

## 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*

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**Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8am-4pm, closed 12-1pm**

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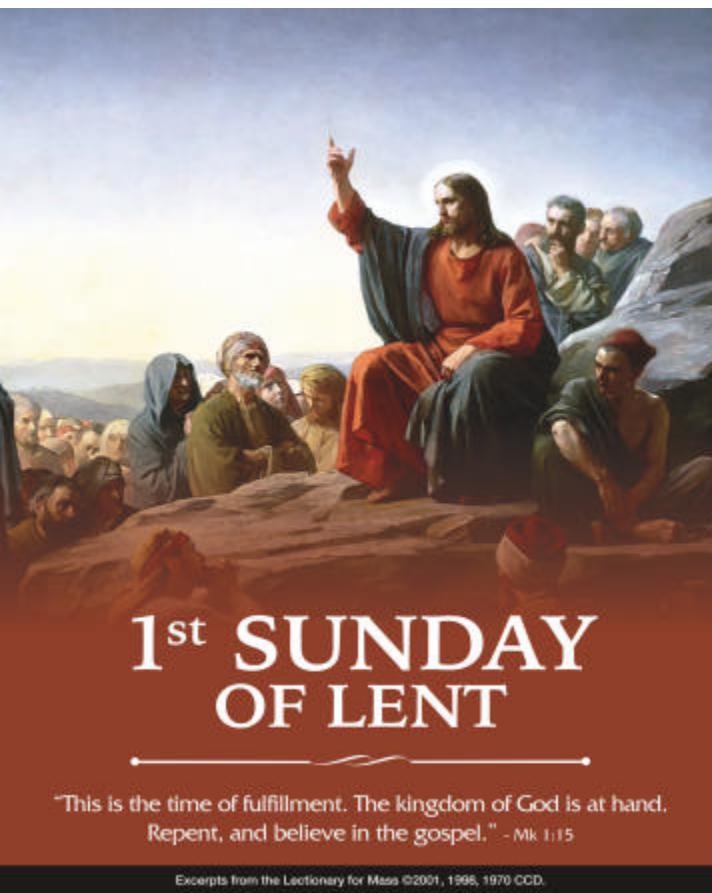
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### Daily Mass Times

**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.



## St. Anthony Chapel

**35 Gault Road  
W. Wareham**

*Mass Time*

*Sunday 9am*

 **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.

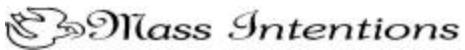
**Address Changes**—If you have moved or changed your address or phone number for any reason, please notify the Parish Office so our records are updated.

**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](mailto: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 21**

SAT 4pm	Brian Powilatis
SUN 8am	For the People of Our Parish
12pm	Daniel Maglio
MON 8am	Alva Motto
TUE 8am	Claire Tolan
WED 8am	Alice Poole
THU 8am	St. Jude
FRI 8am	Julio A. Folchi
6:30pm	
SAT 8am	For All Souls in Purgatory
<b>NEXT WEEKEND: Week of February 28</b>	
SAT 4pm	Jane and Daniel Donahue
SUN 8am	For the People of Our Parish
10am	Avelino Silva
12pm	Leonardo Migliore
<b>ST. ANTHONY: Week of February 214</b>	
SUN 9am	Jean and Jerry Gifford
<b>NEXT WEEKEND: Week of February 28</b>	
SUN 9am	Gert Sullivan

**Stewardship Report**

**First Sunday of Lent**—The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources—their selves—at God's service in and through the Church."

**Sunday, February 14**

Cash	\$ 1,367.00
Checks	\$ 2,207.00
Mail ins	<u>\$ 1,805.00</u>
Total	<b>\$ 5,379.00</b>

**Prayer**

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and that I think I am following your will does not mean I am actually doing so.

But I believe the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all I am doing.

I hope I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

**Readings for the week of February 21, 2021**

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**Gospel Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent  
February 21, 2021**

Deserts are difficult places in which to survive. The conditions found in a desert are quite unlike what most of us know as normal. But the desert has always been seen as a place of spiritual enlightenment, where human beings have profound awakenings and encounters with the Divine. Rich wisdom from the experiences of our desert fathers and mothers are at the foundation of our Christian spiritual tradition.

