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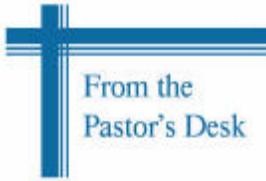
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January 24, 2021



Dear Friends,

As I write this column I'm getting ready for Mass. As you read it, we will be back in Ordinary Time. This has been such a beautiful Christmas season. I find myself with a heart full of gratitude for the beauty of this place where we are privileged to live, and for so much else.

This past week has given me the experience of setting aside some time for a prayer of gratitude. Such a time of reflection, I have found, can bring great perspective to life. Setting aside time for gratitude can also help to nourish in us a heart that is open to the God who creates, redeems and sustains us. This is the beginning of all stewardship, and, in our tradition, it is the foundational perspective of all seeking relationship with God.

In fact upon reflecting on my life, I found most of the most precious gifts of my life have been given to me by God.

So, I am going to take my own advice and reflect with you in this column on some of the things and people I am grateful for at St Christine's Parish. First, and foremost, I am grateful for the privilege of serving as your administrator. A new year is a time when I get a little more time to reflect and I have become aware in recent weeks how grateful I am to be here with you.

I am grateful for our staff who are such a talented and dedicated group of people. They are a pleasure and a joy to work with. They help to sustain me, practically speaking, because of the good work they do in their areas of specialty, but also, and perhaps more importantly, because of their own faith and dedication to parish ministry. We could not do what we do here without these generous ministers.

I am grateful for the literally hundreds of volunteers who step forward day in and day out to support the many ministries here at our parish. I am grateful for the parishioners who have been in our parish for decades and for the young people who have been in our parish for only a few months or a few years and even in some instances just a few days. We have a rich diversity of ages here at St Christine's, and that diversity brings such life and vitality to our community of faith. Many of you have taken on leadership roles to make sure that all are welcome and all feel at home here and are nourished in our faith.

I wish you were able to have my perspective sometime from the presider's chair. I'm hoping very soon to once again look out and see adults conversing with each other, sharing their joys and struggles reaching out to each other at the sign of peace or to see ushers passing the basket with warmth and a smile. But now to see the excitement and joy of young children running up to witness a baptism or to hear God's word. To witness all together sharing in word, prayer and song. All of this and so much more is a glimpse of the Kingdom of God.

I am grateful for the generous priests who serve so faithfully here in our community. It is their generous sharing of their ministry that makes it possible for me to be present elsewhere at times. I am especially grateful for their friendship, assistance and concern.

As I said above, gratitude and nourishing a grateful heart is the beginning of all stewardship. I invite you to take some time this coming week for a prayer of gratitude. You might even want to make a list of those things and people you are grateful for in your life. Then simply bring that gratitude to God and say thank you.

Please know that you have been and will continue to be in my prayers as we look forward to being together in this new year of 2021 !!!

Love, Father Steve



Saturday, January 23

5:00 pm Rita Toland - 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, January 24

7:00 am Our Parish Family

9:00 am Alina - Healing

11:00 am John Joseph Gillooly - Memorial

Tuesday, January 26

9:00 am Florence A. Kelley - Anniversary

Saturday, January 30

5:00 pm Mary Ellen Totten - Month's Mind

Sunday, January 31

7:00 am Dennis and Bridie O'Connor - Memorial

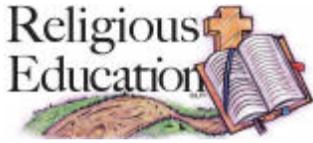
9:00 am Special Intention

11:00 am Kevin Hardiman - 5th Anniversary

Vocation: We pray for all priests that they may provide an example and guidance to all our youth.

Reflection: Can you be relied on to carry out Jesus' mission? What holds you back?

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Grade 2 - First Penance

In light of the rising Covid cases, the Grade 2 January Retreat and February First Penance Service have been rescheduled for March 2021. An email with information detailing the procedure of the Family Retreat and the First Penance Service will be sent to all Grade 2 families this week. Thank you for your understanding and patience during these uncertain times. God bless you.

Family Rosary

Please join us in praying the Family Rosary every Sunday at 7:30 pm on Zoom. Bring God's peace into your home by uniting with His mother's heart in reciting the Holy Rosary. All are welcome.

You can find the Zoom Invitation link on our parish website at www.saintchristines.org.

If you are having trouble logging on, please email Susie at stchristinereled@aol.com or you may call the CCD Office at 781-837-0088.



A warm welcome is extended to the following recipients of the Sacrament of Baptism during the month of November 2020.

