

St. Julie Billiart Parish



5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
7 February 2021

St. Julie Billiart, Dartmouth – Diocese of Fall River

Sunday and Daily Mass Schedule

February 6th – February 14th

Sat.	Feb 6	5th Sunday (Vigil) (Gr)
	4:30 pm	Jose Melo
Sun.	Feb 7	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gr)
	9:00am	Yvette Leclerc
	11:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon.	Feb 8	St. Jerome Emiliani (Wh)
	9:00am	David Ryan
Tues.	Feb 9	Feria (Gr)
	9:00am	Saulnier Family
Wed.	Feb 10	St. Scholastica (Wh)
	9:00am	Luis & Helena Furtado; Jose & Amelia Amaral; Manuel de Sousa Dutra
Thurs.	Feb 11	Our Lady of Lourdes
	9:00am	Margaret Harrington
Fri.	Feb 12	Feria (Gr)
	9:00am	Stella & Matthew Cimochoowski
Sat.	Feb 13	Blessed Virgin Mary (Wh)
	9:00am	Floriano Pimentel
Sat.	Feb 13	6th Sunday (Vigil) (Gr)
	4:30 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun.	Feb 14	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gr)
	9:00am	Mario & Mary R. Santos
	11:00am	Antonio Nunes DaCunha

Note: *Feria* designates a weekday which does not celebrate a feast or memorial for a saint or other dedication.

Pro Populo means a Holy Mass “for the people”. It indicates the obligation for priests to celebrate one Sunday or Holy Day Mass for their parishioners.

Prayers Please For:

All the Souls in Purgatory and for parishioners who are ill at home or in nursing home or hospital and especially also for: *Ernest Mello, Bob Peckham, Diane Charbonneau, Beth, Juan Rodrigues, Eric Eastman, Bob Goldblatt, Carol Z., Sheila, Rowan, Betsy Peckham, Joaquim Morgado, Roger G., Maria S. Thomas, Jim R., Terri B., Jane Geer, Beatrice Gracia, Michael Fernandes & Nancy.*

CONFESSION

Saturday: 8:00 am to 9:00 am
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am to 9:00 am
Wednesday 5:00 to 6:00 pm
And By Appointment

THE PASTOR’S COLUMN

Parish Unity

Last week, I reflected on Christ’s prayer that we be “consecrated in truth” (Jn 17:19), which means set aside and designated to live by and work for the truth that God has revealed to us. This is an obligation of every Christian and also one of the things that should unite all those who claim to be Christians, all those who claim to believe in and follow Christ.

As we make our way on the pilgrimage of life, we Christians often feel like we are in exile from our true homeland. This can make us seek safety in numbers. Just as immigrants in a foreign land often seek out and gather with others from their native country, trusting that they share much in common, such as customs and beliefs, so we Christians often look for others who are in exile like ourselves and who share the same values and beliefs. And this is what results in a Catholic parish, which is a home to all who profess the Catholic faith and which exists to give mutual support to its members in remaining faithful to Christ and the Church.

Every Catholic parish should be known for its unity of faith. Faith in Jesus Christ and His teachings is what should be the glue or cement that holds a parish together. We know that members of a given parish may have different opinions on many subjects and may have many different interests in life, but what they should share in common is a conviction of faith in the doctrinal and moral truths of Christ and His Church. And they should also share a humble and honest admission of how challenging it can be to remain faithful to these truths.

Ideally, a Catholic parish is a place where its members offer encouragement and support to each other in the great adventure of remaining faithful to God. But, the support a parish can give to its members in this regard is only as great as its unity of belief. If members of a parish “agree to disagree” on basic religious and moral truths, and even accept contradictory beliefs as equal in value, the unity of such a parish would become superficial and fragile, at best.

Instead of accepting contradictory beliefs, a Catholic parish should strive to help its members to grow in understanding the teachings of Christ and His Church and to persevere in fidelity to Christ. True parish unity, what we call “ecclesial communion,” is found when each parishioner desires and strives for a vertical communion with Christ, which results in a horizontal communion with each other. Without the shared desire of parishioners to be united and faithful to Christ, the horizontal unity in a parish suffers.

