

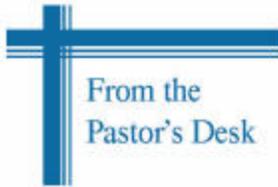
ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

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St. Blaise

January 31, 2021



Dear Friends,

This past Saturday, we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Vincent. Although we don't know much about him, we are at least sure of his name, his being a Deacon, his place of death and burial and that he died as a martyr in 304 A.D. Prior to his death he was tortured repeatedly and through his suffering he was an example of what God's power can do. It would be humanly impossible for someone to go through the torture that St. Vincent did and remain faithful. Vincent knew that God did not come to his rescue at that isolated moment, but he knew that God was supporting him throughout his entire life.

Even though little is known about St. Vincent, his feast day has special meaning for me. There is a special Vincent in my own personal life. I have often said that the most influential woman in my life was my mother Dorothy. Well the most influential man in my life was a man named Vincent. He was my Dad.

My Dad was a strong man who had worked his whole life as an auto body man. I had always seen that he loved his work. Growing up it was good to see that my father was doing something that he loved. His occupation took a lot of physical strength but often thought of his true strength was that of a husband and father. To me, my Dad always stood larger than life, much like a hero. In some ways he was like St. Vincent who stood firm for what he believed. My Dad stood firm in what he believed for things like love, respect, kindness and family. My Dad was a protector, a sort of gentle warrior. He used his wit and humor to diffuse any potentially harmful situation. He worked almost every day to support our family. Whether as a child looking up at him or as an adult looking him straight in the eye, I had always seen a man I admired.

Since 2007, when my father developed a benign brain tumor, then after surgery he had had some bleeding in his brain that left his one side much weaker than before, he had infections, seizures, and blood clots over the course of many years. He tried hard to keep up with his physical therapy that allowed him to stay at an assisted facility but after over 6 years and advancing age; he has had to go to a nursing home where he needed much more help. This was very difficult for us as a family to see his condition change

to where he was then much more dependent. For a while his main goal was always to go back to work. He talked of that a lot. He was even able to go to work in his wheelchair a few times in the beginning to just see what was going on at the garage for a few hours. But even in all of this he was still Dad. Still trying to laugh things off and not wanting us to worry. He was still larger than life to me.

We don't often recognize such people to be heroes when they live among us. Yet their presence lifts our hearts to know an inexplicable wonder. Through these people we experience God's love, always evident in the gifts they bestow upon those they pass. Like St. Vincent and my Dad, their greatness falls upon us, as we are motivated to live our lives much like they taught us through their actions.

I have always known my Dad has influenced my life and yet I wonder if he knew? Did I ever tell him how much I admired him or ever told him how much I appreciated everything he had done for me? Did I ever tell him that I looked up to him and that I knew that I could always count on him? Did I ever tell him he was my hero and I was his biggest fan? Did I ever tell him I am the person I am today because of him or that I am grateful that he was my father?

I think we have a tendency not to tell people how important they are in our lives. God had blessed me with two wonderful parents. As their son, I hope I have taken the very best from them and have lived a life worthy of their gifts.

I encourage all of you to look at the people that have cared and nurtured you and to thank them and tell them what they mean to you.

Love, Father Steve



Blessing of Throats

This weekend 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.

Vocation: We pray for all those who are called to a religious vocation that they will be filled with the courage and faith to respond to a life of service.

Reflection: How can your faith give you hope?

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

We invite you to participate in Saint Christine's annual "Souper Bowl Sunday Food Drive." During the next two weeks, please bring a can of soup or beef stew or a box of macaroni and cheese to the church to support the Marshfield Food Pantry and our neighbors in need. Donations can be dropped off in the foyer of the church or in the parish hall. Thank you for your support.

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.

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

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.



Saturday, January 30

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

Sunday, January 31

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

9:00 am Special Intention

11:00 am Kevin Hardiman - 5th Anniversary

Saturday, February 6

5:00 pm Joseph and Gloria Thibeault -
Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, February 7

7:00 am Our Parish Family

9:00 am Mary Cedrone - Birthday Remembrance

11:00 am Mollie and Bob Woods - Memorial

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Goal: \$ 120,000

Total Received: \$ 77, 715

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.



