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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 4:00 & 5:30
SUNDAY: 8:00, 10:00, 11:00 & 12:00 Noon
DAILY LITURGY: Mon.-Sat. 9:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays 5:00-7:00 PM

Confessions
Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 PM (upstairs)
Saturdays 3:00-4:00 PM (downstairs)
or at the rectory by appointment.

Marriages
Please make arrangements at least six months in advance to allow adequate preparation.

Baptisms
3rd Sunday of the month at 1:15 PM.
Baptism instruction will be held before the sacrament is celebrated.

Bulletin
News for the Parish Bulletin must be at the rectory by 12:00 Noon Sunday

Food Pantry Donations
Collected every 2nd Sunday

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In this reading we hear of Saul and David. Saul became the first king of Israel, about 1,000 years before Christ. David, best known for slaying Goliath, was also a talented musician and became one of the favorites at Saul's court. Eventually the king grew jealous of the popular David who had to flee for his life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul's converts at Corinth had a lot of questions about life after death, and on the last two Sundays we've heard Paul addressing these. Today he uses a parallel. Just as we receive our human life from our ancestors—ultimately Adam—so we receive risen life from Jesus, who could be called the "new Adam".

SANCTUARY CANDLES

This weekend, February 19/20, the Sanctuary Candles will be burning for the greater glory of God in memory of **John Wall** on his 10th Anniversary  lovingly requested by his family.

If you would like both Sanctuary Candles near the tabernacle in the upper church and the chapel to burn day and night for a week in memory of a loved one, for someone serving in the military, for healing or for any special intention, please call Carol Cardinale at 617-846-8345 to make the arrangements. The cost is \$25.

The flowers on our altar for the week of February 12/13, were in memory of **Richard and Carol DeRuosi** requested by their family.

 *In Loving Memory*

In your charity please pray for the soul of **James Mottola** who was buried from St. Michael 's Parish this past week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ST. MICHAEL'S DRAMA

Did you know that parish youth have been rehearsing a musical revue of skits and songs?

We are acting, singing, and dancing about all the reasons "To Love Thee More Dearly". Please join us on Saturday, May 14th at 5:00pm and Sunday, May 15th at 11:00am in St. Michael the Archangel Parish Center gym.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED AT ALL MASSES

The role of the altar server is to assist the priest and deacon at Mass. Duties include carrying the cross, holding books for the priests, helping to prepare the altar, sounding the chimes at consecration, and assisting with cleaning and putting away the sacred vessels. **Altar servers are most needed at the 4:00pm Saturday Mass and the 8:00am and 12noon Masses on Sunday.** To find out how your child can participate, please see Deacon Jim Leo following any of the Sunday Masses, or call the parish office at 617 846-7400. **This opportunity is open to boys and girls!**

GRADES 1-8 FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sundays - Grades 1-5 - 10:45-11:45am Feb. 27, Mar. 13, 27
Grades 6-8 - 6:15-7:30pm Feb. 27, Mar. 13, 27
Mondays -Grades 3-5 - 3:00-4:00pm Feb. 28, Mar. 14, 28
Tuesdays- Grades 1-2 - 2:45-3:45pm Mar. 1, 15, 29

If your child isn't feeling well or has had a known COVID exposure, please err on the side of caution and keep them home. Thank you for helping us to maintain a safe environment for all our students.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY FAMILY MASS, MARCH 2, 3:30PM

The 3:30pm Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 2, is a Family Mass. Student volunteers are needed to proclaim the first and second readings, read the Prayer of the Faithful, bring up the offertory basket, ring the Church bells, and sing the communion meditation hymn. If your child is interested and available, please contact Graceanne Bowe in the Faith Formation Office, bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org or 617-846-3100.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR GRADES 3-8

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year" (CCC 1457). The following student Penance services are scheduled in March:
Grades 6-9 - Sun., Mar. 13 - 6:15-7:30pm - Upper Church
Grades 3-5 - Mon., Mar. 14 - 3:00-4:00pm - Upper Church
Parents are invited to attend with their child and receive the Sacrament.

