

Good Shepherd Parish

March 28, 2021

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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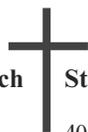
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Good Shepherd Parish mission | to call people to celebrate the life of Christ through Roman Catholic liturgy, education and acts of social justice throughout our diverse communities, fostering unity and making the Body of Christ visible to all.

**Most Holy Trinity Church
Parish Office**
271 Main St.
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St. Margaret Church
6 Saco Ave.
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St. Philip Church
404 Goodwins Mills Rd.
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St. Brendan Chapel
40 Lester B. Orcutt Blvd.
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**St. Joseph Church
St. Anne Chapel**
178 Elm St.
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Series | Saints of the 20th Century, Frontline Heroes of the Faith

Blessed Vicente Vilar David

By Fr. Brad Morin

The youngest of eight children, Blessed Vicente was born to a ceramics manufacturer and his wife on June 28, 1889, in Valencia, Spain. His parents were devoted to their Catholic faith and their children received a good Christian education. After attending a school run by the Piarist Fathers, Blessed Vicente enrolled at a technical school and earned an industrial engineer's degree.

At the aged of 33, Blessed Vicente married a young woman named Isabel (died 1993) and the two lived a model Christian life together. Blessed Vicente became involved in his Parish, helping the Priests however he could. He spread fundamental Christian morals among his fellow colleagues and was known for his deep commitment to charitable works in the name of the poor. He served as an industrial engineer in his own ceramics farm that he had inherited and oversaw, with three of his brothers, after the premature death of their parents. David also held several important municipal positions where he put the social teachings of the faith into full practice and was renowned for his deep commitment to fundamental values and traditional principles. Youth organizations were also a forum for his work, as well as a range of parish activities.

He also took over the management of his father's ceramics factory.

His workers saw him, not only as their boss but also as a caring father. He was concerned that they would be treated with the justice and dignity to which all workers have a right.

In the summer of 1936, the Spanish Civil War was at its peak in Valencia. The persecution of Catholics and of the Church by the governing regime was also very intense. Blessed Vicente, who had been teaching at a ceramics trade school, was fired because of his Catholic beliefs. He bravely continued to encourage other Catholics and to give the Priests whatever support and help he could by protecting their whereabouts and hiding them in his home.

On February 14, 1937, he was called to appear before a tribunal and commanded to stop his activities on behalf of the Catholic Church. Blessed Vicente replied that being a Catholic was his greatest calling and he would not give up, even if it meant death. He was immediately sentenced to be executed. He was permitted to see his wife and encouraged her with words of faith and conviction. He publicly forgave his persecutors and enemies. As he was being taken away on the morning of February 14, 1937, his wife called out to him and said, "See you tomorrow." Vicente replied, "Until tomorrow or in heaven!" Minutes later he was shot to death, on the very same day he was arrested.

The ceramics factory workers were outraged. In protest at Blessed Vicente's execution, they went on strike for three days. They told the socialist officials who tried to prevent their strike, "You have robbed us of our employer and our father. Because he was prudent, kind and concerned for our working conditions, we not only respected him, we loved him."

Blessed Vicente was Beatified on October 1, 1995 by St Pope John Paul II. His death by violent hands was recognized as a true Martyrdom for the faith.

Our faith applies to every aspect of our lives. In our family and social life, our time at school, our time spent working, we are called to put into practice the values that Jesus taught in the Gospel.



LET US PRAY

Rest in Peace | Barbara Ellis (born 1956)
Alice Paquette (born 1929) | Roy Theriault (born 1950)
Marcel Valliere (born 1937)

The Sanctuary Lamps are burning this week at Most Holy Trinity, St. Joseph, and St. Margaret | *In memory of Roger, Alice & Kathryn Casavant, Jackie Roberge, and Murielle Martin.*

Livestream Prayer Opportunities | The parish continues to livestream the 4pm mass at Most Holy Trinity on Saturday evenings and makes that mass available afterwards for viewing on the parish website,
www.goodshepherdparish.us/livestreamedmasses.

