



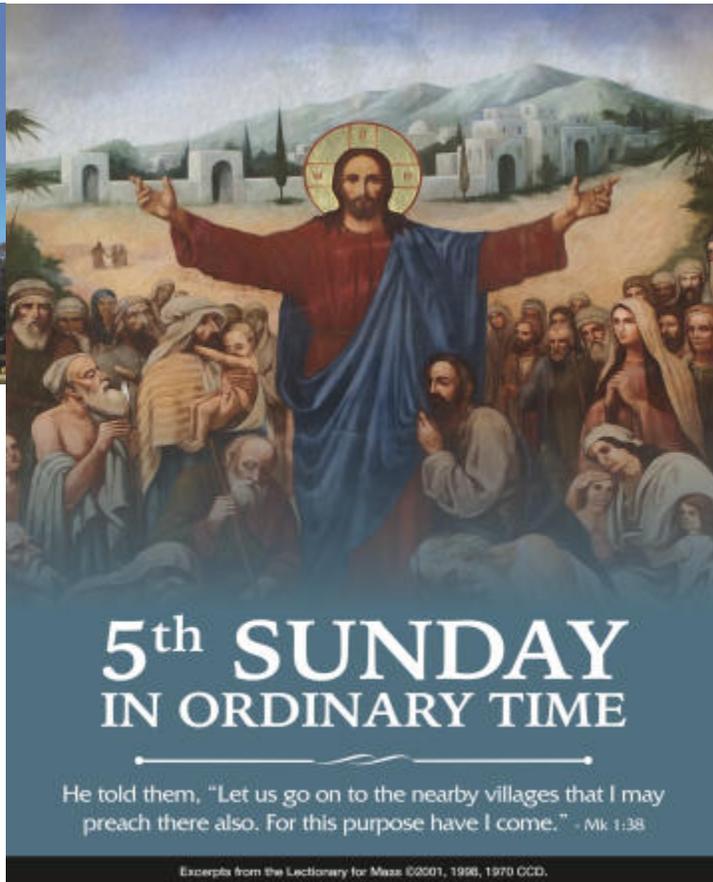
St. Patrick's Parish

82 High Street
Wareham

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil, 4pm
Sunday 8am, 10am, & 12pm
(10am live streamed)

Reconciliation Saturday 8:30-9am in the Parish Hall or by appointment



St. Anthony Chapel

35 Gault Road
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Mass Time

Sunday 9am

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Daily Mass Times

St. Patrick's
Daily Mass Monday—Saturday 8am

Mass Scheduling—Currently we are booking masses up to three months in advance. The mass stipend is \$10, preferably due at the time of scheduling your mass. The mass book is now open through May. Please consider having your loved one remembered at St. Patrick's.

Call the Rectory, 508-295-2411, if you have homebound parishioners who would like to receive the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick. **UNDER CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS, We are limited to visits to nursing homes, Tobey Hospital, and parishioner homes unless it is to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. We will continue to say prayers for those we cannot visit.**



Eucharistic Adoration—Eucharistic Adoration is a powerful means of asking our Lord's intercession. Have absolute confidence and trust in the power of His love to bring peace to all. Adoration is **7 days a week, 24 hours a day!** Adoration is in the Prayer Chapel in the basement of the Parish Hall.

Healing Service—Every First Thursday at 6:30pm in the Church.

Are You Registered?—If you do not receive mailings from the parish, it means you are not registered. If you are new, we welcome you! Please stop by the parish office to fill out a registration form! If you have moved, married, or made changes, please notify us so we can make the appropriate changes.

Address Changes—If you have moved or changed your address or phone number for any reason, please notify the Parish Office so our records are updated.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)—Are you an adult looking to become a Roman Catholic? Or wish to complete your sacraments of initiation? We are happy to accompany you along this faith journey. Please contact Deacon David in the Faith Formation Office at 508-295-0780 or email davidmurphy@stpatrickswareham.org for more information.

Marriage—If you are interested in the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the Parish Office and speak to Fr. Antonio at least six months prior to the wedding.

