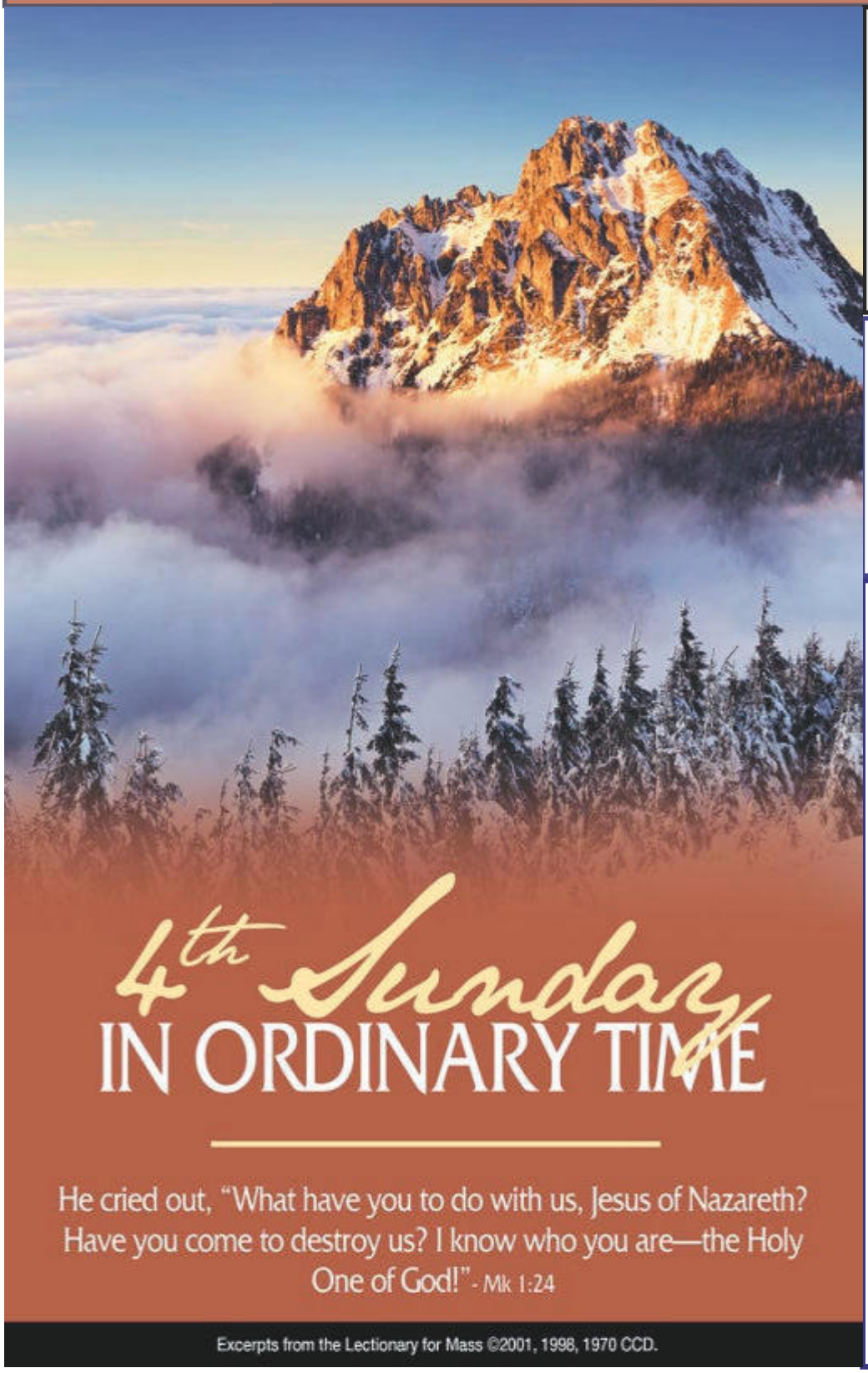
St. Mary's Parish Fairhaven, MA
January 31, 2021



ATTENTION!!
Ash Wednesday is
Feb. 17, 2021

Due to the pandemic, ashes will not be administered in the conventional way. Ashes will be sprinkled on your head. Be sure to remove head coverings beforehand.

