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## Weekday Mass

(Monday thru Saturday) 9:00 am Mary's Chapel  
Weekday Mass in Portuguese: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.  
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## Lord's Day Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass - English - 4:00 pm  
Saturday Mass - Portuguese - 7:00 pm  
Sunday Mass - English - 7:30 am - Main Church  
10:00 am - Main Church  
Sunday Mass - Portuguese - 7:00 pm - Main Church

Mary's Chapel will be opened during the week, Monday – Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. for personal prayer and adoration.

<b>Confessions/Reconciliation:</b>	Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in Saint Mary's Chapel.
<b>Baptismal Arrangements:</b>	Parents register for baptism by contacting Mrs. Elizabeth Davis at 781-871-1244.
<b>Marriage Arrangements:</b>	Couples should arrange an interview with one of the priests of the parish at least six months prior to the planned wedding date.
<b>Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick:</b>	Especially prior to entering hospital, call the rectory.
<b>Last Rites of the Church for the Dying:</b>	Call the Rectory.
<b>St. Vincent de Paul:</b>	Call 781-792-0168 and follow taped directions
<b>Alcoholics Anonymous:</b>	Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. Holy Family Parish Center
<b>Narcotics Anonymous:</b>	Mondays 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Center

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH, ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

# MASS INTENTIONS



**Saturday, Feb 5 4:00 Tom Fitzgerald and Kristy Sasha Kanhai**  
**Sunday, Feb 6 10:00 The Deceased members of the Horsman and Cannon Family**  
**Saturday, Feb 12 4:00 Bernard Dunphy**  
**Sunday, Feb 13 7:30 Louise C. Peterson**  
**10:00 Michael, Julia and St. Mary Janice Bartolo**

We are celebrating Mass on Saturdays at 4 p.m. in the Main Church and Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the Main Church. Mass will continue to be taped for public showing on Rockland Cable TV Channel 32 on Verizon and Channel 15 on Comcast on Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5p.m. and can be viewed on our website: [www.holyfamilyrockland.org](http://www.holyfamilyrockland.org).

### February 6 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Each of the readings in today's liturgy make clear that we are the ones to carry on the work of making disciples. The prophet Isaiah when asked by God, "Whom will I send" declares, "Send me." St. Paul states frankly, "I handed on what I received." Moreover, Jesus invites his disciples to "put out into the deep. . ." to take that leap of faith and be fishers of men (and women). The message is clear – these readings are intended for US! Will you respond like Isaiah, saying, "send me"? Will you step out of your comfort zone as Jesus invites the disciples to do and reach out to someone in faith? Being a disciple and making disciples is now our task!

### BLESSING OF THE THROATS

After each Mass this weekend we shall offer the blessing of throats through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. Once Mass is ended please come up row by row as you would for Holy Communion.



### REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Walter Hogan, Ray Pike, Denise Curran and all who have died during the



### Classes with Fr James O'Driscoll on Facebook/YouTube channel (Holy Family Church, Rockland, MA)

**Monday** - Spiritual Book Club with Fr. Philippe's *The Way of Trust and Love, A Retreat Guided by St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

**Tuesday** - Bible Study on the Book of Hebrews, at 2 pm on Facebook and Youtube at Holy Family Church Rockland MA.

### Readings for the week of February 6, 2022

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/ 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11  
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10  
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-2

### Growth Through Grief Retreat for Fathers

### Walking the Passion of Christ:

### A Day of Retreat for Fathers Experiencing the Loss of a Child to Substance Use



We are seeking men who would be interested in spending part of a day gaining knowledge, skills, support and companionship in dealing with the loss of a son or daughter due to the disease of addiction.

If you are interested in learning more please email or call: Karen Farrell at [kfarrell@rcab.org](mailto:kfarrell@rcab.org) or 617-746-5843.

Directed by Deacon Jim Greer MAPT, CT,  
Office of Chaplaincy Programs.

