



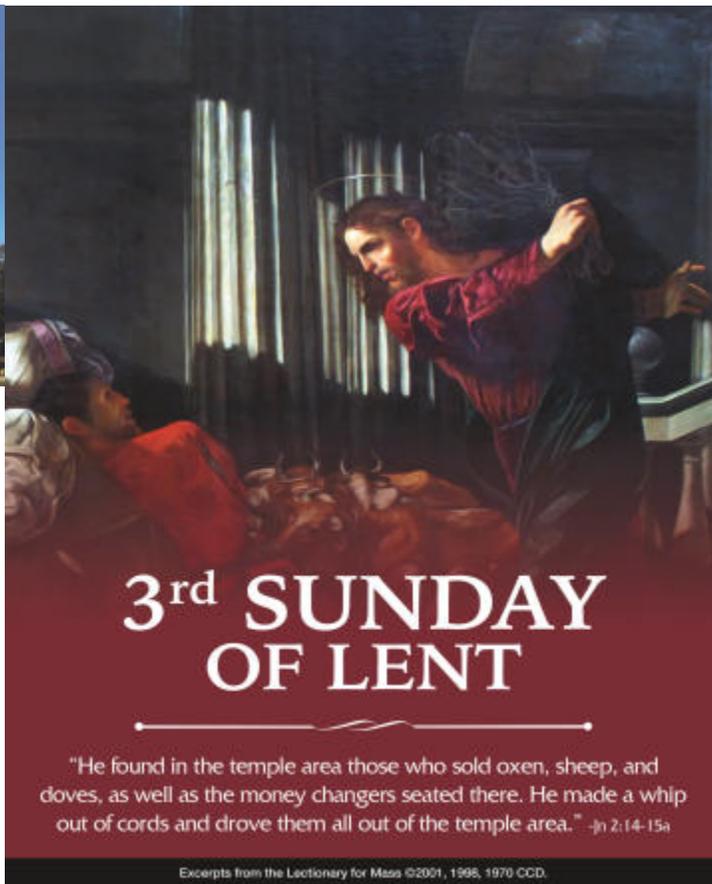
St. Patrick's Parish

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 June. 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 March 7

SAT 4pm Robert Anderson
SUN 8am For the People of Our Parish
 10am Tom Gleason
 12pm Alva Motto

MON 8am St. Jude

TUE 8am

WED 8am

THU 8am St. Jude

FRI 8am Rachel J. Folchi

6:30pm Joan Powilatis

SAT 8am All Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND: Week of March 14

SAT 4pm Virginia Enos

SUN 8am For the People of Our Parish

10am Anibal and Dina Cosquete and Family

12pm Joseph DeGrenier Vasconcelos

ST. ANTHONY: Week of March 7

SUN 9am For the Intentions of Charles Santos and Fr. Bill Campbell

NEXT WEEKEND: Week of March 14

SUN 9am Charlie Barros

Stewardship Report

Third Sunday of Lent—"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help is be less resentful of the gifts of others.

Sunday, February 28

Cash	\$ 1,379.00
Checks	\$ 1,626.00
Mail ins	\$ 1,931.00
Total	\$ 4,936.00

Prayer

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
 Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
 Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, strengthen me,
 O Holy Spirit,
 to defend all that is holy.
 Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
 that I always may be holy. Amen.

-St. Augustine

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt4:1,5-9/Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent

Freedom in God's Commands

March 7, 2021

I was recently talking with my kids about why we choose as a family to eat mostly health foods and avoid more unhealthy junk foods when possible. It was a basic talk on cause and effect. When we eat junk food, we start to feel bad because our bodies need veggies and protein to grow big and strong. Something that came up was the concept of free will and human beings' ability to choose freely for themselves which path they will take. This led the conversation to the reality that while everyone is free to choose, one cannot choose the consequences of those choices. I am free to choose to run on ice, but the nature of ice and the laws of gravity will eventually catch up to me. I am free to touch a fire, but I am not free to choose whether it burns or not.

