



# ALL SAINTS PARISH

*Where every saint and sinner has a place at the table*

## OUR VISION

All Saints Parish is a growing community of believers—challenged and supported by the example and prayers of our parish patrons—who glorify God in all that we do.

## OUR MISSION

Gathered in community and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, All Saints Parish seeks to glorify God through strengthening worship, fellowship, service to the poor, and evangelizing the unchurched.

*The Parish Vision and Mission Statements were adopted by the All Saints Parish Council on January 28, 2020.*

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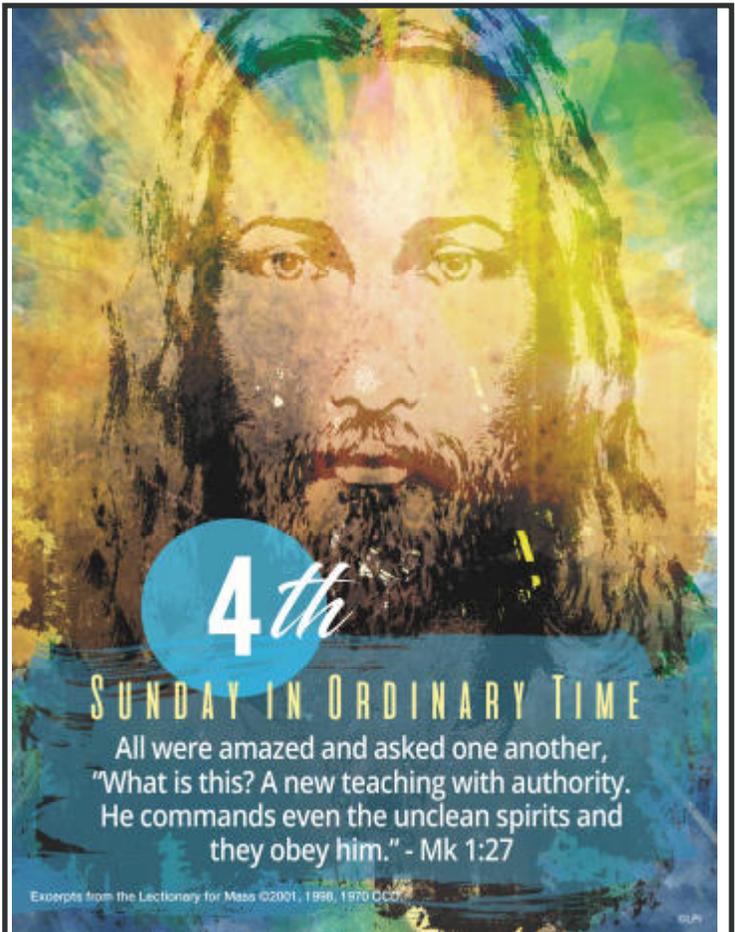
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4<sup>th</sup>  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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." - Mk 1:27

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**January 31st, 2021**

**Pastor's Column**

Dear Saint Joseph and All Saints Parishioners:

Imagine eating the sun—and imagine you could do it without perishing. What would happen? You would receive into your body the source of light and warmth. You would have within you all the light and heat that you could possibly every need or want. No more heating bills, no more lightbulbs, no more winter trips to warmer climates.

Last week I was praying with some of the writings of Saint Ephrem the Syrian and I came across a line that the Lord then placed on my heart for a few days afterward: “He who eats it [The Eucharist] eats fire and Spirit.” We call Jesus Christ the “Sun of Justice” and each time we consume him in the Eucharist, we consume Divine Fire—a fire far more potent in the range and reach of its possible spiritual effects than any physical fire. The Divine Fire of the Eucharist purifies us and burns away our imperfections, it illuminates the darkness of our lives with Divine Grace and Holy Wisdom, it unites us more closely to Almighty God and attunes our ears to His voice. The Holy Eucharist does within and upon the soul what fire does within and upon combustible matter, transforming that matter into itself.