CONFIRMATION I AND II MASS AND GUEST SPEAKER

A Confirmation I and II youth Mass followed by pizza and a guest speaker will take place on Sunday, February 27 at 5:00pm. **All students in the Confirmation program are required to attend.**

REMINDER: CONFIRMATION II CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Classes take place on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm on the following dates: March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3, and April 10. **Sunday, April 10 will begin with regular class followed by a presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross in the upper Church.**

ENRICH YOUR CHILD'S FAITH THROUGH SERVICE AT MASS

Children whose religious education is reenforced by active participation at Mass and regular prayer at home develop deeper roots and stronger ties to their faith. At St. Michael's, every school-aged child is invited and encouraged to become more involved by volunteering to serve at the 10am Family Mass as a lector, prayer reader, gift bearer, or bell ringer. To find out how your child can participate, please call Graceanne Bowe at 617 846-3100.

THE COURAGE TO FORGIVE

By Douglas Sousa of LPI Publications

It does not take courage to exact revenge; rather, it takes courage to forgive and seek true justice.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus compels us to fight evil through the power of good. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

Our society tends to view evil as strong and goodness as weak. Hollywood films depict the strong woman or man as the one who refuses to forgive and who violently seeks revenge on all who harmed them. However, nothing could be further from the truth. It is easy to hold a grudge. Even children are capable of doing that. On the contrary, it is difficult to forgive. It is hard to love those who want to harm us. Despite what Hollywood tells us, it does not take courage to seek vengeance on someone. Rather, it takes courage to forgive. Only a strong person has the power to forgive, to turn the other cheek, and to choose love over hate.

Forgiveness and love are powerful forces for change in society. Sometimes change can happen through violence. People will sometimes behave differently because they are afraid. However, that type of change is short-lived. Eventually people become resentful of having to live in fear and find ways of striking back. In the end, violence only leads to more violence. The history of the world is rife with many examples of just how futile violence can be.

In contrast, love can bring healing, justice, and peace to our world. Just ask the countless Christian witnesses who have chosen the path of love—Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Archbishop Desmond Tutu, St. Pope John Paul II, and Dorothy Day. When we choose to forgive, it unleashes the hope of reconciliation. Our enemies come to understand that we are not a threat to them. We begin to see each other not as competitors but as brothers and sisters. By God’s grace, history is full of examples of how forgiveness can change society for the better.

Many of us carry bitterness in our hearts toward someone who has hurts us. We may even dream of the day when we can get revenge on them. It is natural for us to want those who have hurt us to feel for themselves the pain they have inflicted on us. But revenge never gives us satisfaction. It only strengthens the hate and resentment within us. Our inability to forgive only gives us those who hurt us more power over us. When we choose to forgive, we set ourselves free from the power of those who have hurt us. For that reason, forgiveness is really the ultimate revenge.

It is up to us, the baptized followers of Jesus, to change the world through the power of forgiveness and love. Jesus himself gives us his example of merciful love that turns an act of unspeakable violence—the cross—into the moment of the world’s salvation. That is what we celebrate today—a merciful God who saves us through love. That is the commitment we made at our baptism—to follow Jesus’ example until the whole world knows the merciful love of God. To make that happen, we are even willing to love our enemies.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You are kind and merciful. Make us kind and Merciful. You pardon our iniquities
Give us the courage to forgive those who hurt us.
You heal all our ills. May we strive to heal others.
You redeem us from destruction. May we work to redeem this World which faces the destructive forces of violence.
May we be compassionate as you, Lord, are compassionate,
So that the world may see another way
To resolve conflict and division—
The way of love, the way of the cross. Amen

PARISH SUPPORT AND FINANCE

Next week’s second collection supports the Church around the World.

When writing out checks for parish donations, please make them payable to St. Michael the Archangel.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND SHARING

The Light of the Nations

**An In-Depth Exploration of *Lumen Gentium*,
A Dogmatic Constitution of the 2nd Vatican Council**

The mission of the Church is to be the light of Christ in and to the world. How is this lofty endeavor to be lived out in the life of the Church? And what does it mean for our own personal pursuit of holiness? Join Fr. Chris O’Connor and Graceanne Bowe for a 5-week series on “Lumen Gentium”, the principal document of the Second Vatican Council. We will explore the themes of Christian unity; the role of Church hierarchy, laity, and religious; the universal call to holiness for everyone, regardless of their vocation; and our membership in the Mystical Body of Christ. The goal of the series is for participants to come away with a deeper understanding of the life of holiness as the participation in something that is greater than ourselves—Christ’s Church.