Lent invites us into the desert. As the Spirit drove Jesus into the desert, so that same Spirit drives us into that same place of peace filled scarcity. We live a simpler, more reflective life for 40 days hoping to confront some of the demons that bind us to our weakness and imperfections. They weigh us down with their burdens and make life much heavier than it really needs to be. Freely choosing to limit our distractions, obsessions, illusions, dependencies, securities, and familiarities for 40 days opens the door to greater self-awareness and freedom. Preparing a suitable desert place requires some brutal honesty with ourselves and a willingness and desire to grow and change.

It's easy to give up something for a time, but without some real soul searching, reflection, and prayer what really changes at the end of these 40 days? We learn little if we simply resume like before. The success of our Lenten desert journey will come to light when we acknowledge that God is making good on his promises without reservation. If we do not believe that God is real and actively involved with us on a personal level, then Lent will have little value. God's covenant has to mean something to us.

The desert brings us to courage and strength. It is easy to become apathetic amid the world's uncertainties and struggles. The flame of God's presence can lead us from the land of "why bother" to the land of hope and surprises. The desert teaches us what really matters, lessons like those we have learned during this time of pandemic. We begin to rely more on the inner strength that comes from God rather than the minimal and passing comfort provided by created things. Transformed by the desert winds and challenges, we can become more credible witnesses not of what the world can do for us, but what God can do and is doing!

Getting to this point requires that we deal with an extremely important question. Are we willing to repent of any behaviors, attitudes, ideologies, agendas, or short-sighted opinions that directly oppose God's Will? Jean-Pierre de Caussade in "The Joy of Full Surrender," says that, "Nothing is essential, real, or of any value unless it is ordained by God, who adapts all things and makes them suitable to the soul. Aside from God's will, everything is hollow, empty, and vacant: there is nothing but falsehood, vanity, nothingness, shallowness, the letter of the law, death. The will of God is the salvation, health, and life of both body and soul, no matter what may be its ways of reaching us...It is the will of God, given in and through these things, that effectively works to renew the image of Jesus Christ deep within our hearts...God's will is everything that is good and true in all things."

Repenting of the falsehoods and empty pursuits will produce within us the fruit of a holy Lent. The god of the world comes with many falsehoods, distractions, hollow promises, and things that compromise humanity. We need to separate from all that and discover the truth. Jesus came out of the desert proclaiming the Gospel. How will we come out of our desert experience? What may change? What is known for certain is that God has not abandoned us or given up on all that he made. God always starts new and fresh and desires nothing more than for us to love him. There is no better way to show that love than to choose the real God over the false one. God is paving the way for a new plan for humanity. Making that vision real will require that we become less of an image of ourselves and more of an image of Christ. Having met God in the desert, his presence will throb within us and our presence will reflect the glorious light of Christ! Let us pray for a holy Lent. Our world is depending upon it as is God. *Fr. Mark Suslenko*

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Virtual Men's and Women's Conference**—"A Father's Healing Touch", Saturday, March 20, 1-5pm. Featuring Vallimar Jansen, Q&A with Bishop da Cunha, Presentations, Music, and Prayer. Ends with Mass with Bishop da Cunha at 4pm.

**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.



**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.

 **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://wwmema.org/>.

As we journey during this Lenten Season, let us take time to reflect on our marriage. What can we do to make our marriage even better? Learn how on an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 8-29 or June 3-24.

#### **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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be every Friday in the Church. There will be a Mass at 6:30pm and after the Mass the Station of the cross will follow. During the Stations of Cross everyone should keep their own place in the Church and not move around like in prior years.

**BIBLE CLASS DURING LENT**—will be live streamed every Tuesday from 6pm-7pm. Fr. Rowland and Deacon David will be the moderators of this wonderful opportunity to learn the Word of God and to prepare oneself spiritually for this great season and for life.

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND**—Every Friday we will be available to bring communion during lent to those home bound. If you would like to receive Jesus just call the office and notify us with your name and address and your willingness to embrace Jesus in the Eucharist.

**CONFIRMATION IN OUR PARISH**—The date for the Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish is **Thursday, April 29, at 7pm**. Please those families who have young adults for Confirmation mark your calendars. Bishop Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V. will be the celebrant.

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