



St. Patrick's Parish

82 High Street
Wareham

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil, 4pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, & 12pm

(10am live streamed on FB or

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAgbkRTUAYKJHuZd2AJUfsw>

Reconciliation Saturday 3-3:30pm
or by appointment



3RD SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor." — Lk 4:18

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St. Anthony Chapel

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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 April.

Call the Rectory, 508-295-2411, if you have homebound parishioners who would like to receive the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Divine Mercy—Every First Sunday of the month at 1:30pm in the Church.

Confessions—Saturday 3-3:30pm. Please be on time since we also will be preparing for mass. Please continue to wear your mask in the confessional.



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.

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. Contact the Parish Office at 508-295-2411 to schedule.**

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

Mass Intentions

ST. PATRICK: Week of January 23

SAT 4pm
SUN 8am Joan VanderStaay
10am Ruby Zine
12pm For the People of Our Parish
MON 8am
TUE 8am Cecile St. Pierre
WED 8am
THU 8am For the Intentions of the Ayala & Acosta Family
FRI 8am Elaine Butterworth
SAT 8am

NEXT WEEKEND: Week of January 30

SAT 4pm John Sanford
SUN 8am John and Joan Skelly
10am Ruby Zine
12pm Robert Russo

ST. ANTHONY: Week of January 23

SUN 9am Joyce Mello
NEXT WEEKEND: Week of January 30
SUN 9am For the People of Our Parish

Stewardship Report

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time—The US bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from I Corinthians:

"Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and wellbeing are the responsibility of the members—the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."!

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Cash	\$ 1,640.00
Checks	\$ 2,558.00
Mail ins	\$ 777.00
Total	\$ 4,975.00



Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Ps 89:20,21-22,25-26/Mk3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc,2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/ Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 5ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

**Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
 January 23, 2022**

Jesus came into this world to show us God's kind, beautiful, suffering face. God, who cares deeply about the poor, the captives, the blind, and oppressed is truly a servant-God. God, majestic in His transcendence is also tender in His immanence. God is the God of the journey who never leaves His people. God simply waits. As we continue to stumble over the "gods" we create and often prefer, God simply reminds us that He is here.

Jesus is the ultimate and perfect testament to God's love. His actions and words give witness to this truth. St. Augustine tells us what this love looks like, "It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men." Love finds its pinnacle in Jesus' complete and humble offering of himself on the cross. This is where Love's sacrifice and transformation meet. This wedding of death and life reveals the mystery of God's unconditional love and mercy. These are the signs for which human beings are constantly looking. Only God, through the gift of eternal life, can give life meaning.

God always finds us. He does not want us to stay lost. He sends messengers, servants, prophets, teachers, signs, promptings, and witnesses to get our attention so that His message can be delivered. Yet repeatedly, pride and arrogance convince us that we can do anything and everything without Him. Perhaps by setting pride and arrogance aside, we might recognize something deeper about ourselves and see just how lost we really are. We will see what binds us and our sinfulness. God wants to release us from all of that baggage! We need to be freed not only from what we are doing to ourselves but from what we are doing to others!

Are we ready to let go of the control? Of the need to be right? Of the need to be ruggedly independent? We cannot live without God's Mercy, His unconditional, eternal, and ever-present love.

God, as Emmanuel, came into the brokenness of our world to help us fix it. The followers of Jesus, baptized in Christ and made in God's image and likeness, have yet to learn that to be a servant, one must share. Here's a true story: A woman visiting friends went to the local parish for early Sunday Mass. She proceeded to sit in a pew and in short order received a tap on her shoulder. "Excuse me, you are in my seat. Can you please move?" She got up and went to another pew. Beginning to pray and prepare for Mass, she receives another tap on the shoulder with the same request. "Excuse me, you are in my seat. Can you please move?" What is this, she thought to herself? She got up and moved again. Feeling a bit perturbed at this point, she was astonished when the exact same scenario happened a third time! What happened to the woman is what is wrong with our world. These "people of God" who asked this woman to move believed they were doing nothing wrong. This stranger encroached on space believed to be rightfully theirs. After all, they are the regular, faithful contributors to this parish and are, thus, entitled to reserved seating, right?