We must therefore cling heartily and happily to our Eucharistic Lord. We do not come to church on Sunday to feel good, to see our friends, or to get free coffee and donuts after Mass! The Eucharist is the source, center, and summit of the Christian life, the be-all and end-all of being a follower of Jesus. We come to Mass to be “eucharisticized” and transformed into what we eat—God himself! We come to Church to become holy by eating (literally “gnawing” in Greek) on the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We come to eat fire and Spirit!

Peace,

*Father Ryan*

**Prayers for Seminarians**

Please pray for our seminarians in formation for the priesthood. Father asks that we entrust them to the maternal protection of our Blessed Mother who always leads men studying for the priesthood closer to her Son, Jesus, by praying one Rosary each day for a week for that seminarian's intentions.

Week of January 31st - Matthew Boni - from Saint Joseph Church, Woonsocket

Week of February 7th - Mark Gadoury - from Saint Joan of Arc Church, Cumberland

Week of February 14th - Patrick Ryan - from SS. John & Paul Church, Coventry

Week of February 21st - Joseph Brodeur - from Saint Pius X Church, Westerly

Week of February 28th - Noah DaSilva - from Saint Philip Church, Greenville

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

<b>SUN 1/31</b>	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
<b>MON 2/01</b>	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
<b>TUE 2/02</b>	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
<b>WED 2/03</b>	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
<b>THR 2/04</b>	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
<b>FRI 2/05</b>	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
<b>SAT 2/06</b>	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
<b>SUN 2/07</b>	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

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 30th 5:30pm

Ray & Connie Patras, *by Tom and Gail Ranieri*

Sunday January 31st 9:30am

Roger Gosselin, *by wife*

Saturday February 6th 5:30pm

Raymond Dussault, *4th anniversary, by family*

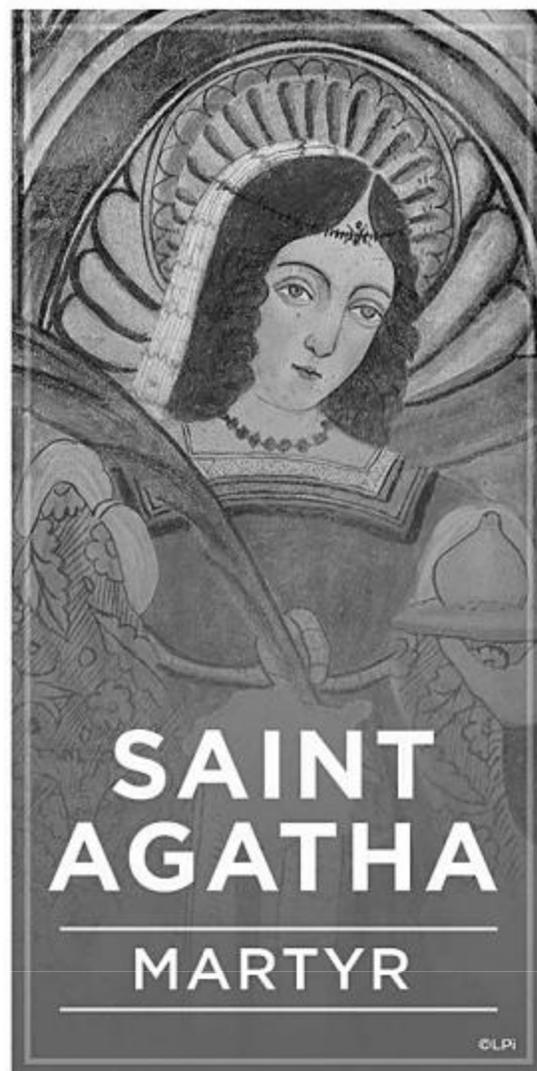
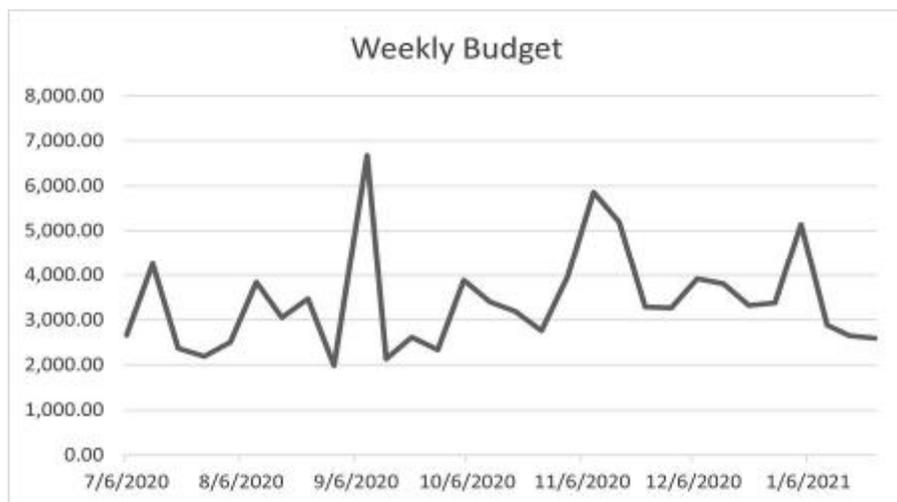
Sunday February 7th 9:30am

