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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

### Mass Schedule

(Also live streamed on YouTube at Holy Spirit Palmyra)

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm**

**Sunday Mass: 8:30am inside & 11:00am**

#### Daily Mass:

Monday, Thursday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Friday: 7:00am

**Confessions:** Sat 5—5:30pm; Wed 6:40—7:10pm

#### Adoration Chapel:

Monday: 10am—5pm

Tuesday: 6am—10pm

Wed & Fri: 12noon—5pm

Thursday: 10am—9pm

Saturday: 2am—9am & 7pm—9pm

Sunday: 12 noon—1pm & 6pm—10pm

For more information call 717-838-3369 x 111 or email [adorers@hspalmyra.com](mailto:adorers@hspalmyra.com).

**Baptism:** To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email [church@hspalmyra.com](mailto:church@hspalmyra.com).

**Sponsor Forms:** Certificates to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to those who are registered and practicing members of the Parish.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Three weeks prior to publication. Please use the forms on our website for bulletin inserts, blurbs, or facility requests.

**Benevolence:** For financial assistance, please call 717-838-3369, x 112, and leave a message to set up an interview.

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#### Office Hours:

Monday: 9:30am—4pm

Tuesday: remote only for phone calls & emails

Wednesday: 12noon—6pm

Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm

Friday: closed

## OUR MISSION

*To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ; to celebrate together as a Catholic family of faith; and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.*

**PASTOR’S MESSAGE**

**A Message from Deacon Jorge**

This Sunday’s readings invite us to reflect on God’s call in our lives and how we respond to it. In the first reading, we hear Isaiah’s awe-inspiring encounter with God, which ends with his heartfelt response, “Here I am, send me” (Isaiah 6:8). In the Gospel, Simon Peter, humbled by the miraculous catch of fish, falls to his knees and hears Jesus’ call to become a “fisher of men.”

Like Isaiah and Peter, we may feel unworthy or inadequate when we sense God’s invitation. Yet, their stories remind us that God does not call the perfect, He perfects the called. All God asks is an open heart and a willingness to say “YES.”

As we journey together in faith, let us take time this week to consider how God may be calling each of us to serve. Whether it is within our families, workplaces, or parish community, He calls us to trust in Him and step forward in faith.

May we, like Isaiah and like Peter, respond with courage and generosity to the Lord, saying, “Here I am, send me!” Wishing you a blessed week, Deacon Jorge.

**Caring Cupboard**

Please pick up a canvas bag for CARING CUPBOARD and return your filled bag next weekend. Their wish list this month is white and brown rice, and different kinds of pastas. **Canned wish list items:** soups, vegetables, Spam, tuna, and chicken.

**TITHING: GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING**

Sunday Offering 2/2/2025 \$ 12,143  
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**CALENDAR & INTENTIONS**

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Alex Hourri (From Josette)

The **Chapel Candle** will burn in loving memory of Elva Amelio (From Art & Renee Amelio)

The **Altar Flowers** are offered in memory of Anne (Tess) Martin (From your Loving Husband)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

9:00am Mass

† **Brenda (Weaver) Chapman**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

Gen 1:20—2:4; Mk 7:1-13

3:15pm Cenacle

7:00pm Folk Group

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

Gen 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

9:30am Word Among Us Bible Study

5:00pm Legion of Mary

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

† **Helen Hamilton**

6:40pm Confessions

6:45pm Women at the Well

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

9:00am Mass

† **John Lubelski**

7:00pm Sunday Choir; Knights of Columbus Officers

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

7:00am Mass

† **Tommy Balsavage**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

8:00am Men’s Ministry

10:00am Shine Valentine’s Day Party

4:00pm Mass

† **Mary Buckley**

5:00pm Confessions

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

8:30am Mass

**For the People of the Parish**

11:00am Mass

† **Tess Martin**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

4TH GRADE CHILDREN'S MASS TODAY AT 11AM

NO PREP CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 IN OBSERVANCE OF  
PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND

### Fish Fry 2025

Come join us for our annual Lenten Fish Fry. Dine-in, to go, and online curbside to go is available. Fridays: March 7, 14, 21, & 28 and April 4 & 11, from 3pm—7pm. Featuring N. Atlantic Haddock (Baked or Fried), crab cakes, shrimp, clam strips, pierogi, soup, & mac-n-cheese. To volunteer, please sign-up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4EADA629A3FA749225444-fish>, or send an email to [fishfry@hspalmyra.com](mailto:fishfry@hspalmyra.com). We will need soda and water donations. Please drop off any donations at the church.