Baptism—please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are held during masses on the third weekend of each month or privately. Any child 7 or older cannot be baptized in the same manner as a baby. This must be addressed at your meeting. Currently due to Covid 19, all baptisms are held outside of mass.

Divorced Ministry—Divorced Support Group meets the third Sunday of every month at 4pm in the Parish Hall.

Mass Intentions

ST. PATRICK: Week of February 7

SAT 4pm Margaret and Oscar Conte
SUN 8am For the People of Our Parish
10am Sonia and Ed Strawn
12pm William Flaherty
MON 8am For the Intentions of Jeanne Chami
TUE 8am Ashley Filkins
WED 8am St. Jude
THU 8am John DeGrenier, Sr.
FRI 8am Avelino "Lovie" Silva
SAT 8am Rene and Lorraine Beauregard

NEXT WEEKEND: Week of February 14

SAT 4pm Robert Anderson
SUN 8am Evelyn Marani and Stefania L'Homme
10am Anibal and Dina Cosquete and Family
12pm Russell Bradbury

ST. ANTHONY: Week of February 7

SUN 9am Anthony P. Hathaway
NEXT WEEKEND: Week of February 14
SUN 9am For the People of Our Parish

Gospel Reflection
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 7, 2021

Many people compare their everyday lives to running on a treadmill. They are always busy, always on the go, but never getting anywhere. Such people find themselves getting up in the morning, working, taking care of their children, putting supper together, and then going to bed only to start the cycle over again the next morning. Though coronavirus has slowed things down for most people, it has also increased the monotony of life for so many. There are times when we're not even sure what day of the week it is. All of it can cause us to question the meaning of our lives and wonder if all the activity is worth it.

In today's first reading, Job expresses some of the same sentiments. As he puts it, "Life on earth is a drudgery." Remember that Job, in a series of tragedies, lost his wife, his children, and all his possessions. In his grief, he couldn't find the strength to pick himself up from the ground. In a near state of shock, he compares his life to that of a slave or hireling who has no share in the profits of his work. These are sentiments we can very easily share, especially during these dark and cold winter days.

While Job poses the problem, Jesus provides the solution. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus has had a very long day. The people of Capernaum, hearing that he had the power to heal and cast out demons, were bringing the sick to him while he stayed at the house of Peter's mother-in-law. When everyone had finally left, Jesus slipped away by himself to a deserted place to pray. He needed time away from the crowds and the demands of the people to spend time alone with his father.

For Jesus, prayer was a source of strength. All the power to preach the good news, to heal and to cast out demons came from the time he spent praising and adoring his Father in secret. Like all of us, Jesus needed to step aside from his busy, demanding life to take stock of his Father's presence and love.

If we are going to live lives marked by peace and joy, prayer is vitally important to us. It will bring clarity to our minds when we are confused and calm to our spirits when we are anxious. Prayer is like an incubator cultivating faith, hope, and love within our spirit. Our lives are about much more than what we do day in and day out. Our lives are rather about who we are — children of God made in his image and likeness. Through prayer, we will see ourselves being renewed and transformed daily by God's presence and power. Our lives will be marked, not with monotony or drudgery, but with the joy and peace which come from the Holy Spirit.
Douglas Sousa

Stewardship Report

Fifth of Ordinary Time—Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

Sunday, January 31

Cash	\$ 1,263.00
Checks	\$ 1,329.00
Mail ins	<u>\$ 1,190.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,782.00



Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

Glorious Saint Joseph, Model of all those who are devoted to labor, Obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance
 For the expiation of my many sins;
 To work conscientiously, Putting the call of duty above my inclinations; To work with gratitude and joy,
 Considering it an honor to employ and develop,
 By means of labor, the gifts received from God;
 To work with order, peace, moderation, and patience,
 Without ever recoiling before weariness or difficulties;
 To work, above all, with purity of intention, And with detachment from self, Having always death before my eyes
 And the account which I must render of time lost,
 Of talents wasted, of good omitted, Of vain complacency in success, So fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after your example, O Patriarch Joseph.
 Such shall be my watchword in life and in death. Amen.