Louis & Gertrude Martinelli, *by family*

*If you would like to schedule a mass intention, please call the office 762-1100 or email [allsaintsrectory2@hotmail.com](mailto:allsaintsrectory2@hotmail.com)*

### WEEKLY BUDGET COLLECTION

January 17th, 2021: **\$2,397**



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and works.*

— ST. JOHN BOSCO

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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.

- Mk 1:27-28

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### First Reading

Moses taught the Israelites that God would send prophets to assist them in knowing His will. Why do you think people so often reject the prophetic message?

### Second Reading

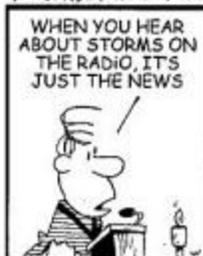
Paul speaks of the inevitability of anxiety in life. How does your faith assist you in handling what makes you anxious?

### Gospel Reading

In the story of the healing of a demon-possessed man, Mark reports how the demons knew Jesus' true identity as "the Holy One of God." What does this reveal about the unseen order?

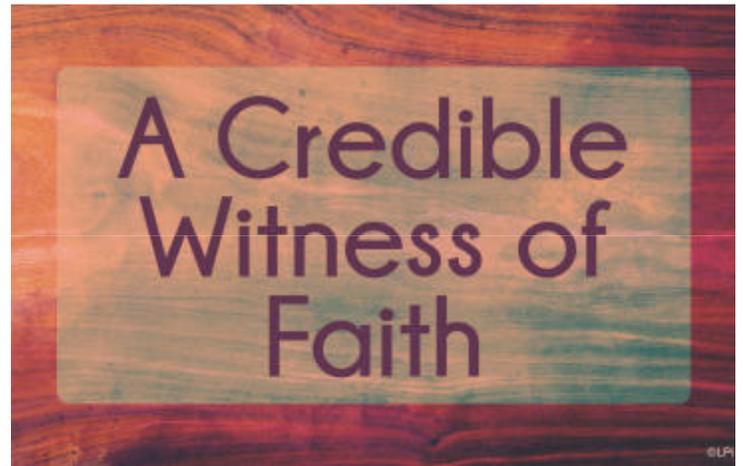


## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## WELCOME!

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church,  
No matter your current family or marital status,  
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, or ethnicity,  
No matter your self-image of holiness or virtue,  
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!  
You are invited and respected at our parish community.  
We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 31, 2021 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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**Mass Schedule**  
**Saturday 5:30pm**  
**Sunday 9:30am**

### ALL SAINTS PARISH OFFICE

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