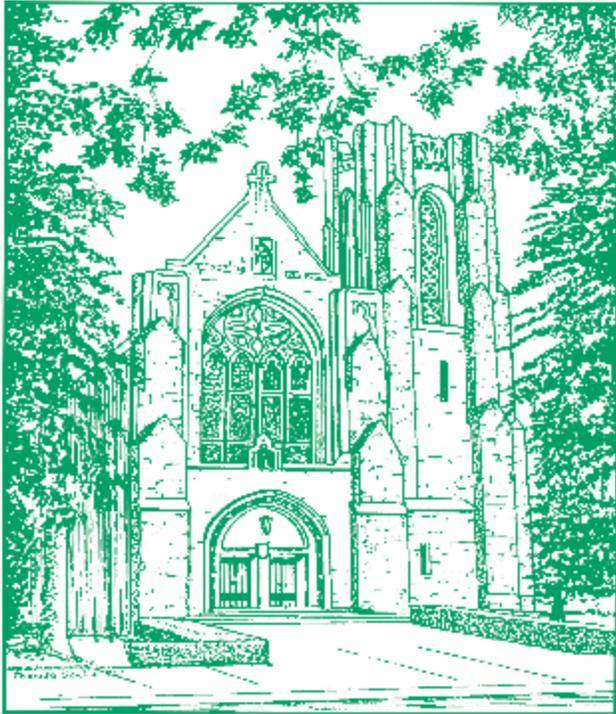


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LITURGIES

Weekend

Saturday Evening Vigil - 5:15PM

Sunday Morning - 8:30AM

Livestreaming Mass – Sundays - 10:00AM

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Go onto the site and scroll down on the right side to find St. Joseph's Church in Fort Edward.

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HOMEBOUND

If you become homebound or are aware of someone who is, please call Patty Fitzgerald.

NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME! Please complete a Parish Census Form which may be found in the Church or obtained in the Parish Office.

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a copy of your 2020 contribution statement, please call Patty at 747-4823.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR THE SOUL

Are you still trying to think of some New Year's resolutions? Here are some that you may want to try.

Start each day with a prayer.

Count your blessings.

Pray the Rosary more often.

Go to Sunday Mass as a family.

Smile.

Remember the poor; they are Jesus.

Every day tell your family, "I love you."

End each day with a prayer.

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.

Bless the people of the United States. Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice, and equality.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country, and our world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

A SMILE COSTS NOTHING BUT GIVES MUCH

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. Yet a smile cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something of no value to anyone unless it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours. No one needs a smile as much as he who has none to give. *Author unknown*

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK –

LIVE THE LITURGY

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness are necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

In your prayers...

Please pray for all who have recently passed away. Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, in the hospital or recuperating: Ayla Adams, Kathy Allen, Karen Anderson, Ryan Anderson, Mark and Kay Babson, Natalie Bazinet, Stephen Davis, Brian DeMell, Mark and Venita Duffany, Grace Fallacaro, Patty Fitzgerald, Elizabeth (Liz) Kennedy, Linda Kennedy, Rev. Joseph Manerowski, Julia Madonna-Morris, Jonathan Palmer, Thomas E. Seymour and Gabrielle Vaughan.

LIVESTREAMING MASS

St. Joseph's Church in Fort Edward has started live streaming their 10:00AM Sunday Mass. You may view the mass every week at: www.rcda.org/livemass. Go onto the site and scroll down on the right side to find St. Joseph's Church in Fort Edward.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHY DO WE DO THAT? – CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

Answer: In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the Eucharistic bread is the small white communion “wafer” that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: “The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made...it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament”.

The Church’s tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the “matter” of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a “wafer” — which is properly called a “host” — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. “raised”) bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white “wafer” is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

PRAYER DURING A HEALTH CRISIS

*Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give them
Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them Your
Spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them
Your comforting heart.
Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.*

SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES

Sunday, January 24, is Belly Laugh Day
Monday, January 25, is Chinese New Year
Wednesday, January 27, is Bubble Wrap & Appreciation Day
Friday, January 29, is Puzzle Day

GIVE UNTIL IT HURTS

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know, easier said than done. Just ask Zebedee. It’s quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. “So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.”

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don’t know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn’t be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn’t belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: “Give until it hurts.”

“You’re wasting my time.” “I’ve done so much for her; she owes me this.” How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past. *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

TODAY

My life is a gift of God given, not in years, but a day at a time. Today is the day the Lord has made for me, and He planned it to be the most important day of my life.