Sean Cloherly Hogan **Rory Paul Hogan**
Teegan Josephine Lotti-Wilson
Nico Francis Macaluso **Riley Anna Shea**
Jaxson Ryan Slobodzinski

St. Joseph Spiritual Ministry

The Sisters of St. Joseph will host several retreats and Mornings of Prayer via Zoom. You can get a complete listing of the dates and times and also register by emailing spiritualministries@csjbboston.org or calling 781-227-4730.

Marshfield Food Pantry needs donations of food, brownie, cake and cookie mixes, coffee and tea. You may bring your donations to the Food Pantry at Library Plaza on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10:00 am to 12 noon and Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Thank you for your help.



Blessing of Throats

Next weekend, January 30 and 31, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Blaise. A general Blessing of Throats will take place after every Mass.

Saint Blaise was a physician and a priest and was elevated to Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. At his intercession, a child was cured of a disease of the throat. Since then, his aid has been requested to protect people from diseases of the throat.



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You can support Saint Christine's Parish on a regular basis by signing up for Online Giving. By giving your weekly contribution on a recurring electronic basis, you help our parish more accurately forecast our finances. This method is a safe, secure and dependable means of giving for you and it is also convenient too. Click on the Online Giving icon on our parish website at www.saintchristines.org. Please call the rectory if you need any assistance.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION January 16/17

Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,800
Received:	\$ 4,351
On- Line Giving:	\$ 2,750
Total:	\$ 7,101
Deficit:	\$ 2,699

This weekend the second collection is for the support of the 'Churches in Latin America and the Caribbean.' This collection funds evangelization programs, formation of laity, religious and seminarians as well as youth ministry and catechists.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Please write your checks payable to Saint Christine's with Church in Latin America written on the memo line.

Sowing Seeds welcomes donations of newer winter jackets, sweaters, hats and gloves and warm clothing for men, women and children in all sizes. Always needed are baby wipes and diapers for babies, toddlers and adults. The Clothing Bank located on the corner of Route 139 and School Street is open on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon to distribute and receive donations. Thank you for your help.

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Goal: \$ 120,000

Total Received: \$ 72,995

If you have not yet contributed to the Grand Annual Collection and wish to do so, envelopes are on the ushers' tables at the doors of the Church.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION 2020 - 2021

Our Grand Annual Collection will take place from now through February 2021. This fund is necessary to balance our church budget. Grand Annual envelopes have been mailed to all our parishioners. Each family is asked to contribute \$400 dollars. However, what one gives is your choice and no one should give beyond their means. Your envelope may be mailed or returned to the church or to the rectory anytime. You may also make a donation on-line either as a one time payment or over a period of time. I am so grateful to you. Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.
Father Steve

ALPHA IS COMING TO TOWN!!!

February 3 through April 14

Alpha Online is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. A typical session involves gathering via Zoom to watch a 20 - 30 minute Alpha video looking at a different question around faith. The video is designed to spark conversation in an open and safe environment. Conversations follows the video in small groups with a facilitator. The sessions will take place from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm each week.

Alpha is sponsored by Holy Family Parish, Saint Mary/St. Joseph and Pilgrim Catholic Collaborative. For more information, please contact Ms. Jeanne Cregan at jcregan@holyfamilyduxbury.org or call 781-934-5055 x114

After Divorce: Healing from the Inside Out

A Virtual Seminar February 10th 7 - 9 pm

Are you newly divorced or maybe it has been awhile. When the trauma of divorce happens, true healing must begin deep within. The Ministry for Family Life will host a seminar in support of Catholics who are experiencing divorce and separation. You will learn four simple steps to break free and move on. The seminar will be facilitated by Rose Sweet and features prayer, witness testimony and a time for questions. You may register at: <http://bit.ly/2xfqwJE>.

Catholic Women Today and Tomorrow

CWTT is planning a limited ZOOM meeting this Thursday, January 28th from 7 to 8 pm. We will all participate in learning from Audrey Colangelo how to make a true Italian red sauce and meat balls - some for yourself and a portion to share with the seniors at Winslow Village. A list of needed ingredients will be provided. We are limiting participants to 20 women so reserve your place by contacting Jeanne Dominick at mjsdmed@aol.com or call 781-267-4511. We hope to hear from you and see you virtually.



Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury is offering several programs and retreats during February:

- February 5 First Friday
 - February 22 Mini Retreat for Women at Miramar
 - February 24 Mini Retreat for Women via Zoom
 - Wednesdays Outside Rosary at 11:30 am
- Other programs and retreats are also available. If you are interested, please call Miramar at 781-585-2470 for more information and registration.

Prayer Ministry: Holy Family Church in Duxbury offers a prayer line for those who are in need of prayers. Please call their prayer line at 781-934-5055 x 133 and leave your name (first name only) and your specific prayer request. Your intention will be passed along to members of their prayer ministry. If you wish someone to call you back to acknowledge your request, please leave your telephone number as well.