This concept seems fairly straightforward, yet in today's culture there is a skewed sense of freedom. We forget we are a redeemed people, rescued from the grips of death by a God who has literally chased us down to bring us back to him. This skewed sense of freedom leads to so many misunderstandings about the Ten Commandments. Are they just arbitrary rules from ancient times meant to make us feel bad? Are they still applicable today? Couldn't we bend them to speak to modern man? But in the readings today, if we read closely, we see a different message; a message of a Father who is madly in love with his children. By following God's commands, we experience the true freedom of children being cared for by their Father.

The first reading begins not with an admonition, but with a reminder of love: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery." Before the Commandments are given, God reminds His people that He is a God that is on their side. They were once living in oppression as slaves, but it was God who brought them freedom. It's important to read the following verses in this context. God doesn't set out a long list of rules to control or harm His people, rather after bringing them freedom He shows them the way to stay within the boundaries of that freedom. The Ten Commandments are a love story of a God who wants to do everything possible to bring His people back to Him. He knows the weakness of humanity, and He guides us as a loving Father to the ways that will make us more human, the ways to live a morally upright life.

St. Paul describes this in the second reading when he says that "the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom." It doesn't make sense to our minds to accept boundaries as the road to freedom. Modern man seeks to fill the expanses of his heart by exposing himself to as much in this world as possible without realizing the things that lead him to sin shrink and narrow the heart. But even using a car to reach a far-off destination requires boundaries like the proper fuel and taking paved roads. Our hearts are made to image God. Freedom is only free if it makes us more like Christ.

In the Gospel Jesus teaches us the path to this freedom: through authentic worship at the new temple, his Body. As Fr. Jacques Philippe says in his book *Fire and Light*, "the Eucharist makes clear the degree of intimacy which God wants to draw us. In the Eucharist, the mad dream of all lovers is realized." Jesus stops the money changers not because he is losing control, but because the boundaries of his love free our hearts. Authentic worship and prayer are what will free us, not using our churches as places for commerce.

In this culture of faux freedoms, God is calling us back to Himself. We are free to choose to follow Him or not, but we are not free to choose the consequence of that choice. Only in choosing to follow Christ do our hearts find the answer to our deepest longings. As St. Augustine so famously said in his *Confessions*, "our hearts are restless until they rest in You." *Angie Windnagle*

Mass Guidelines—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. Communion will be distributed at the Altar (Sanctuary section) 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.

St. Patrick's Day—The Knights of Columbus Fr. Grogan Council will be hosting a take-out corn beef and cabbage dinner to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 20, available for pick up after the 4 PM Mass. Please watch the next bulletin for more details.

Assessment Collection—Continues on the fourth Sunday of each month. **March 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 Antonio Chase.



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. 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/>.

"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me." Do we have zeal to honor God through our marriage? The next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are Friday-Sunday March 19-21 and Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29.

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. The link will be posted on the parish website as well as facebook.

COMMUNION TO THOSE WHO HAVEN'T RETURNED BACK TO CHURCH YET—Every Friday we will be available to bring communion during lent to those who have not returned back to church yet. This is not our normal homebound. If you would like to receive Jesus, 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.

Secular Franciscans—There will be a Franciscan meeting on Monday, March 8, at 6:00pm in the parish hall. All are welcome. Social distancing and mask wearing will be followed.

Confessions—During Lent, Confessions will be held from 8:30-9am and 3-3:30pm on Saturdays in the Parish Hall. Please do not miss the opportunity to receive the sacrament before Easter.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—Jesus promised St. Faustina that on Divine Mercy Sunday "*The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.*" Please join us Sunday, April 11, at 1:30pm, for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of The Chaplet of Mercy. Come to celebrate God's Mercy and forgiveness. For more information call 505-295-2411. Deacon David Murphy will be the coordinator. After the celebration we will have a light outdoor reception.



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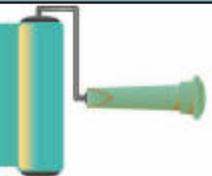
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