### Black & Indian Poor Missions

This week we take up a collection for the Black and Indian Poor Missions. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the US, supporting and strengthening evangelizing programs which otherwise would cease.

### Grief Support Group

Losing a loved one can be one of the most difficult experiences we face in life. Holy Spirit Parish is starting their fifth grief support group for individuals suffering from the loss of a spouse, an adult child, or a parent. It will start the week of March 3 and run for 10 weeks. Time and day are to be determined by attendees. To join or for more information, please email [griefsupport@hspalmyra.com](mailto:griefsupport@hspalmyra.com).

### Job Opening—Music Director & Organist

We are seeking to employ a Music Director and Organist beginning July 1, 2025. This person is responsible for oversight and training of all music ministries (Children's Choir, Folk Group, & Sunday Choir) and the overall planning, approval, rehearsal, and providing of music for liturgies. This person will be responsible for Wednesday evening Masses, Saturday and Sunday Masses, special services, weddings, and funerals. If interested, please email and send your resume to [pastor@hspalmyra.com](mailto:pastor@hspalmyra.com) and [Choir@hspalmyra.com](mailto:Choir@hspalmyra.com).

### Lost and Found

Please take a moment to check the Lost and Found bin, located above the coat rack across from the restrooms. The last day to check the lost and found bin is March 9, 2025. We will donate the items after that weekend.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH MISSION!**

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### Super Bowl Soup Sale

This weekend, February 8 & 9, we will be selling homemade soup in Agape Hall. The 2025 Super Bowl Soup Sale proceeds will be used to fund the shelters operated by Catholic Charities. The suggested donation is \$10 per quart.

### PREP Baby Shower

The Respect Life Ministry will hold its annual PREP student Baby Shower in February. We are collecting items to support the Morning Star Pregnancy Services of Harrisburg and Align Pregnancy Services of Lebanon. Collection of items may be brought into the classrooms by the weekend of February 22 & 23. The PREP students will be given a handout with items needed by both pregnancy services.

### Awaken Lenten Book Study

Join our group for a Lenten study of *Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem* by Fr. Mark Touns. This study will be on Wednesdays, March 5—April 2, from 9am—11am, in the third-grade classroom. Starting Ash Wednesday, each day we will walk with Jesus through Jerusalem on his way to the cross through daily reflections, guided prayer, and a powerful video lead by Fr. Touns. A limited supply of journals is available for \$8.50. This study can be done in small groups, individually, or with your families. Anyone who wishes to do the study is welcome to attend or drop by when able. For information or to register, contact Kathryn Gentry at 717-838-6521, or email at [kgentry920@verizon.net](mailto:kgentry920@verizon.net).

### Online Ministry Fair

To learn about all of the different ministries our parish has, click on the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/25HSMINSURV>. Or visit our parish website to access the Virtual Ministry Fair.

### FROM OUR SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

In 2015 Pope Francis addressed a joint meeting of Congress. This message was timeless and very relevant today, and the next few Living Our Faith bulletin blurbs will have excerpts from this historic speech. "The contemporary world, with its open wounds which affect so many of our brothers and sisters, demands that we confront every form of polarization which would divide...We know that in the attempt to be freed of the enemy without, we can be tempted to feed the enemy within. To imitate the hatred and violence of tyrants and murderers is the best way to take their place. That is something which you, as a people, reject. Our response must instead be one of hope and healing, of peace and justice," <https://time.com/4048176/pope-francis-us-visit-congress-transcript/>.

**PRAYER:** Lord, help us be a country of hope and healing, and of justice and peace.

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