So, when we think of our parish of St. Julie’s, we should remember that the strength of our unity depends on the desire of each of us to be united to Christ, and we should also remember that our own fidelity to Christ and His teachings can be a powerful inspiration and support to the parishioner sitting next to us (or six feet away) in the pew.

ON THE COVER

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery... My days are swifter than a ...weaver's shuttle; Remember that my life is like the wind... (Job 7:1,3,6,7)

In J.R.R Tolkien's *The Silmarillion* the mortality of man is portrayed as a part of his nature and a "gift" to his future. Tolkien writes of one ancient man who founded one of the oldest houses of men: "*Beor... died at the age of ninety-three... in the end he gave up his life willingly and died in peace*". Beor accepted life's transience; he even gave up his life to go live with the high elves. In the myth of Tolkien, elves do not reside in old oak trees stitching shoes or baking specialty cookies. They are a noble and quasi-immortal race. The mortality of Beor was drawn to the elves because of the gracious light in their eyes and the human hope of immortality.

Keep in mind that Tolkien, the faithful Catholic, also wrote that Beor and all the other houses of men carried with them a darkness from their past which they would not speak of. What Tolkien meant of course was *original sin* or man's first fall from grace that stained the nature of man and thence through this proclivity led *all* men into sinfulness (Rom 3:23).

In today's first reading we hear about Job who "was a blameless and upright man" (Job 1:1). He feared God, and was rewarded with what seemed invincible prosperity. Yet, Satan was given leave to persecute him to test his virtue and his love for God. Job lost his children and livestock and his body suffered boils. His wife and friends disbelieved his innocence; Job thus questions God. We too know all the fears and doubts of the mortal life. They are the effects of man giving in to the darkness of distrust rather than the light of reliance on God.

The Psalmist instructs us that we should meditate on our mortality. He instructs us to pray: "*teach us to count the number of our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart*" (Ps 90:12). The Psalmist wants us to be like Beor finding peace in the brevity of life which we trust to God for his most beneficent and salvific purpose.

Hence we place on our bulletin cover for this 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (just ten days before Lent begins) a work by the French Tenebrist painter, **George de la Tour** entitled *Job Mocked by His Wife* (1635 - courtesy wikiart). De la Tour painted mostly scenes of candlelight. Here we see the moment when Job's wife says to him, "*Are you still holding onto your innocence. Curse God and die*"; for she surmises that once Job blasphemes, God will end his life and thus his misery.

For our spiritual purpose we focus on the candlelight emerging from the darkness. Our eyes draw a large region 'round the candle as the aim of our reflection, refusing to focus on the faces of the man and wife in confrontation. The candlelight of de la Tour draws our eyes to the praying hands of Job which is to be our Lenten target. The earth tones in this work contrast the red-orange illumination of so many of de la Tour's works indicating that the light is always predominant.

In Lent we start with the dark earth tone of ashes, yet we proceed through an illuminating penitence, so that we may finally bask in the glow of the risen Christ.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

In Person: Mon - Fri 9:45am - 4:00pm
Otherwise staff are in the office and available by telephone or email between these same hours Monday through Friday to assist you.

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HOLY MASS

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am
Saturday Vigil 4:30pm
Monday-Saturday 9:00am
Holy Days 9:00am & 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm
Saturday 8:00-9:00am
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm
Any Time by Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 10:00am-6:00pm

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Worshipping from Home

To those who in good conscience have decided to not attend Mass during the pandemic since the virus particularly poses a serious risk to their health and well-being, we invite you to pray the Mass from home at 9 am each Sunday via our parish YouTube channel. The link for viewing is:

[www.youtube.com/c/
StJulieBilliardParishDartmouth](https://www.youtube.com/c/StJulieBilliardParishDartmouth)

You may subscribe and click the bell for notification of a streamed Mass.

EXTENDED OFFICE HOURS: Beginning Monday, 8 February we are increasing our office hours to **9:45 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday**. While staff is in as early at 8:00 am, we will not open the office until after daily Mass. Due to the COVID restrictions we are still limited as to the number of people who can be in the office at any one time, so while parishioners are welcome come in for parish business, it is still optimal to telephone first. Our plan is to do most business such as Mass Intentions in the parish center library. Masks are required and you will still need to ring the door bell to enter. We thank you for your increasing support of the parish during this time and are glad to reciprocate with more service hours to our parishioners.

