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The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord,  
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10



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## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

- Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/  
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk  
5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-  
8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
- Thursday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Saturday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions,  
Martyrs

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Prophets possess an intimate knowledge of God and act on their experience of God. Prophetic messages usually challenge the status quo and draw us up and out of ourselves, focusing us on the bigger picture. We often think of ourselves and our own needs first. When we listen to someone speak, we judge the merit of the message by its degree of usefulness. If the message or vision contains no personal benefit or profit but a call to stretch and grow, we can become indignant. Prophets are usually the ones whose message challenges us and calls us to see things differently and love more perfectly and deeply. God is love. When listening to St. Paul speak about love we witness the unfolding of this type of unconditional, other centered, self-sacrificial perfect God. It is an invitation to life, freedom, and happiness that can be offered to us only by God. Jesus, who is God and Love incarnate, calls us to this richer expression of love. Are we ready to listen and be challenged and stretched?



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**We remember in prayer this week....**

**January 30<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00am**

Jose Duarte  
Harold St. John **"Month's Mind"**

**9:30am**

Virginia Petrone - **Birthday**  
Dorothy Gaglione

**11:00am**

Juanita L. David  
Bonifacio S. Mendez, Sr.

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**8:00am**

Alfred, Elda, A. Gerald &  
Richard Rossi - **Anniversary**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:00am**

Anthony Barone  
Tom Shields

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:00am**

Anita Bucci - **Anniversary**  
Ed Haibon

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00am**

Mass of the People

**February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm**

Catherine DeLellis Saccoccio  
Edith Angeli - **Anniversary**

**SANCTUARY CANDLES 1/31 -2 /6**

*The Upper Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of:*

**Pasco "Pat" Picano, Jr.**

By: Wife, Children & Grandchildren

*Both Lower Sanctuary Candles will burn in memory of:*

**Pasco "Pat" Picano, Jr.**

By: Wife, Children & Grandchildren

**ADORATION**

Adoration with Benediction every Friday from 8:30am-9:15am. Please note that confessions will also remain at this time.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for 2022**

**JANUARY**

***For true human fraternity***

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**USHER MEETING**

There will be a mandatory Usher meeting in the Church on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 6:00pm. All Ushers should attend and are asked to call the Rectory office before the meeting to confirm your attendance.

**PANDEMIC POLICY UPDATE**

**Masks are required  
when attending Mass.**

**Thank you!**

**WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT**

The collection for the weekend of  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> & January 23<sup>rd</sup> was \$6,126.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**All parishioner contribution letters for tax purposes  
will be mailed by the end of January 2022.**

**MASS RESERVATIONS**

Mass reservations for loved ones will continue to be accepted by mail or drop off only. All intention requests may be dropped in the Mass Ticket Box or mailed to the rectory office (1525 Cranston Street, 02920).

Please remember each mass needs its own form and the donation and the form are both required at the time of booking. For your convenience Mass forms are available on the parish website:

[www.saintmarycranston.org](http://www.saintmarycranston.org)

or in the upper and lower church if you attend Mass. At your request we will also mail intention forms or leave them in the Mass Intention box for pickup. Please keep in mind at this time we will not book or reserve any Masses over the phone or in the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**NOTICE TO ALL PARISHONERS**

In the event of inclement weather and other unusual circumstances, when there is a school closing in the Cranston School system and St. Mary's School is closed there will be no 8:00am morning Mass. Notification will be posted on our parish website and with the RI Broadcasters Association. You may register to receive alert notices by visiting **ribroadcasters.com** or our parish website. \*\*Those who have booked intentions will be able to have their intentions added to the following day. \*\*If the closing of school falls on a Monday, there will be no Team counting. Counting will be on Tuesday.

**SCHOOL**

The flag will be flown in honor of St. Mary's School and Parish Families

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, the annual celebration of catholic education and its role in making the world a better place. Please pass the word that Saint Mary School will have an Open House on Sunday, January 30 from 11:00AM – 1:00PM for new parents interested in our school. Come and meet our wonderful faculty and staff and see what makes our school so special!

During Catholic Schools Week our students will be making cards and writing letters to anyone in the parish who is sick or has recently lost a member of their family. If you or someone you know would like to receive the children's cards or letters, please let us know. You can call the office at 944-4107 or email me at [llepore@stmaryschoolri.org](mailto:llepore@stmaryschoolri.org).

Many of our eighth graders took the exam for our area Catholic High Schools. Please keep them in your prayers as they wait patiently to hear about their acceptance.

We are holding our Classroom Spelling Bees this week and will announce the winners in each class in next week's bulletin. From there the winners will participate in the school Spelling Bee and the top two winners will represent St. Mary's School in the Regional Spelling Bee for the Diocese of Providence on February 16 at St. Mary's School.

Please call me (944-4107) or email me at [llepore@stmaryschoolri.org](mailto:llepore@stmaryschoolri.org) to request the flag to be flown in someone's honor or memory.



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**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

**Welcome to St. Mary's parish!** We extend to you a warm invitation to join our parish community. We are a parish family journeying together in our faith in Jesus Christ, trusting in his love for us, and growing in kindness and charity toward one other. For your convenience, registration forms can be found at the entrance of the Church on the left or on the parish website [www.saintmarycranston.org](http://www.saintmarycranston.org). We encourage new parishioners to introduce themselves to the parish Priests or Deacons so that we can meet and welcome you to our parish family. **To be eligible to be a Godparent for Baptism/Confirmation or to request a date for a Wedding you must be a registered member of the Parish and actively practicing your faith.**

*"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."*

*- Malcolm X*



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