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**People of All Faiths are Welcome.**

## *FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

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### **FAMILY NOTES, V Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 6, 2022**

#### **Read the Bible Prayerfully through Holy Tradition in the Family of the Church**

Dear Friends,

We are very fortunate to be able to adore Jesus present in the Tabernacle and to gather in adoration to celebrate the Eucharist where we are nourished by His Word and “the showing forth” of Jesus’ Sacrificial Death until the Risen Christ comes again to lift the veil between time and eternity and bring His people home. Mass is the juncture of time and eternity, heaven and earth, this place and infinity and our individual lives and the Life of God and His Saints.

Pope John Paul II, who loved to pray (especially before the Blessed Sacrament), said in his World Mission Message of 2004: “To live the Eucharist, it is necessary as well to spend much time in adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament, something which I myself experience every day, drawing from it strength, consolation and assistance... How could the Church fulfill her vocation without cultivating a constant relationship with the Eucharist...? ...To evangelize the world there is need of apostles who are experts in the celebration, adoration and contemplation of the Eucharist.”

Many people sincerely claim to follow the Bible, but, at the same time reject what seems so evident to Catholics that “the plain word” of the New Testament supports the constant ancient Christian teaching that the Eucharist actually is Jesus’ True Body and Blood. This rejection seems to me to reveal that even those who maintain that they “go by the Bible alone” read Scripture through the lens of some sort of denominational church tradition handed down to them through which teaching they interpret Bible passages.

“Sola Scripture” or “Bible Alone” is not in the Bible nor is it biblical. Some people say the 2 Timothy 3:14-17, teaches that the Bible is “all you need”, but that passage does not say that the Bible in isolation is sufficient for doctrine. Scripture is declared “inspired by God” and “profitable for teaching,” but not isolated from the Church as the Christ-founded interpreter or the oral Apostolic Tradition from which the written New Testament came. The informed godly believer, not the “Good Book” is “complete” and “equipped for every good work.”

In fact, deciding what books are in the New Testament depends on Tradition and the Church. Christ gave us His Church and oral teaching well before the New Testament books began to be composed. The Church, not the isolated Bible, is acclaimed “the Pillar and Bulwark of the Truth”. (1Tim 3:15).

Going by the Bible alone has not united Christians but has brought multiplication of divisions and denominations by private interpretations of Scripture. The Bible was never meant to be separated from the Church and Holy Tradition.

Holy Tradition was not condemned by Christ, but “the traditions of men” were when they contradict the teachings and ethics of God. St. Paul teaches us in 1 Cor 11:2, “maintain the traditions as I have delivered them to you” and 2 Thess 2:15, “Hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter.” No where in the Bible are we told that such oral tradition will be abolished or fade away.

The first generation of Christians did not have a full written New Testament and centuries would pass before there was a set canon of which books would be accepted as the New Testament. The Church, directed by the Holy Spirit, decided which books are to be part of the Bible and which are not. For a passage of the Bible to be properly interpreted and applied, it must be viewed in context of the whole Scripture-in-Tradition-in-the-Church. The Bible is too holy and important to be viewed in isolation.

Fr. O’Driscoll



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## The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon Peter's boat. After he has finished teaching the crowds He turns to Simon and tells him where to lower the fishing nets. Simon tells Jesus that they have been fishing all night and have not caught anything. Ultimately, he obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. Peter and his friends catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus, "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and tells Jesus that he is not worthy to be in His presence. Today's Gospel marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead, he will catch people. This marks the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. And he begins right away as the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

**Through our baptism we have been called to be disciples of Jesus, and like Peter, bring people to Christ through the way we live our lives.**

This month in our lessons we will look at people who lived their lives for Christ despite unbelievable obstacles that they there were forced to endure, primarily because of the color of their skin. This week we will read about **St. Josephine Bakhita** from Sudan, Africa.

