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**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Evening – 5:30 PM  
Sunday – 9:00 and 11:30 AM  
Weekday – Monday thru Friday 7:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday – 12:30 to 2:00 PM  
Other times by appointment.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** A minimum of six months notice is required. Please call the Collaborative Office to schedule an appointment prior to booking a hall.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sundays at 2:00 PM.  
Please call the Collaborative Office to register.

**Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls:** Please notify the Collaborative Office if anyone is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness.

**Food Pantry:** Thursdays – please call the Parish Office one day in advance.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, April 9, 2022

5:30PM Fr. Philip Zingarelli Anniversary

## Sunday, April 10, 2022

9:00AM Kathleen O'Leary Anniversary

11:30AM Mary Hill Anniversary

## Monday, April 11, 2022

7:00AM Louis & Catherine Luccio Memorial

## Tuesday, April 12, 2022

7:00AM Eugene Hamel Anniversary

## Wednesday, April 13, 2022

7:00AM David DeSchamp Memorial

## Thursday, April 14, 2022

9:00AM Holy Thursday Morning Prayer

## Friday, April 15, 2022

9:00AM Good Friday Morning Prayer

## Saturday, April 16, 2022

9:00AM Holy Saturday Morning Prayer

## Sunday, January 9, 2022

9:00AM *Alleluia*

11:30AM *He is Risen!*



## Monday—Wednesday, April 11-13, 2022

7:00AM Weekday Mass St. Francis

### Monday, April 11, 2022

6:45PM Rosary St. Francis

### Tuesday, April 12, 2022

11:00AM Archdiocesan Chrism Mass  
Cathedral of the Holy Cross  
1400 Washington Street, Boston 02118

### Wednesday, April 13, 2022

7-9PM Exposition/Adoration/Confession St. Francis

### Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022

9:00AM Morning Prayer St. Francis

7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper St. Clare

### Good Friday, April 15, 2022

9:00AM Morning Prayer St. Francis

12:00PM Stations of the Cross St. Francis

12:00PM Stations of the Cross St. Clare

3:00PM Lord's Passion Service St. Clare

7:00PM Lord's Passion Service St. Francis

### Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022

9:00AM Morning Prayer St. Francis

8:30PM Easter Vigil St. Clare



## Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

7:45AM St. Clare

9:00AM St. Francis of Assisi

10:15AM St. Clare

11:30AM St. Francis of Assisi

6:00PM St. Clare

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### Special Confession Times

#### Saturday, April 9

St. Clare 7:30-9:00AM and 5:00PM

7:30 – 9:00AM Fr. Paul  
8:30 – 9:00AM Fr. Valan  
5:00PM Fr. Valan

#### Saturday, April 9

St. Francis 12:30-2:00PM

12:30 – 2:00PM Fr. Valan & Fr. Bob Milling

#### Sunday, April 10

St. Clare 11:15AM and 5-7:30PM

11:15AM Fr. Valan  
5:00 – 7:30PM Fr. Valan  
5:00-5:30 & 7-7:30PM Fr. Paul

#### Sunday, April 10

St. Francis 12:30PM

12:30PM Fr. Paul & Fr. Bob Milling

#### Monday, April 11

St. Francis of Assisi 7:30AM

7:30AM Fr. Valan & Fr. Paul

#### Monday, April 11

St. Clare 3:30-6:00PM

3:30 – 5:00PM Fr. Valan  
4:30 – 6:00PM Fr. Paul

#### Wednesday, April 13

St. Francis of Assisi 7:30AM and 6:30-9:30PM

7:30AM Fr. Valan & Fr. Paul  
6:30 – 8:30PM Fr. Paul  
7:30 - 9:30PM Fr. Valan

#### Saturday, April 16

St. Francis of Assisi 8-9AM and 12:00-2:00PM

8:00 – 9:00AM Fr. Valan & Fr. Paul  
12:00 – 2:00PM Fr. Valan & Fr. Paul

#### Sunday, April 17

St. Francis of Assisi 12:30PM

12:30PM Fr. Valan & Fr. Bob Milling

#### Sunday, April 17

St. Clare 5:00 – 6:00 and 7:00PM

5:00 – 6:00PM Fr. Paul  
7:00PM Fr. Paul and Fr. Valan

## Parish Info and events of note

- **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Open Thursdays from 10AM-12NN.** If you need groceries, please call on Wednesday so that we can be prepared for your visit. Referrals and limited financial assistance are available for parishioners in need. Please call the parish office for more information.
- **Parish Prayer Line...** To be placed (or to pray) on the parish prayer line, please call the Collaborative office.
- **Military Service...** If someone you know is deployed and you would like their info to appear on the blue board in the church, please call or email the parish office. If you are aware of needed updates to the board, please let us know that as well. Thank you.

