



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

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Audacity of Holiness

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**February 7th, 2021**

**Pastor's Column**

Dear Saint Joseph and All Saints Parishioners:

On Friday we concluded Catholic Schools Week, an entire week set aside by the Church to honor, celebrate, and promote the need to educate our young people in our Catholic faith. Perhaps now more than ever, our young people need educational environments that foster a relationship with Jesus Christ and an uncompromising understanding of the Truths revealed to us by God. Catholic schools across our diocese do a wonderful job teaching our young people how to be students and disciples of Jesus Christ in an increasingly hostile secular world. As Saint John Paul II was fond of saying, they teach students to "preach the truth with love."

I would like to especially recognize the teachers, faculty, and staff at Good Shepherd School under the leadership of Mrs. Jennifer DeOliviera. Every I visit I am amazed at how much the faculty there genuinely loves and cares for their students and how they constantly fight for their success. Please do what you can with your families and friends to encourage them to send their children to Good Shepherd. It's a top-notch Catholic elementary school!

Now perhaps I'm a little biased, and let it be known that I have nothing against Mount St. Charles Academy, but Saint Raphael Academy in Pawtucket is an outstanding school if you know of an 8th grader looking for a great Catholic high school. At our Catholic Schools Mass last Monday, I was astonished at how the presence of God can tangibly be felt in our close-knit community.

Unlike public secular schools, our Catholic schools holistically form our children to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, intelligent and creative young men and women, and the future leaders of our world. Why choose Catholic education? Because Catholic schools form the entire child, body and soul!

Peace,

*Father Ryan*

**Ash Wednesday Schedule**

Ash Wednesday is February 17th. Below is our schedule of Masses and services:

(no 7:30 AM Mass at St. Joseph's on Ash Wednesday)

9:00 AM — Mass — Saint Joseph's

5:30 PM — Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes — Saint Joseph's

7:00 PM — Mass — All Saints

(Please note that on January 12, 2021 the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome issued a directive that because of Covid-19, ashes will not be rubbed on individuals' foreheads this year. Rather, ashes will be sprinkled on the tops of peoples' heads. The faithful should be reminded that receiving ashes is only an outward symbol of our interior disposition and need for repentance and that the reception of ashes is never required and they may opt not to receive them if they feel uncomfortable.)

**Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence**

All Catholics ages 18-59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

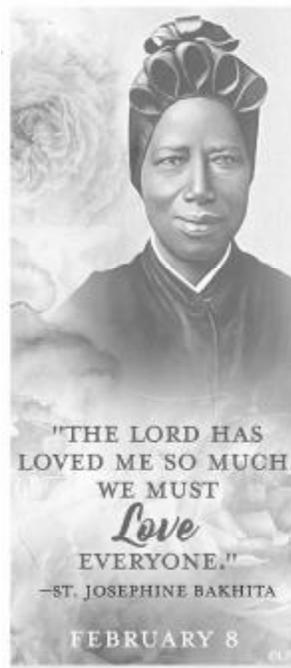
Also, Catholics are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and every Friday during Lent. This obligation is binding on any Catholic age 14 and older.

Any Catholic that does not observe these obligations during Lent should mention this sin in their next Confession

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

- SUN 2/7** 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
- MON 2/8** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk  
6:53-56
- TUE 2/9** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
- WED 2/10** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
- THR 2/11** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
- FRI 2/12** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
- SAT 2/13** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
- SUN 2/14** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk  
1:40-45



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 6th 5:30pm

Raymond Dussault, *4th anniversary, by family*

Sunday February 7th 9:30am

Louis & Gertrude Martinelli, *by family*

Saturday February 13th 5:30pm

George & Gladys Racine, *by Bertha Racine*

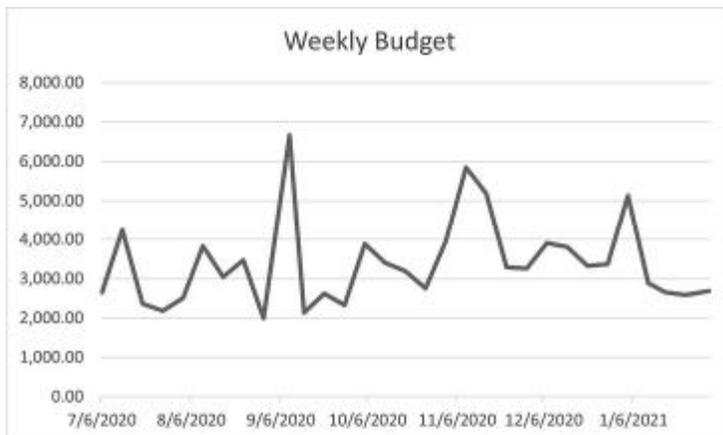
Sunday February 14th 9:30am

Roger Bibeault

*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: **\$2,431**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

As Pro-Life efforts are underway, Knights of Columbus Councils, family and Friends throughout RI are working towards helping the Mother of Life Center to raise money to replace their failed ultra-sound unit.