We extend a warm welcome to the following recipients of the Sacrament of Baptism in December.

Rory Law Wachel Deegan

Massey James Wachel Deegan

Alayna Ann Milkowski

Abigail Olivia Walker

Jennifer Walker



ON-LINE GIVING

Sign up today !!!

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. If you need any assistance, call Ron at the rectory. (781-834-6003 x 11)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,800
Received:	\$ 3,636
On- Line Giving:	\$ 2,750
Total:	\$ 6,386
Deficit:	\$ 3,414

You gave \$ 228 in the second collection for the support of the 'Churches in Latin America.' Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Next weekend there will be a second Fuel Collection to help defray the cost of heating the church, rectory and parish hall during the winter months. Thank you for your generous support.

On-Line Giving Tax Information

Instructions to get your On-Line Giving 2020 Tax information was e-mailed to you this week and it is also available on our website. The second collection information has also been updated. Please call Ron at the rectory at 781-834-6003 x 11 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

Rosary: A public Rosary will be prayed on Saturday, February 13th at noon at South River Park on Ocean Street across from Speedway Gas Station. Please join us in praying for Our Lady's intentions, our own intentions and for our country. We hope to see you there!!!

The Sisters of St. Joseph Spiritual Ministry 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 calling 781-227-4730 or emailing spiritualministries@csjboston.org.

- February 7 - 14 7 Day Retreat
- February 10 Morning of Prayer via Zoom
- February 27 An Endless Adventure: Cosmology



The 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.

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>.

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.



FIAT is a gathering of women interested in learning more about the religious life. You are cordially invited to the next meeting on Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 on Zoom. Please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at marianbatho@csjboston.org or call 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

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**WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY
TIME—JANUARY 31, 2021**

Reading

Dt 18:15-20

The Father is promising two things here—He is promising at least one more prophet,,I believe He is promising Christ because none of the prophets were totally acceptable except Him.

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

Psalm

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

Not just reaction when we 'hear His voice', but listen and realize He wants only the best and He will never give us more than what we can do. He will find a way for us!

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading

1 Cor 7:32-35

What is Paul really saying? Where are your thoughts most of the time? About the Lord, or is it to please someone else, either ourselves or someone else we love? Is his wish something that is possible or a goal? We need to remember that we are fallen, but our goal is not

Brothers and sisters:

I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mt 4:16

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 1:21-28

He was so much ahead of the teachers, why couldn't everyone follow Him. Could it be that Jesus really answers the questions they weren't asking? Put yourself in their shoes—seeing this man Jesus tell a devil to leave—no big loud ruckus; Why can't we be as obedient?

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this?"

A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

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?

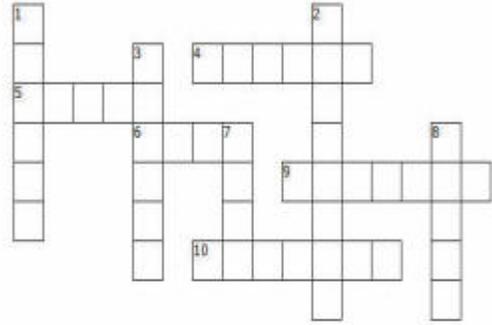
Father, we have been given the task of delivering the most important message in the world. Help us to be faithful to carry that message to those who need to hear it! In Jesus' name...

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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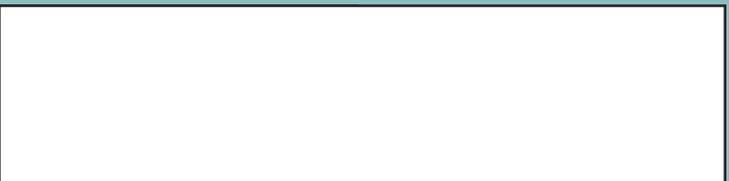
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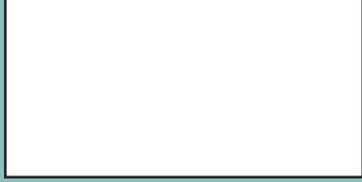
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