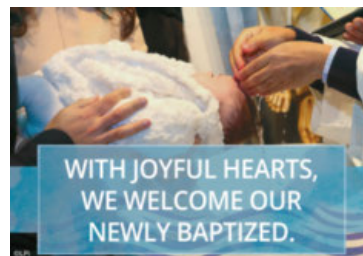


**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

*St. Francis of Assisi*  
*Frances M. Kelley*  
*Lawrence Bethoney*  
*Claudia Meola*  
*Jean Dalton*  
*Theresa Walper*  
*Michael Richardi*

*St. Clare*  
*David Wallace*  
*Timothy Casey*

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***



*St. Francis of Assisi*  
*Hailey Rose Laing*  
*John Edward Washburn*





***“Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest.”  
Lk 19:38***

**Readings for the week of April 10, 2022**

- Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/ Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: *Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42
- Saturday: *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/ Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Lk 24:1-12
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

Calendar of Events

**Early Bird Special  
Boston & South Shore Men’s Prayer Gathering  
Saturday, April 16, 2022; 7:00-8:30 AM**

Topic—God’s plan to save us.  
Looking at the Easter Vigil readings

Men, the Easter Vigil is the highpoint of our church year. It celebrates the moment when Christ passes over from death to life – God the Father’s plan to save us from the first fall. The Scripture readings of the Easter Vigil trace God the Father’s incredible love for us, and pursuit of us despite our sinning and straying. Join us as we prepare for this Easter moment. We will open selected Scripture passages from the Vigil, examining their deeper meaning as individuals and as a community. So come ready to share how God is speaking to you through His Word, and feel free to bring your Bible!!! Please join us and bring your camaraderie, questions and good cheer!!! St. Mary of the Hills Lower Church.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. 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.wmema.org/>. Commit to strengthening your marriage this Lent. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences: May 21-22 in East Hampton, CT, and June 24-26 in Huntington, NY (Long Island).



The Braintree Catholic Women’s Club has two \$1,000 scholarships available to High School Seniors who are graduating this year (2022). One will be

awarded to a Braintree High School Graduate Senior and the other to a Braintree Senior graduating from a Catholic High School. Notices have been sent to all participating schools. Please contact your Guidance Department to request an application regarding these scholarships, or call Mrs. Margaret Hart, Scholarship Chairperson at 781-849-1755. The deadline for these scholarships is April 22, 2022.

# Year of the EUCHARIST

**JESUS IS HERE**

**Archdiocese of Boston Eucharistic Congress  
SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 8:30AM – 6:00PM  
TSONGAS CENTER, LOWELL, MA**

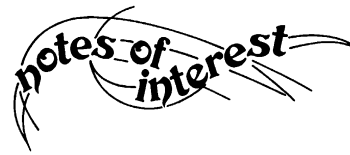
Cardinal Seán O'Malley invites all the Catholic faithful in the Archdiocese of Boston and surrounding dioceses to join him in closing the Year of the Eucharist with a daylong Eucharistic Congress, Jesus is Here.

A core tenet of the Catholic faith is that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is made truly present in the Eucharist. But belief in the True Presence has waned in recent years, even among Catholics. And that's a concern—because as Cardinal Seán teaches, "it is in the Eucharist where we find our true identity." **Jesus is Here** is an opportunity for us to deepen our understanding of the mystery of Jesus' presence with us—by listening to powerful talks on the Eucharist, by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass, and by adoring Him in a time of adoration and worship.