2020 OFFERINGS REPORTS: Please call or email the parish office to request an annual report of your offerings for your 2020 tax filing. We are mailing these out in batches on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Thank you.

THREE NAMES PER MASS INTENTION: We respectfully submit that going forward all Mass intention requests be limited to three names. Masses for more than three names (i.e. three people) become problematic for both keeping up with the formatted bulletin space and for the announcements at Mass. We will accept three family names also at the most (for example: *Smith, Gonsalves and Browning Families*). This will be the parish office policy for all parishioners and visitors and will be applied fairly to everyone.

Also, we have now filled all of February 2021 and are closing in on filling March 2021. The sooner we come to fill though June 2021, we will announce the opening of the Mass Book for the second half of 2021.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: our RCIA Candidate, *Suzanne Tseki*. Suzanne is now in catechetical formation with Father Steven Booth as she discerns her entry into the Catholic faith. If you know of anyone interested in receiving the Catholic sacraments, call Steve G. in the parish center.

Chesterton Corner

“Our fathers had this great advantage over us; that they did believe, in theory at least, that men should have a sense of penitence at all times, even in times of prosperity.” (Illustrated London News 7/29/1933)

Parish Ladies Guild

THANK YOU: to all who purchased meat pies. **You helped to make our Pie Sale a Success!** Curbside Pickup after all Masses this weekend.

THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: has a mission to reach out to those who are unwell or mourning the loss of a loved one. The Sunshine leader is Joanne Kowalczyk. She can be reached at 508-997-7310. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a note or card of encouragement, please contact Joanne.

DECLUTTERING, DOWNSIZING? The Guild is using Facebook's Marketplace, in lieu of a physical rummage sale, to sell donated items online to raise money for scholarships & our Church. We are in need of higher value items in new or like-new condition. No clothes or books. If you have anything that you would like to donate please contact Robin at 508-994-8908 with specifics to see if this is something we could use. No drop-offs at the church.

Save the Date

We have set the dates of **Tuesday 2 March - Thursday 4 March** for a joint Lenten Mission with St. Mary of Dartmouth. Tuesday & Thursday will be at St. Julie's; Wednesday at St. Mary's. Each evening will run from 7-8 pm. More information is forthcoming. Stay tuned...

St. Vincent de Paul Society

THE FOOD DONATION BIN: has been moved inside the church children's room for the winter. Your generous donations are very much needed and appreciated by the *Solanus Casey Food Pantry* which is operated by Catholic Social Services in the Diocese of Fall River.

FEBRUARY CAREGIVER TIP OF THE MONTH: "Caregiving, whether for many, or a single loved one, requires great stamina and perseverance. Sometimes getting through a day is a challenge, especially in these times. But when we begin our day thinking of what we can be grateful for, even the smallest of gifts, our burden is lighter, our day brighter!"

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READINGS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2020

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Eucharistic Adoration

Every
Wednesday
10 am - 6pm

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Parish



The Healing of Peter's Mother-in-law (wikiaart)
James Tissot -19th Century

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. (Mk 1:30-31)

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

February (All Month) - Maintenance Fund
February 7, 2021 - Home Missions
February 17, 2021 - Ash Wed—Evangelization



40 Days For Life

PLEASE JOIN: your parish priest/s and fellow parishioners in prayerful vigil near the last abortion clinic in our diocesan territory. We will meet and pray in Attleboro *across the street* from the Four Women clinic from **6 am - 2pm on Saturday 20 March** for a non-confrontational event to pray the Most Holy Rosary in common fellowship for this foremost issue of our day. You will soon be able to sign up for this event. Please consider giving an hour-of-prayer for the blessing of Life. Pope Francis has called the Church “a field hospital”; so let us take our healing faith out into the field!

St. Scholastica prayed and a vicious storm commenced preventing all travel. St. Benedict said to his sister, “What have you done?” She replied “You refused... [to stay one more day]... I asked it of God...and he has granted it!”

Holy Mass
Wed 10 February
9:00 am

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Daily Mass Watch

Image: *Landscape with Double Rainbow* - John Constable (1812)

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