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests | March, April 2021

- 28. Rev. James L. Nadeau, Rev. Joseph R. McKenna
- 29. All Priests
- 30. Rev. Andrew Bisson OFM, Rev. Jacob C. George
- 31. Rev. Aurelijus Gričius OFM, Msgr. Charles M. Murphy
- 1. Rev. Constanzo Piselli, Rev. Antony Pichai Muthu HGN
- 2. Rev. Roland P. Nadeau, Rev. Dominic Savio HGN
- 3. Rev. Amandus B. Sway AJ, Rev. Eugene J. Gaffey

Clergy

Fr. Timothy Nadeau, Pastor | Rev. Brad Morin,
Parochial Vicar | Rev. Dominic Tumusiime, AJ, Parochial Vicar
Deacons Robert Parenteau | Kevin Jacques | Rick Huot



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 11

Join us on Divine Mercy Sunday at 3pm,
Most Holy Trinity Church for a Holy Hour and Service.

Confessions will be available beginning at 2:30pm.

Saint of the Week | Become aware of God, in whose presence you are while you pray . . . Then take a formula of prayer and recite it with perfect attention both to the words you are saying and to the Person to whom you are saying them. - *St John Climacus (579-649), Author of Ladder of Divine Ascent, Feast Day March 30*

COLLECTIONS

Special Collection Next Weekend | Clergy health and pension, and emergency needs. Please support our Clergy Health and Pension programs that provide for the needs of our Diocesan priests and also defray the cost of unexpected diocesan needs.

Special Collection Good Friday | This Special National Collection supports the Catholic Church in the Holy Land.

Easter Sunday | Easter Sunday is the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind. The greatest Feast of the Christian calendar.

PARISH LITURGIES | MASS INTENTIONS

INDOOR CAPACITIES RAISED TO 50%

Beginning Friday, March 26, Governor Mills has increased the capacity for churches to 50%. After reviewing all churches in Good Shepherd Parish taking into account social distancing, we are able to seat the following:

- Most Holy Trinity – 175
St. Joseph – 225
St. Margaret – 160
St. Philip – 60

Registration is required for weekend and Holy weekday Masses.

Weekend Mass registration is required. You can register online through our website, https://goodshepherdparish.us/register-for-mass, or call 282-4812 and a member of our staff will help you. Weekday Mass registration for St. Joseph is not required, except for Holy Days. Holy Day weekday Masses do require registration. Priests are honoring all Mass intentions previously scheduled. Mass intentions will be celebrated on the date indicated but not necessarily at the requested time and location. We will announce changes on our website. We need and appreciate your understanding during this unusual time.

Saturday, March 27

- 4:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestreamed): Vince Pribish
4:00 pm St. Margaret Mass: Conrad Picard
4:30 pm St Philip Mass: Raoul & Cecile Ferland

Sunday, March 28, | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Theresa Sparkowich
8:30 am St. Margaret Mass: Vivien C. (14th Ann.) & James J. Sullivan
9:00 am St. Philip Mass: For All People in Good Shepherd Parish
10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass: Raymond Hebert (20th Ann.)
11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Herbert R. Dale (6th Ann.)

Monday, March 29

- 6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: Adelar "Del" Huot

Tuesday, March 30

- 9:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Kenneth J. Murphy

Wednesday, March 31

- 6:00 pm St. Joseph Mass: Memorial Book Names

Holy Thursday, April 1: NO MORNING MASS

- 7:00 pm St. Joseph Mass (Livestreamed): Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Mary & Stephen Gilman / Claire Allie (1st Ann.) / M. G. Miller

Good Friday, April 2: NO MORNING MASS

- 7:00 pm St. Joseph (Livestreamed): The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday | Easter Vigil, April 3:

- 8:00 pm St. Joseph Mass (Livestreamed): David O. Reed / Anna Morissette / Florent Normandin

Sunday, April 4 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 8:00 am St. Joseph Mass: Mme. Jeanne Lambert Spénard
8:30 am St. Margaret Mass: Vivien C. & James J. Sullivan
8:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass: Paul E. Lambert
9:00 am St. Philip Mass: Gerard & Jeannine Courchane
10:30 am St. Margaret Mass: John Cushing
10:30 am Most Holy Trinity Mass (Livestream): Louise Sutton (9th Ann.)
11:00 am St. Joseph Mass: For All People in Good Shepherd Parish

NOTICES

SAFE footing | We are in the season when daytime temperatures can lead to melting of snow and ice, but sunset and overnight freezing can create hazardous conditions for the next morning. This is a real challenge for maintenance staff. We want everyone to avoid any undue risk. Please be careful and watch your step!