- 7:30am Doors Open, Exhibitors Available
- 8:30am Welcome, Music, & Celebration of Mass
- 10:15am Break & Visit Exhibitors
- 10:45am Session 1 – Featuring Deacon. Harold Burke-Sivers & Bishop Daniel Flores
- 12:15pm Lunch Break & Visit Exhibitors
- 1:30pm Session 2 – Featuring Bishop Robert Barron
- 2:30pm Break & Visit Exhibitors 3:00pm Session 3 – Featuring Jackie and Bobby Angel
- 4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration & Procession through Lowell
- 6:00pm Eucharistic Congress Concludes \*

Confessions will be available at the following times: 7:30-8:30am, 10:15am-1:30pm, 2:30-3:30pm.

If you are interested in attending as member of our collaborative, please contact the collaborative office at 781-843-1332 or [pkinnally@sfab.org](mailto:pkinnally@sfab.org).



*From the  
Archdiocese of  
Boston*

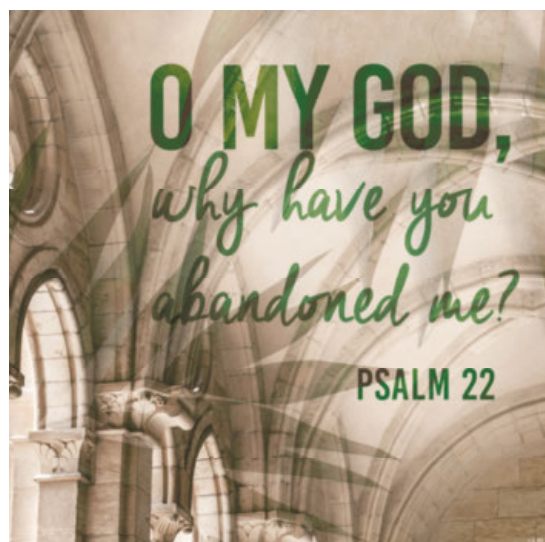
## April 10 ~ Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

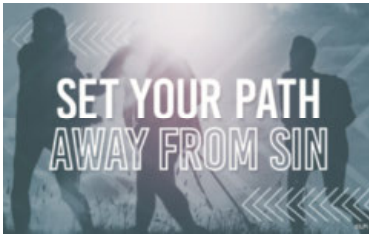
The scriptures today are familiar and unsettling. We want to hear them as though for the first time, to allow them to touch our hearts and give meaning to our lives. The self-emptying love of Christ is the model of our discipleship. Yes, the cost of discipleship is real and it will demand a willingness to share His remarkable love for us with others. Trust that Christ has given you the grace you need to be a disciple, to speak to the weary, to love and to forgive. Take the opportunities that arise this week to share your love of Christ with another.

**Fiat**, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. The topic is: "What Do Sisters Do?" If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at [marian.batho@csjboston.org](mailto:marian.batho@csjboston.org) or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

## Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats (April 23, May 14, June 4)

*"My spirit was broken and as far as I knew beyond repair. I was consumed with feelings of remorse. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself."* – A Project Rachel Retreat Attendee. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. Spring dates are April 23, May 14 and June 4. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com)





## April 10, 2022 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so. ©LPI

 **PUZZLE**  
Jesus is the King, so here is a maze inside of his crown.



 **MISSION**  
Make Jesus king of your life. Ask him to help you spend your time doing the things that would make him happy.



### Sharing the Gospel

The friends of Jesus made a special parade just for him. The people liked Jesus. He fed them. He healed them. They wanted to crown him king. They were sure that with Jesus in charge, they could live in peace. When you praise God, and when you put Jesus in charge of your life, you really can live with peace in your heart!

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be my king.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus as king in your house.

### Mission for the Week

Make Jesus king of your life. Ask him to help you spend your time doing the things that would make him happy.



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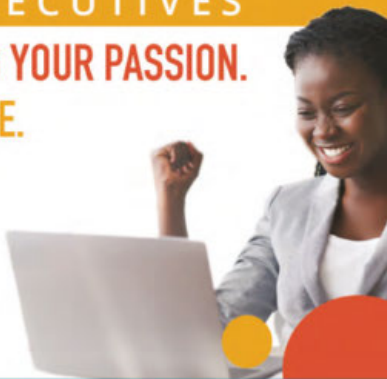
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