Yesterday is gone, never to return. I must not worry about it, but leave it in the hands of God. Tomorrow and all that it holds is God’s secret and its coming is not assured.

Only today is mine. Each day, arranged by God with infinite wisdom and goodness in His gift, His act of love for me. In thanksgiving I will offer Him every day the gift of myself – my prayers, works, joys and sufferings. Dear Lord, receive them graciously.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you are enclosing one check with several weekend contribution envelopes, please mark each individual envelope with the amount being given.

If there is a Second Collection for special collections, please issue a separate check for these collections. These special collections need to be kept separate and it is very difficult for our counters when they have to split a check. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

JANUARY 24, 2021



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:

(JANUARY 23)

5:15PM **DOROTHY E. REGAN (B-DAY)** by: Dot and
Connie Regan and Patty and Eric Fitzgerald
FRANK C. BATTISTE (B-DAY)
by: Wife and Children
PATRICIA LABELLE by: Nicholson Family
RITA FRENCH by: Nicholson Family
JEAN HARROLD by: Nicholson Family
**SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR NICK
NICHOLSON AND FAMILY (LIVING)**
by: Len and Corky Daly and Family
ELEANOR MANROSH by: Mary Alice Murphy
JANET COMSTOCK by: Moore Family

SUNDAY:

(JANUARY 24)

8:30AM **REV. DONALD DOYLE, REV. RICHARD
DOYLE AND MARILYN DOYLE**
by: Mike and Michele Cronin
DAN AND PEGGY LEOMBRUNO
by: Mike and Michele Cronin
LEON LAYDEN
by: St. Mary's/St. Paul's Usher's Association
SHIRLEY HOULE
by: Husband - Richard and Children
JAMES SULLIVAN by: Judy Judge
REV. JOHN SEYMOUR, ST
by: Kay Babson and Family
**SPECIAL INTENTION FOR WAYNE
VANBUREN (LIVING)**
by: Richard Houle Family

NEXT SATURDAY: **(JANUARY 30)**

5:15PM **KAY NICHOLSON**
by: Len and Corky Daly and Family
ROBERT PRATT by: Mary Alice Murphy
PHILIP T. MOORE by: Moore Family

NEXT SUNDAY: **(JANUARY 31)**

8:30AM **ROBERT J. AND ELIZABETH A. DICKINSON**
by: Family
MARGARET "PEG" LEOMBRUNO
by: Elaine Altizio
SHIRLEY HOULE
by: Husband - Richard and Children
**BLANCHE TRACKEY, JONA TRACKEY AND
LOUISE MCGUIRK** by: Family
KATHLEEN O'DONNELL
by: Kay Babson and Family

**Please pray for all victims of the
coronavirus.**



As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mk 1:16-17

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/ Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Although initially reluctant to be one of God’s prophets, Jonah was ultimately successful in getting the Ninevites to repent of their sins. When do you find yourself resisting God’s will?

Second Reading:

In trying to awaken a sense of spiritual urgency, Paul taught the Corinthians that Christ’s return was imminent and that, “time is running out.” How can a sense of urgency aid one’s spiritual life?

Gospel:

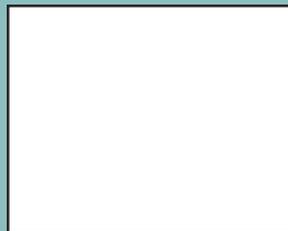
In Mark’s account of the call of the first disciples, Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John immediately answer Jesus’ call to follow him. How would you describe your response to Jesus’ call in your life?

PARISH APP

Just a reminder that the Church of St. Mary’s/St. Paul’s has their own Parish App for iPhones and Android Smartphones. This allows us to better communicate with you throughout the week and to keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. It provides daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers, reminders, our bulletins and much more. It is a great resource for you. To download our parish app, there are myParish App cards available on the tables at each of the two side entrances of the church doors. Text App to **88202** to download our parish app. Download **myparishapp.com**. Select our Parish after opening.

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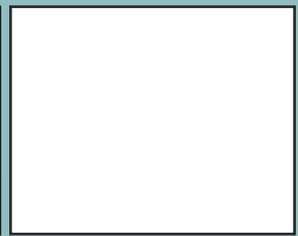
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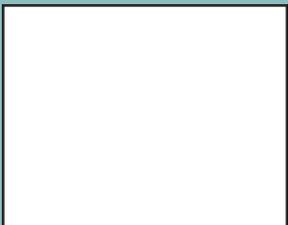
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