Attention envelope users

Because of the restrictions due to the pandemic, we have the weekly budget envelopes at the rectory. You are able to pick them up along with our 2021 calendar. Please call first to make sure we are here to serve you.

Please be sure to check out our website for Masses that are streamed live but might be viewed at any time once it is on the site.
www.stmarysfairhaven.org

Facebook live streams, usually, two weekend Masses 4:30 pm Saturday, 8:oo & **10:00 am** Mass on Sundays
www. Facebook.com/StMarysfhvn/

Guidelines for attending Mass is on page 3
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT *EVERY ONE WHO ATTENDS MASS,* ENTER THEIR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER IN THE BOOKS AT THE ENTRANCES .
We don't take reservations, so this is the only way to track those who attend a Mass should someone contract COVID-19.
No Mask - No entry.
Please sign in w/phone number

NOTE ON ASH WEDNESDAY 2/17/2021
8:00 am Mass– 12:00 pm Mass– 4:30 pm Service
Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel".
The Priest then cleanses his hands puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to these who are standing in their places.

The priest takes the ashes and *sprinkles them on the head of each* one without saying anything. All head covers must be removed to receive ashes.

Guidelines for attending Mass during this phase of opening.

Enter only main entrance at front of church, unless handicap Use side entrance. **Sign in book with name & phone #.** This is for tracking purposes.

Exit Those in the back of the church out the front the front half in the front of the church exit side to parking lot (**Social distancing:** Stay 6ft apart unless you live in the same household. Pews have been marked off as to where you may sit. Families may sit together. Remember, you may not get your usual seat.

Masks: Must be worn at all time except for Holy Communion which will by the hand only. Please no crossing over to other line. **Hygiene:** Please use hand sanitizer as you enter the church.

Hymnals & Missalettes: All have been removed**. No Congregational singing (for now)**

Offertory: No formal collections. Receptacles at entrance /exits of the church.

Bulletins: Available when exiting.
Please view on line at Parishes online or on our Website www.stmarysfairhaven.org

No congregating or socializing in parking lot. Please leave the premises as soon as Mass is over. We know this is difficult to do as we have not seen one another in so long. But, if we follow these guidelines we will be able to get back to the way it used to be (sort of) a lot sooner.
Only the handicap restroom on main floor is available.

The lower level is closed off at this time.

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 31, 2021

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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ATTENTION SEWING VOLLUNTEERS

We are in need of someone who can attach ribbon ties to Baptism bibs.

We have the bibs, ribbon & thread. We just need your talent. Give Joyce a call at the rectory, 508-992-7300 if you are able to help us out.

Church Humor

Hymn Professions

Here's an old standby that's worth sharing with a music director.

Dentist's hymn—"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Mender's hymn—"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Politician's hymn—"Standing on the Promises"

Paramedic's hymn—"Revive Us Again"

Shoe repairer's hymn—"It Is Well Worth My Soul"

Librarian's hymn—"Whispering Hope"

Umpire's hymn—"I Need No Other Argument"

Golfer's hymn—"There Is a Green Hill Far Away"

IRS agent's hymn—"I Surrender All"

Gossip's hymn—"Pass It On"

Psychiatrist's hymn—"Just a Little Talk With Jesus"

Haberdasher's hymn—" Blest Be the Tie"

Dot-com sale hymn—" A Charge to Keep I Have"

There's a zillion more

Tax time again!

If you would like a letter of your yearly contributions for 2020, please call the rectory office.

508-992-7300

You can stop by to pick up or it can be mailed to you.

Religious Education

Saturday, January 30, 2021

Grades 1 & 3 **9:15 AM to 10:15 AM**

Grade 6 **10:30 AM to 11:30 AM**

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Grade 2 ***10:00 AM Mass to 12:00PM***

Monday, February 1, 20201

Grades 4 & 5 **4:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

Grades 7 & 8 **7:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

Saturday, February 6, 2021

Grades 1 & 3 **9:15 AM to 10:15 AM**

Grade 6 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Grade 2 ***10:00 AM Mass to 12:00PM***

Grade 9 **4:30 PM to 7:00 PM including 6pm Mass**

Parent Sponsor Night—All forms due (every other week)

Remember masks are required, social distancing and all safety protocols are to be followed.