The group will meet Thursday evenings—**February 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 3**—from 7:00-8:00pm in the Conference Room 2 of the Parish Center (school). **ADVANCE REGISTRATION is kindly requested.** Please contact Graceanne Bowe, bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org, or 617-846-3100 if you would like to sign up.

There is no fee to attend the series, and the Council document, Lumen Gentium, is readily available free of charge on the Vatican website as well as popular Catholic websites such as EWTN.

**GET TO KNOW JESUS MORE FULLY
THROUGH SACRED SCRIPTURE**

Tuesday evenings, 7:00pm

Parish Center (school) Conference Room 2

Would you like to get to know Jesus better and deepen your relationship with Him? What better way than to immerse yourself in the Word of God! Every Tuesday evening, resident expert Alan Giangregorio leads us through the weekly Sunday Gospel, where we find the inspiration and strength to lead holier lives of intimacy with Christ. All are welcome; no registration is required. For more information, please contact Graceanne Bowe, 617-846-3100 or bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org.

PRAYERS

If you are in need of someone to pray with you, please call Carolanne (617-846-3227) or Margaret (617-764-6952).
Depend on the Lord; trust in Him, and He will take care of you. Psalm 37:5

VIRUS PROTOCOL

The Archdiocese of Boston has extended the mandate to wear a mask while in church until Monday, February 28. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Michael the Archangel Parish will be offering a preparation class for adults during the season of Lent that will prepare candidates for Confirmation in the Spring. Catholics must receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in order to serve as Godparents at Baptism or Sponsors at Confirmation. Fr. Bill will be offering this six-week class beginning on Monday, March 7th at 7:00pm in the Conference Room of the Parish Center. The course will continue on Monday evenings through Monday of Holy Week, April 11th. Please call the rectory office at 617 846-7400 with your name and contact information so that you can receive full information on this opportunity to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Thanks to the kind generosity of so many, the **St. Vincent dePaul Society** of St. Michael the Archangel Parish has been able to offer support to those in need, even during the difficult days of the Covid pandemic. Going forward, we offer three ways for you to continue supporting the work of the Society. First, if you are able physically to attend Mass, there are tubes at the doors of the Church where you can deposit your donations. In addition to this option, you may leave your offering at the rectory or in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked "St. Vincent dePaul". Please know that your generosity is appreciated and that, through you, we are able to attend to the needs of our neighbors.



IS THERE ANYONE SICK AMONG YOU?

This question found in the New Testament letter to James, gives the response that the sick should call for the priests of the church who are to pray over and anoint the sick with oil in the name of the Lord. Never hesitate to ask for prayer and the Sacrament of the Sick prior to surgery or when diagnosed with a serious illness. The Sacrament is not looked on as "The Last Rites" but as a powerful instrument of God's healing presence.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER

*Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell
Satan and all evil spirits
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen*

**PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE
PRAY THE ROSARY**





Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." Luke 6:27

Readings for the week of February 20, 2022

Sun: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Mon: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
Tues 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Wed: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
Thurs: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-20/Mk 9:41-50
Fri: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
Sat: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sun: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Mass Intentions

Week of February 19/20, 2022 to February 26/27, 2022

Sat. 4:00 Louise Marchionda
5:30 ...
Sun. 8:00 Phyllis Chicarello
10:00 Carole Babine, 11th Anniversary
Chapel 11:00 ...
12:00 Richard Charles Carbone, Michael Tear, Joe and Helen Frazier, Paul and Barbara Frazier, William and Felicia Frazier, George F. Sennott, Sr. and William Sennott
Mon. 9:00 ...
Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
Wed. 9:00 ...
Thurs. 9:00 Rose Evangelista, 45th Anniversary
Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish
Sat. 9:00 ...
4:00 Jackie Nunes, 1st Anniversary
5:30 ...
Sun. 8:00 Anthony Consolante
10:00 Ralph Giorgio
Chapel 11:00 ...
12:00 Rev. Vincent P. Dodan



Monday, February 21, 2022



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