Mass Guidelines—There are several limitations in place: masks must be worn and there is social distancing in place. Communion will only be given in the hand, gloves removed. A limited amount of people will be allowed in the church to allow for social distancing. If you are not comfortable coming to mass in the church, please stay home. There is a dispensation in place where you are not obligated to attend. The church will be open 20 minutes prior to mass beginning. Please enter by the **front doors** and **exit on the sides**.

Receiving Communion—Please remember that when receiving Communion come to the center aisle **ONLY** making one single line. Keep your mask on until close to the priest or deacon. The priest will be distributing communion at the Altar (Sanctuary section) and the Deacon by the baptismal font. Do not try to come to communion by the side aisles! After you have received, return to your pew by the side aisles. Mass will continue as normal. To be safe, remember (1)keep your mask on, (2)keep safe distance, (3)avoid crowds and (4)wash hands frequently.

Parish Collection—Collection baskets will remain on the altar and front door. We appreciate your generosity and ask you to place your donation into the basket before you leave the Church. In these difficult economic times, no gift is too small and every gift is sincerely appreciated. Please accept our humble gratitude.

Covid Social Distancing Guidelines—Please remember both before mass, and especially after mass, to not gather by the doors of the church so people can get by—for both inside the church and outside. Also, please do not stand on the altar and talk. Masks should be worn and we need to remember that we **MUST** social distance so our beautiful church does not have to close due to spikes of Corona Virus.

Online Bereavement Support—Due to Covid 19, live sessions are not allowed. Currently online sessions are offered on Tuesdays, either at 4:30 or 7pm. 4:30pm register in advance for this meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451220000>; 7pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451220000>. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing info to join the meeting. One-on-one sessions can be arranged at 508-678-2828 or 508-642-0583 or rsaraiva@dfrcs.org or rosemarysaraiva@gmail.com.

Covid Restrictions—Please remember to sign in at the entrance when you attend mass. Sign up is for contact tracing in the event someone is positive for Coronavirus. Write your first and last name and phone number and write as clearly as you can. Also, Please **enter via the front doors of the church only**. The only exception to this would be if you need to use the handicap entrance. Please be considerate to all others attending masses! After mass, please exit via the side doors and go directly to your car. Do not stay in the church or near the outside exits and talk making it difficult for people to exit or follow social distancing.

Ash Wednesday, February 17—Masses will be held at 8am, 12:05pm, and 7pm. More information will follow as it gets closer. However, due to Covid, ashes cannot be placed on the forehead of each person. This year ashes will be **sprinkled** onto each forehead as the person comes forward. Masks are to be worn at all times.

Assessment Collection—Continues on the fourth Sunday of each month. **February 28** is our next collection for the Assessment. Please be as generous as your circumstances allow. Thank you for sharing your treasure.

Sanctuary Lamp—If you would like to have the Sanctuary Candle lit in someone's memory, please contact the parish office. The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of Sonia Strawn.

Live-Streamed Mass—Every Sunday our 10am mass will be live streamed on our Facebook site and on YouTube. To access YouTube, follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAGbkRTUAYKJHuZd2AJUfsw> or Search St. Patrick's Wareham Mass and click at logo of St. Patrick Church.

Christmas Flower Memorials—Russell Bradbury

Adult Confirmation—Online sessions for those wishing to be confirmed 18 years of age and older begin February 18. A registration fee of \$45 will be payable to the Office of Faith Formation. These sessions are run by the Diocese. All interested should meet with their pastor prior to registering. More information will be provided if you are interested and have registered. Please contact the Parish Office at 508-295-2411.



Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!—To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences.

Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." There are many things to be anxious about in these days. Let us learn to calm our anxieties in our life by learning how to communicate better on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next virtual Experiences are February 12-14, 2 in East Hartford, CT, and February 22-March 15, in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us "no!" This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life—dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just "re-collect" ourselves. If some worry or concern just won't leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won't come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds.



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