### St. Josephine Bakhita

- She was born around 1869 in the Darfur region of Sudan.
- Historians believe that sometime in February 1877, Josephine was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. Only 8 years old, she was forced to walk barefoot over 600 miles to a slave market in El Obeid.
- For the next 12 years she would be bought, sold and given away over a dozen times.
- One of her owners took her to Venice, Italy. She ended up in the care of the Canossian Sisters.
- When her owner returned to take her back, the nuns complained to the Italian authorities on her behalf.
- The case went to court, and the court found that **slavery had been outlawed in Sudan before Josephine was born**, so she could not be lawfully made a slave.
- **She was declared free!**
- For the first time in her life, Josephine was free and could choose what to do with her life. She chose to remain with the Canossian Sisters and serve God.
- She was baptized on January 9, 1890 and took the name Josephine Margaret and Fortunata.
- Josephine became a novice with the Canossian Daughters of Charity religious order on December 7, 1893 and took her final vows on December 8, 1896.
- When speaking of her enslavement, she often professed she would thank her kidnapers. For had she not been kidnapped, she might never have come to know Jesus Christ and entered His Church.
- **Her feast day is February 8.**



**May we be faithful in supporting and sharing in Christ's call for each of us – to share God's love in our families, community and in our world by all that we say and do! Amen**

## A HONDURAS THANK YOU

Your love for our Sister parish in Honduras has once again been shown in the annual collection which took place in November. We recently sent a check for \$6620.66 to the Olancho Aid Foundation to be used in their education and clean water projects. Listening to Jessica Santavy speaking at Mass, I'm sure you heard her request to keep the people of Honduras in your prayers and her sincere thank you for your ongoing support. But that's not all.

## BECAS Scholarship Drive

Our BECAS scholarship drive for the students at Immaculate Conception just finished up. An amazing amount was given: \$36,809! So between the November collection and BECAS, Honduras' people have received \$43,429!! Jesus told us that whatever we do for folks in need, we do to and for Him. I am quite sure that He is pleased by your serving Him by your helping others. Thanks again. God bless. JFH.

## GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Dear friends, our Grand Annual Collection has received todate \$25,928. That's 16.2% of our goal of \$160,000. I am asking everyone who can, over the next 5 months until the end of June, to give \$200; more if possible, or less: each according to his/her means. Giving by installment is fine. Your generosity has been ever amazing. A "Thank You" to you who have already given. And encouragement and blessings on us all as we support our parish. JFH



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Upcoming weekends:  
February 25-27, 2022  
May 6-8, 2022  
August 12-14, 2022  
November 11-13, 2022



Our Baby Shower for the Unborn **is this weekend, February 5/6**. God bless Trish Kelliher who for years organized this lovely ministry. Sadly, we lost Trish to cancer last year. Her husband Mike is being supportive in her place.

If you desire to make a financial donation, please make out your check to "Pregnancy Help."

- They need thermometers, grooming products – brush & comb, nail clippers,
- Boys & Girls Winter outfits- sizes: newborn, 9 months, 3 – 6 months,
- Boys & Girls Winter Sleep n Play Outfits- sizes newborn, 3 – 6 months
- Boys & Girls Transitional Outfits (Fall outfits – long sleeve top and pants) – sizes: 3 – 6 months.

Many of these items can be acquired at [www.carters.com](http://www.carters.com) as stores have low inventory.

Thanks for your always vibrant support of this needed ministry.

JFH

## Jesus is Here: Archdiocese of Boston Eucharistic Congress

6-18-2022

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2022 Eucharistic Congress, Jesus is Here - a day-long event featuring Mass with the Cardinal, dynamic speakers including Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Daniel Flores, Bobby and Jackie Angel, and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Adoration, and a Eucharistic procession. Visit [jesusishereboston.org](http://jesusishereboston.org) for more information and to register!

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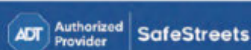
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