Any questions, please contact **DRE *Rebecca Newell*** at 508-9928721 or stmarysreligioused@comcast.net

Mary's Angels Weekly Winner

For January 31, 2021

Thomas Wojcik

SHEPHED'S PANTRY

The Pantry is open on **Saturday mornings from 9-11 am.** Shepherd's Pantry is located at in the lower level of the Long Plain Methodist Church at 1215 Main Street, Acushnet, MA.

Parishioners of St Mary's volunteer every 7th Saturday.

Next time to volunteer is

Saturday, March 13, 2021 **8:45 –11:00 am**

For more information and other times available to volunteer contact Blanche @ 508-992-9695

Next Adoration will be on Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 30, 2021
8:00AM - Jose Reis & Families by Mary Reis
4:30PM- Larry Ferreira by St. Mary's Golden Agers
Alzer Cabral by Francisco Lopes

Sunday, January 31, 2021
8:00AM- Jennifer Lynn Rooney by Mom, Susan
(16th Anniversary)
Bernice Galligo by Brother in-law Richard Galligo
10:00AM– Maria Abreu by Family
Mary Silveira by Carol & Mike Kobza

Monday, February 1, 2021
8:00 AM - Healing for Madeleine Lavallee by Our Parish Family

Tuesday, February 2, 2021
8:00AM – Dorothy Silva by Family

Wednesday, February 3, 2021
8:00AM–Edgardo Vicente by Sisters

Thursday, February 4, 2021
8:00AM–John Sinko by Family

Friday, February 5, 2021 **First Friday**
8:00AM– All Souls in Purgatory by Richard Galligo

Saturday, February 6, 2021
8:00AM –For all Healthcare & Frontline workers by Our Parish Family
4:30 PM – Charlene Colgan by Family
John Kisbert Sr. By Family

Sunday, February 7, 2021
8:00AM - Maria N. Vieira by Family
10:00AM-Pauline Portelance by Family
Alzer Cabral by Maria Almeida

Baptisms

Vigil Lamp burns for
John Hergenhan

The 2021 book is open for the year, there are plenty of openings for both Masses & Vigil Lamps. **Mass intentions and Vigil lamps are still $10** each are to be paid within a week of scheduling. **ATTENTION ! As of February 1st, Perpetual Mass Cards will be $20.00 Mass Intention w/card will be $15.** Email, call or stop by with your requests.
Remember in your prayers those members of our parish who are sick or suffering in any way, as well as those in hospitals and nursing homes and all of our shut-ins. We also pray for family, friends and those who have died recently. We also pray for men and women in the medical field and our Armed Forces who are serving our country.
We are all in this together. We can make it through with prayer and common sense.
God's blessings on us all!!

GPS - 440 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA
Mailing address, Rectory/Office
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Office Hours Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 12:30 pm ~ Closed on Holidays

Mass Schedules

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Daily: Monday - Saturday 8:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:45 to 4:15 pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation. Other times by appointment.
Adoration every Wednesday *after 8:00 am Mass.*
In Main Church for now .
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30am
Unless there is a funeral

WEBSITE ADDRESS
www.stmarysfairhaven.org

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Parish Staff

Rev. David Lupo, ss.cc., Pastor
Mrs. Rebecca Newell, Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Joyce Cormier Iddon, Office Manager
Miss Blanche Pepin, Office Assistant
Mr. Stevan Piazza, Music Director
Mr. Fernando "Fred" Pinto, Facilities Manager
Mr. Armand "Skip" Becotte, Maintenance

Did you know....

St. Mary's, founded as a mission to St. Joseph's Fairhaven in 1924, was established a parish in 1933. Since the beginning, St. Mary's has been entrusted to the pastoral care of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. (ss.cc), a world-wide religious congregation of missionary priests, sisters, and brothers serving in more than 30 countries.

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Next Baptism *scheduled* is **next**
Sunday, February 7, 2021

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