email Mrs. Liz Burdorf at reception@popcatholicschool.org.

lenten sermon series with fr smith

Throughout Lent at the 5p and 10a Mass, Fr. Christopher Smith will reflect on the Seven Life-Giving Virtues—patience, abstinence, humility, diligence, kindness, liberality, and chastity—inviting us to examine our lives, grow in virtue, and prepare our hearts for Easter.

ash wednesday

Ash Wednesday is 18 February. Mass and distribution of ashes are as follows:

- 7a Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- 10a No Mass-Distribution of Ashes only
- 12p Latin Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- 5p No Mass-Distribution of Ashes only
- 7p Mass with Distribution of Ashes



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Blessing of Candles

Feast of the Presentation
of the Lord (Candlemas)

7p on Monday,
2 February



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18 January - 15 February | 6p

EVENING PRAYER ACCORDING TO THE TRADITIONAL ROMAN BREVIARY IN ENGLISH



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*contact Deacon Acosta about baptisms, funerals, declarations of nullity and marriage.			
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Ministry & Leaders (learn about all of our ministries on our website under the "about us" menu)			
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Creighton Fertility Care/Family Planning	Kristie Killough, RN, BSN, FCP	864.243.7800	text for appointment
CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)	John & Stephanie Lasitter		cyo@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Food & Financial Assistance	St. Vincent de Paul Society	864.331.3937	
Introduction to Catholicism	Sean Chapman		ocia@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Legion of Mary	Pat Hodur	864.616.7459	ph137@aol.com
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Submit your announcements 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin date to bulletinsubmissions@princeofpeacetaylors.org



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bulletin advertising

We extend our sincere thanks to our current bulletin advertisers whose generous support makes this important parish communication possible at no cost to our parish. Because of you, our bulletin is available both in print and online and continues to be a valuable way to stay connected as a church family.

Our bulletin publishing partner, Mark Fitzgerald from Diocesan, is currently working to renew existing advertisements and to welcome new bulletin advertisers. Mark will be reaching out to our current sponsors in the coming days—thank you in advance for your continued support through ad renewal.

If you are interested in advertising in the bulletin on behalf of your business, family, favorite charity, or in memory of a loved one, we invite you to contact Mark directly. Bulletin advertisers recognize the tremendous value of reaching our parish community, and we ask parishioners and guests to support these generous sponsors whenever possible. Mark will be on site at the parish Tuesday, 17 February through Thursday, 19 February and can be reached at 614.205.4841 or by email at mfitzgerald@diocesan.com.

pop women's group

All women of the parish are warmly invited to join the POP Women's Group meeting Wednesdays at 7p in Guadalupe Hall. Come gather with us each week for meaningful friendship, encouragement, and shared growth as we deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith together. Whether you are new or returning, you are most welcome. For more information, please contact Karen Cantu at 864.553.1918.

vespers

Sunday Vespers (Evening Prayer) is a simple, beautiful way to end the Lord's Day. This prayer of the Church includes psalms and Scripture and lasts about 30 minutes.

- Join us Sundays at 6p. during Ordinary Time, through 15 February.

Come as you are—listen, pray quietly, or participate fully. It's a peaceful way to rest in God's presence and prepare for the week ahead.

via fidelis

Via Fidelis Year 2 begins on Ash Wednesday, 18 February. Our 2026 theme, Understand the Faith, invites us to know and love our Catholic faith more deeply through the Catechism of the Catholic Church—a gift of the Second Vatican Council given to the Church by St. John Paul II. With the Bible and the Catechism together, we can learn doctrine, discern God's will, and open our hearts to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Best of all, the full Catechism is readily available online, making this rich treasury of our faith accessible to all.

job opening: elementary school teacher

Our parish school- recently honored as a National Blue Ribbon School and State of South Carolina Blue Ribbon School-forms saints and scholars through faith, virtue, and academic excellence. We are seeking a mission-driven Lower Elementary Teacher, preferably a practicing Catholic, with strong early literacy skills and a love for educating the whole child.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Principal Barontini at principal@popcatholicschool.org

recollections

Friends of St Josemaria will be hosting in-person recollections:

- Evening of recollection for men: Thursday, 19 February at 7p. Reception following.
- Morning recollection for women: Saturday, 21 February at 9a.

A recollection is a silent mini-retreat. It consists of Benediction, a meditation by a priest of the Prelature Opus Dei, an examination of conscience, spiritual reading and a talk on a practical topic. Contact Thierry at thierry.wersinger@gmail.com or 864.313.5601

school mass notice

We have a weekly School Mass which is the heart of our week. That Mass is no longer open to anyone outside of the school community, which means: parents, grandparents, family members, POPCS students, faculty and staff. The church during school liturgical functions will be closed and locked for the security of our families. Any of those who are admitted should check in at the school first and get the Raptor system clearance before proceeding to the church.



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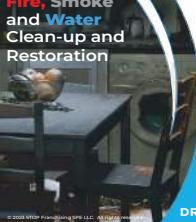
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