SHEPHERDS OF HOPE

Shepherds of Hope pledges | For parishioners who have not made a pledge, we need your help. Please pray about taking that step. There are cards at each church or the parish office to fill out or take home for prayerful consideration. Bring pledge to the office or mail to: Good Shepherd Parish, 271 Main St., Saco.

Note | Any checks, cash can be dropped in collection basket, inside a blank envelope and must have a name and ID number to receive credit. Check payments should be made out to: Good Shepherd Parish; "Shepherds Of Hope" in memo line.

Current totals | 783 household gifts | \$1,487,217 | 74% of goal Cash collected, available for projects as of Jan. 31 | \$782,979

Shepherds of Hope Pledge Payments | Please note that if you intend to use ACH or credit card for payment and/or installments on pledge, you must do so by signing into the parish's online giving service, WESHARE. Please do not include bank account information or credit card number on pledge card. Go to the parish website to sign up and make a payment or set up a recurring payment schedule. If you decide to use WESHARE, mark that on your pledge card so we handle the pledge properly.

We have created a link with the Shepherds of Hope logo at goodshepherdparish.us/. For assistance, call Amy Loring at 282-3321, ext. 105.

* ACH withdrawals from bank account: Fee is 10 cents per transaction plus 1%, calculated as follows: For example, a \$50 donation will include a 50-cent charge, plus 10 cents, for a total fee of 60 cents. The \$50 donation results in a net donation to the parish of \$49.40.

* Credit, Debit Card Transactions: Fee is 3.25%, calculated as follows: A \$50 donation will include a 3.25% transaction fee and amount to a charge of \$1.63. The \$50 donation results in a net donation to the parish of \$48.37.

Since the credit/debit card fees are more than double ACH fees, we prefer use of ACH. Please consider this when deciding your source of payment. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalms:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; (Phil 2:7)

Gospel:

They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. (Mk 15:17-19)

LENT

Rice Bowls | Due to COVID and the cancellation of Masses last year at this time, many of you may still have Rice Bowls from last year. You may continue to collect with last year's Rice Bowl as well. They are usually collected on Holy Thursday, April 1. You may also bring on Easter Sunday and place in the baskets marked "Rice Bowl Collection" at all churches or drop off at the main office: 271 Main St., Saco. If you prefer to make out a check for the amount



in your Rice Bowl, please make check payable to Good Shepherd Parish, and note "Rice Bowl" on the check. Thank you!

Lenten Opportunities for Healing | Instead of the normal Light is On for You Week that is normally done during Lent, we will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation on each Sunday of Lent indoors at two parish locations from 2-3pm. These will follow the same safety protocols that were done during Advent:

- Penitents waiting for confession are to stand 6 feet apart
- Penitents and confessor need to wear a face covering mask for the entire time
- Please sanitize your hands before entering the confessional
- Penitents will stand during confession with a screen between them and the confessor

March 28: St. Joseph
St. Margaret

Saturday Confessions in the St. Joseph's parking lot at 1pm will resume the Saturday after Easter (April 10).



The Stations of the Cross | Beginning Feb. 19, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday after the 9am Mass at St. Joseph Church and at 6pm at Most Holy Trinity Church. The Stations will also be prayed on Good Friday at 3pm at each of our worship sites. The Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb are a popular devotion in parishes during Lent. In the 16th century, this pathway was officially entitled the "Via Dolorosa" (Sorrowful Way) or simply Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross.

Children's Liturgy of the Word online video during Lent | Each Sunday during Lent we hope that you will join us for the Gospel Reading, THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD! You will hear the same Gospel reading at Mass, but we will read from the Children's Lectionary. We will read, discuss, and pray together so we can better understand how Jesus is talking to us and how much he loves us. There will be downloadable activities for the week that are not only FUN, but help us to better understand Jesus' Gospel message!

1st Sunday of Lent 2021



Watching each Sunday is a great way for us to grow closer to Jesus this Lent! Goodshepherdparish.us, Liturgy & Prayer, Children's Liturgy of the Word.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 28 | Palm Sunday

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example.

Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

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FAITH FORMATION

Marriage Preparation | Marriage is a beautiful gift from God and it gives us great joy to help couples prepare for a joy-filled marriage in the church. If you are engaged to be married, or are married civilly and wish to marry in the Catholic Church, please contact us to begin your preparations by calling Liz at 282-3321.

Baptism Preparation | Are you presently expecting a child or seeking Baptism for your infant? We rejoice with you who are preparing for the Baptism of your child! FMI, contact: Donna Caron at 207-282-3321 x113, donna.caron@portlanddiocese.org, or www.goodshepherdparish.us. Sacraments/Baptism Baptisms are scheduled after the preparation process is completed by the parents.

Becoming Catholic, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults | Are you or someone you know Experiencing God's call but not sure how to respond? Participating in Mass but have never completed Sacraments of Initiation? Interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith? We invite you to explore and learn more about the Catholic faith. FMI, call Donna Caron at 282-3321 x113.

Family Faith Formation Grades 1-5 Meets 2 Sundays a month at Most Holy Trinity Hall, 9-10am; Upcoming in-person sessions: April 11, April 25, May 2, May 16 Children attend grade level classes while parents participate in adult teaching and discussion. FMI: michelle.philbrick@portlanddiocese.org | 282-3321 x115

Year 2, Sacramental Prep Retreats | Held at St. Joseph Church and Hall.

Encountering Jesus – Forgiveness & Reconciliation: April 9, 6pm and April 10, 9am.
Encountering Jesus – Confirmation & Eucharist: April 29, 6pm and April 30, 6pm.

Junior High Formation/Ministry Grades 6-7-8 Meets Tuesdays at St. Joseph Hall, 6:30-8pm, April 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11.

EDGE program, including community building activities, hands on learning of Catholic tradition, small group discussions on issues and teachings, and prayer.

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High School Youth Ministry

Meets Sundays at Most Holy Trinity, 6-7:30pm, March 28. Journey to Emmaus program, social activities, discussion and application of Catholic traditions and teachings, and prayer FMI: emily.amann@portlanddiocese.org | 282-3321 x117

Nor'easter Catholic UNE

CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND Sundays 7-8:30 PM via Zoom for this semester. Join us for an evening of prayer & fellowship FMI: elliot.hachey@portlanddiocese.org for Zoom link.

MISCELLANEOUS

“Compassion: The Gift of God’s Healing Presence” | Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, Biddeford, April 23-25. Come away for a weekend to be quiet, to be loved, to be healed, and to bask in the intimate presence of a gentle, understanding, non-judgmental, nourishing, and life-giving God. The retreat is \$250 for those staying the weekend and \$130 for commuters. FMI or to register, visit www.mariejosephspiritual.org or call 284-5671.

“Seeking God in All Things” | Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, Biddeford, April 9-11. Presented by Beverly Fournier, MA, M.Div., MTS. This quiet and reflective weekend is an opportunity to experience different ways of opening our contemplative hearts so that we can encounter God’s loving presence in all things. Join us as we awaken our contemplative spirits through Lectio Divina, centering prayer, quiet reflection, and song. The cost is \$250 to stay for the weekend, and \$130 for those who will commute. FMI or to register, visit www.mariejosephspiritual.org or call 284-5671.

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Easter Triduum Retreat | Father Daniel Renaud, OMI, will lead an Easter Triduum Retreat April 1-4 at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Cen-

Parish Donations |

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To receive envelopes, please contact the parish office. THANK YOU ALL in advance for your cooperation and generosity

ter in Biddeford. Father Renaud will share the recorded encounters of saints, mystics, and the Church Fathers to deepen retreatants’ understanding and awaken their religious imagination, drawing them ever more deeply in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This retreat begins with dinner on Holy Thursday and concludes with brunch on Easter Sunday. FMI, or to register, visit www.mariejosephspiritual.org or call 284-5671.

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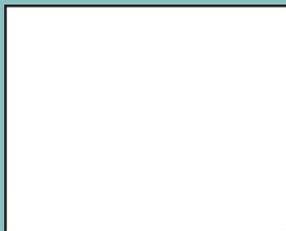


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