



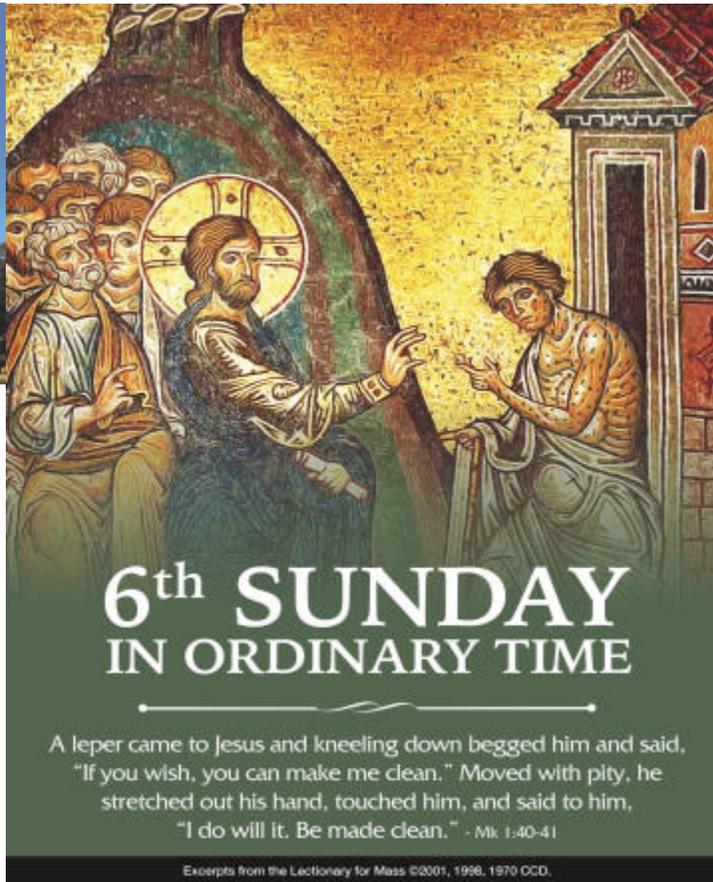
St. Patrick's Parish

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.

ST. PATRICK: Week of February 14

SAT 4pm Robert Anderson
SUN 8am Evelyn Marani and Stefania L'Homme
10am Anibal and Dina Cosquete
12pm Russell Bradbury
MON 8am Elaine Butterworth
TUE 8am Avelino Silva

WED 8am
12:05pm Jean Giannelli
7pm

THU 8am Teresa Kelly
FRI 8am Antonio and Maria Carreiro
SAT 8am Angie Tullio

NEXT WEEKEND: Week of February 21

SAT 4pm Brian Powilatis
SUN 8am For the People of Our Parish
10am Daniel Maglio
12pm Alva Motto

ST. ANTHONY: Week of February 14

SUN 9am For the People of Our Parish

NEXT WEEKEND: Week of February 21

SUN 9am Jean and Jerry Gifford

Stewardship Report

Sixth of Ordinary Time—In today's second reading St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of god." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

Sunday, February 7

Cash	\$ 1,181.00
Checks	\$ 2,350.00
Mail ins	\$ 1,913.00
Total	\$ 5,444.00

Prayer

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep.
 Tend Your sick ones, loving Lord. Rest Your weary ones.
 Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones.
 Shield Your joyous ones.
 Give strength and vigilant awareness for all Your care givers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

On the Sundays of Ordinary Time, the first reading and the Gospel proclaimed at Mass form a unit of readings, with one serving to enrich our understanding of the other. Sometimes, the connection isn't especially obvious. On other Sundays, such as the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we can see a much clearer conversation between these texts. Not only is the connection fairly obvious, the first reading from Leviticus provides the cultural and religious context that are essential in understanding the story we hear from Mark's Gospel.

The Book of Leviticus can be understood as a collection of laws touching on nearly every aspect of life that is grounded in an effort to maintain Jewish cultural and religious values. As biblical scholar J. Edward Owens, O.Ss.T., observes, Leviticus helped do this through "its preservation of liturgical, social, and other prescriptions that acknowledge God's holiness and seek to inculcate such holiness in the people," (from *Leviticus, volume 4 of the New Collegeville Bible Commentary*). Part of the way Leviticus does this is by setting the boundaries of what it means to be "clean" and "unclean." This is important because what is at stake here is not just what it means to be holy and righteous before God, but it also speaks about the quality of our relationships with our families and communities.

Chapter 13 of Leviticus (where our first reading is found) is completely devoted to diseases of the skin, none of which can be associated directly with leprosy (Hansen's disease). According to Leviticus, skin diseases, as well as scars and burns, render persons unclean. What is at stake here is the question of contagion and the health of the community. We should notice that there is no association between having a skin disease and being a sinner. Because of their condition, however, the sick person was ostracized from the community. As Owens observes, "On the one hand, no one wanted to contract the disease by proximity or touching. On the other hand, drawing the afflicted person back into the community was a value. Probably victims of skin disease were more pitied than judged." As a result of all this, lepers, and those with other diseases of the skin became outsiders, surviving at the furthest margins of the community.

As we turn to the Gospel and the story of Jesus healing a leper, this sense of being marginalized should help guide our reading of this passage. For the sick man to approach Jesus was a courageous act. Remember, by law he was expected to maintain a specified distance from those who were judged to be clean or healthy. There is more at stake here than physical health. This Gospel passage certainly speaks to Jesus' power to heal, but the deeper meaning that Mark is trying to communicate is that Jesus has the power to restore relationships as he invites everyone — the rich and poor, the healthy and the sick, the sinner and the saint — into the Kingdom.

When he hears the sick man's request, "If you wish, you can make me clean," Jesus has a deep emotional response. The verb used here is *splanchnizomai*, which literally means to be moved in "the intestines." To say it another way, Jesus has a "gut reaction" to the man's appeal. Instead of turning away from the man, Jesus reaches out to him, touches him, and heals him: "I do will it. Be made clean."

Through his encounter with Jesus, the man is not only restored to health, but he is, in a sense, brought back to life by being able to return to the life of the community and to the practice of his ancestral faith. The end of our passage tells that the man publicly professed what God had done for him through Jesus. This is certainly an invitation for us to reflect on how we express our gratitude for the healing and forgiveness we have experienced in our own lives. *Bro. Silas Henderson, SDS*

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@drcs.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. 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. **Lenten Guidelines:**

Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and every Friday of Lent. Every person between the ages of 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of one full meal per day, with two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal, and no snacks.

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 Brian Powilatis.

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.



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/>.

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Does your marriage give glory to God? Learn how to let your Sacrament shine on an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend February 22-March 15 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY, and March 19-21, in HAWTHORNE, NJ.



The parish offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, to celebrate Presidents Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 16, at 8am. Please plan accordingly.

Lenten Symbols—Ashes hint at an ancient ritual—covering oneself with ashes in penitence. Receiving the cross shaped "smudge" reminds us that we are dust and is a public statement of repentance. Usually the ashes are from the previous year's Palm Sunday branches, illustrating the circle of the Church Year. The 40 days parallel the 50 days which Jesus spent in fasting and prayer in the desert.

Lenten Disciplines

Fasting: Expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this we are freed to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

Almsgiving: Provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of Christ's love.

Prayer: Changes our relationship to God. Through prayer, we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.



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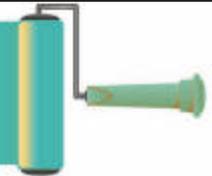
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