Our Council has undertaken an effort to assist in helping to raise funds for this replacement and the Supreme Council will match dollar for dollar what is raised. What's more, a new mechanism has been created to allow your donation to be **Tax deductible**.

A new foundation has been set up as a 501c3 tax entity. We ask you to consider a contribution fitting your means.

Simply go to the State website at [kofcri.org](http://kofcri.org) and click on the link for either a credit card donation or check donation and follow the instructions. **\*\*Important\*\*** please indicate **Council 113** in the comments section for the Council to **receive credit** for your kind contribution. Any questions, you may email me at [jkmc.tracy@gmail.com](mailto:jkmc.tracy@gmail.com)



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When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

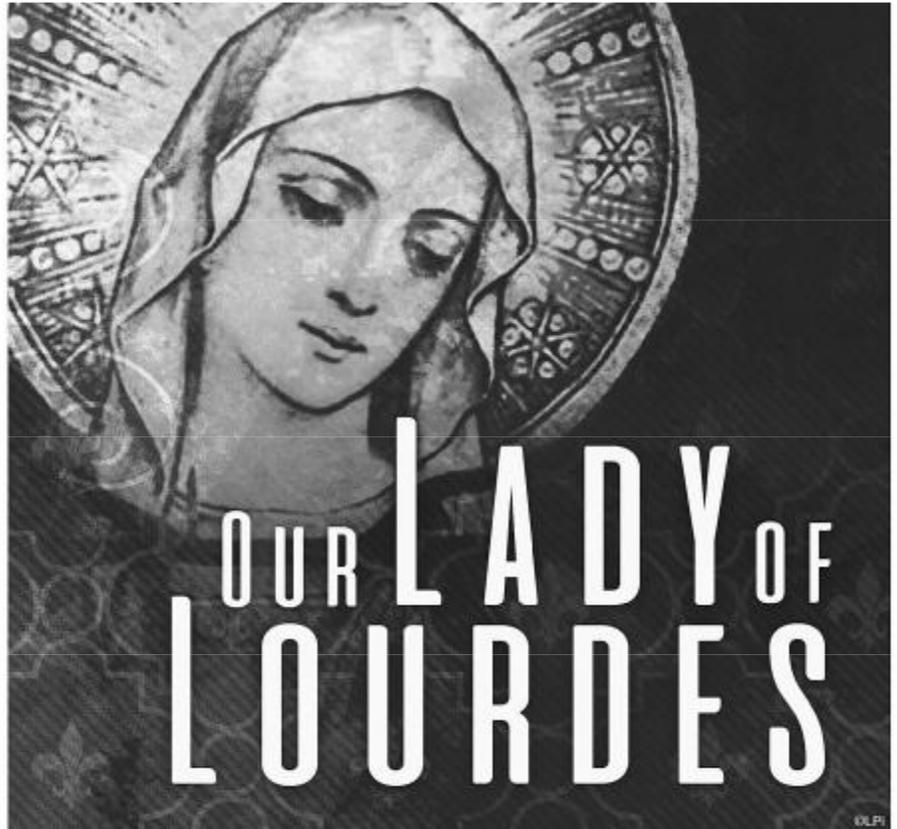
We hear how Job struggled to find meaning and hope in his life. How does your faith help you get through difficult times in your life?

#### Second Reading

Paul speaks of his singular desire to preach the "gospel" (the Good News of Jesus Christ). When do you share the gospel message with others?

#### Gospel Reading

We learn that from the beginning of his public ministry Jesus was very purpose-driven: healing the sick and preaching the good news. How intentional is the practice of faith in your daily life?

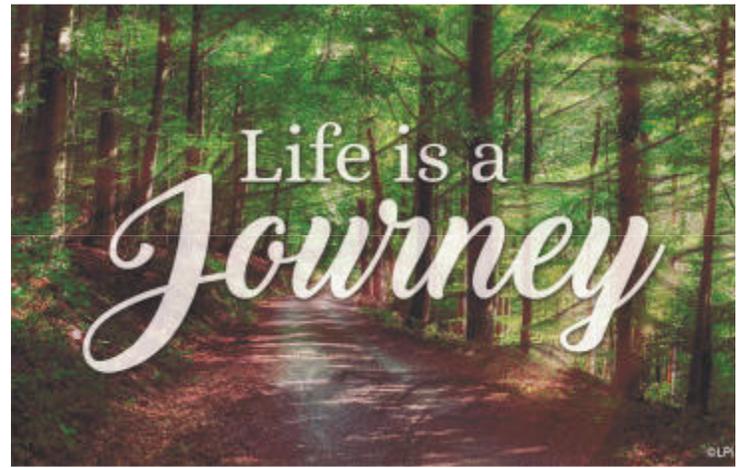


#### 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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

February 7, 2021 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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

### ALL SAINTS PARISH OFFICE

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We are available Tuesday thru Thursday by phone. Leave a message and someone will get back to you.

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