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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine



THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY
TIME—JANUARY 24, 2021

Reading

Jon 3:1-5, 10

Recall that Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh because it had conquered the Israelites. It took 3 times and a shipwreck to 'convince' Jonah... We pray that we be not so blind!

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Psalm

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

David, like us, wants to do the Lord's will! He reminds us that God loves us even with our sin. His love is not conditional but eternal!

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice
and teaches the humble his way.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Reading

1 Cor 7:29-31

What is Paul teaching here? Could it be just as it says or perhaps should we stop putting our reliance of truth on what we see and feel? All of this life is transient, the next is forever so let the 'facts' of this life be forgotten and the truth of the next with Jesus as truth!!!

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mk 1:15

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 1:14-20

*So easy, eh? Jesus tells them 'Come', and they do! What happens to us that we don't just jump with a resounding- 'Yes, Lord' or that we leave all our family difficulties behind and jump on the Jesus bandwagon. Remember it took the apostles 3 years and an agonizing death and resurrection for His friends to even begin to follow. **Thank** the Lord for the faith we do have!*

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,

he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea;

they were fishermen.

Jesus said to them,

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.

He walked along a little farther

and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.

They too were in a boat mending their nets.

Then he called them.

So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Some Thoughts... What do you do when you have a message that you want to send to someone? Well, you might write the message, fold it, place it in an envelope, seal it up, write the name and address of the person you want to send it to, and drop it in the mail box. Oh my! I think I forgot something, didn't I? There is no way a message is going to be delivered if you don't put a stamp on it. Look at the stamps we use in the United States. They are all shapes, sizes, and colors, but they all have one purpose -- to make sure that the message is delivered within our country. One stamp might be used if you want to send a message to someone who lives nearby. Another stamp might be used to send a message to someone who lives far, far away! Most of us give very little thought to how important these little stamps are until we have an important message to deliver.

Jesus had a very important message to deliver. In the time that Jesus lived, They didn't have a Post Office where you could go and send a message. If you had a message, it was usually delivered in person. That's what Jesus did. The Bible says that Jesus traveled all around Galilee, delivering the good news of God. "The time has come," Jesus said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

The message that Jesus was delivering 2,000 years ago is just important today as it was then. There are still many people who need to hear the good news of God's love for them. How is the message going to be delivered? Jesus has called his disciples to deliver the good news. Who are those disciples? You and me! It is as if you and I are God's postage stamps. Look around you, we are all different shapes, sizes, and colors, but we are called for the same purpose -- to carry the message of God's love. Some may be called to take the message to people in a land far, far away. Others may be called to take the message to a neighbor just down the street. The important thing is to carry the message. If a little postage stamp can take a message to someone on the other side of the world, can't you and I take the message of God's love to our friends and neighbors who live nearby?

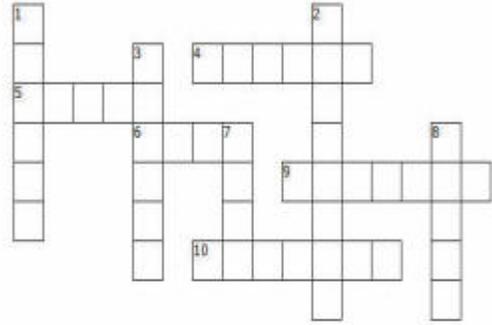
Father, we have been given the task of delivering the most important message in the world. Help us to be faithful to carry that message to those who need to hear it! In Jesus' name...

Here's a couple of ways to help remember that Jesus is here. **Complete the Crossword below and next page**

Carrying the Message

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:15 (NIV)

Based on Mark 1:9-15 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. Jesus was baptized in the _____ River. (vs.9)
5. Jesus was tempted by _____. (vs.13)
6. Jesus proclaimed the _____ news of God. (vs.14)
9. Jesus said, "The _____ of God is near." (vs.15)
10. Jesus asked people to repent and _____. (vs.15)

DOWN

1. The Spirit led Jesus into the _____. (vs.12)
2. Jesus was _____ by John. (vs.9)
3. Jesus was tended to by _____. (vs.13)
7. The Spirit descended on Jesus like a _____. (vs.10)
8. Jesus was in the desert for _____ days. (vs.13)

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Saturday 5:00 pm

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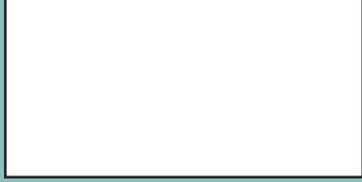
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