Wrong. Entitlement has become one of our most significant problems and sins. We have become entitled to entitlement! In God's kingdom, nobody is entitled to a seat, yet all are seated. Isn't that wonderful? Maybe that is what the first hearers of Jesus' proclamation in the synagogue understood: that everyone has a place. No one is without a seat and what we do in the small matters of our lives affects how the big ones play out. While we may not have directly exacerbated the plight of someone suffering in another part of the world, we can easily be responsible for making someone in our community feel unwelcome, unappreciated, and unloved. All actions and attitudes are connected to the whole, resulting in a ripple effect on life beyond our comprehension. Until we understand the meaning of love and grasp our reluctance at times to receive it, we will remain tethered and aimlessly spinning. We stay broken and lost. *Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner! Fr. Mark Suslenko*

Receiving Communion—As a reminder, communion will continue to be in the hand only



Looking for that special gift? How about a gift of prayer? **St. Patrick's Prayer Shawl Ministry** is actively making shawls, the outward sign, knit with much prayer, the true gift. Interested in joining? We meet every other Saturday at 1 pm in the basement of the Parish Hall. Call Jane Mansfield at 508-395-3663 for information on shawls or joining.



Please remember that the Fall River Diocese **strongly recommends** wearing a mask during ANY liturgical celebration (mass, funerals, baptisms, weddings, etc.) and meetings. This is for those vaccinated as well as those who are unvaccinated.



The **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry** would like to thank the parishioners who donated either food or monetary donations during the past year. During 2021, we had 78 households registered and provided 2,282 bags of food. Our pantry is currently open from 3-5pm every Wednesday. We appreciate your continued support. God Bless.

St. Blaise Blessing of Throats—The blessing of Saint Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. The Blessing of Throats will be given on February 3rd at 8am mass and at a healing mass at 7pm. All are invited to participate. Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver us from every illness.

Silence in the Church!—The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, "Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner" (No. 45).

Although the instruction makes no specific reference to silence at the end of Mass, it would seem that a period of quiet at that time would allow gratitude to fill the soul for the special gift received.

The countervailing argument, of course, is that prayer is not just vertical but horizontal - i.e., it puts us in closer touch not only with the Lord but with the community of disciples who share our faith in Jesus.

It's a natural instinct, and a good thing, for parishioners to want to welcome one another and catch up on one another's lives - and it is often a sign of a parish's vitality that people genuinely enjoy socializing before and after the Sunday Eucharist.

So the question becomes how to combine that value of community with the reverence due to Christ present in the tabernacle and the respect owed to people who are still praying after Mass is over.

Certainly a nod of recognition and a smile is appropriate when filing out of pews, and even a few whispered words of greeting; but an extended conversation at a normal decibel level is better left until the gathering area (the "lobby," for Catholics of my vintage), and some parishes make that preference explicit by signs or bulletin announcements.

That way, both quiet reverence and happy conversation have their proper settings. (Newer parish churches are being built with larger gathering areas to accommodate those twin goals.)

Also, in order to foster the special attention the Eucharist merits, I know of some parishes which, shortly before Mass starts, make an announcement that the next few minutes will be spent in silent preparation for the sacred celebration.

By Father Kenneth Doyle

Assessment Collection—Continues on the fourth Sunday of each month. **January 23** is our next collection for the Assessment. Please be as generous as your circumstances allow. Thank you for sharing your treasure.

KofC Breakfast—The monthly Sunday breakfast is February 20 in the Parish Hall. A free-will offering supports the Knights' charitable events.

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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter—To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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 Joe & Ginny Vatele at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>. Are you letting Jesus proclaim the good news to you in your marriage? Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

Bereavement Support—The Diocese continues to offer online support groups and hopes to begin offering live sessions in the Spring. These online virtual programs are being offered through Catholic Social Services on Tuesdays. The links to register for either of the one-hour sessions are as follow: 4:30 PM - <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup4> or 7 PM - <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup7>. In addition to the online sessions, one-on-one sessions are also offered via phone. For more information, contact Rose Mary Saraiva at 508-674-4681 Ext. 1111 or 774-253-4097, or by email at rsaraiva@cssdioc.org.

Tobey Hospital Pastoral Care—"Then the righteous will say, Lord, when did we see you ill and visit you? Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 26:37-40)

Would you like to connect with those who are ill, and contribute to their spiritual wellbeing? You could bring Christ's love and compassion to those who are inpatients at Tobey Hospital. Covid 19 and flue vaccinations are mandatory, along with wearing masks in the building. Onsite training is provided. Please call the Pastoral Care Office at Tobey Hospital at 508-273-4105 and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible.



Tax Season—It's that time of year again! If you would like a statement of donations for tax purposes, please call Maureen in the Parish office. They will not be mailed out unless you request one.

Need Marriage Help?—Retrouvaille HelpOurMarriage.org (retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples struggling in their marriage. For information on upcoming weekends in 2022 please call us at 508-271-7155, or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. Upcoming dates are February 25-27, May 6-8, August 12-14, and November 11-13.



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