



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 30, 2022

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### Parish Office

645 Main Street  
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Mondays-Thursdays 9am-12nn

### New Members

If you are new to our parish, please take a moment to register through our parish website or by phone. Welcome!

### Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday at 8am  
Saturday at 4pm  
Sunday at 8am & 10:30am  
Sabbath@Sundown Sunday evening  
Mass at 6pm

### Confessions

Confessions are heard in the Reconciliation Chapel at the rear of the church on Saturdays at 3pm or anytime by appointment. Please note that the chapel accommodates both anonymous and face-to-face confessions.

### Baptisms

Baptisms are typically celebrated at one Sunday Mass per month. Please contact Deacon John Pryor at 401.245.7000, extension 14, for more information. Private baptisms may also be arranged.

### Weddings

Please call the parish office to discuss wedding preparations at least one year in advance of the intended date.

### SMB Mountain Movers

Milly Grieve, *Coordinator of Children's Ministries*  
Email: [smbmountainmovers@gmail.com](mailto:smbmountainmovers@gmail.com)

### SMB Food Pantry

The Food Pantry operates out of the lower church hall and is open on Tuesdays from 3pm to 5pm and on Wednesdays from 9am to 11am.  
Wendy Baker, *Director*  
Phone: 401.245.7000, ext. 19  
Email: [smbfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:smbfoodpantry@gmail.com)

### Parish Outreach

Parishioners and members of the local community in need should contact the rectory for assistance.  
Phone: 401.245.7000, ext. 13

### St. Gabriel's Call

St. Gabriel's Call provides emotional and practical support to families in need, including diapers, baby clothing and much more.  
Barbara Fisher, *Coordinator*  
Phone: 401.245.7000, ext. 20

## Welcome to Saint Mary of the Bay

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, ethnicity or spirituality, no matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue, you are welcome here! You are invited, accepted and respected at Saint Mary of the Bay. We hope to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!



## Mass Intentions

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Saturday, January 29

4pm: Gabrielle Hanley, 3rd Anniversary, and all Deceased Members of the Hanley and Paquin Families

*Requested by the family*

### Sunday, January 30

8am: Clara Mello, Month's Mind

*Requested by her family*

10:30am: Karen Cartin, 10th Anniversary

*Requested by her family*

6pm: For all parishioners

### Wednesday, February 2

8am: Barbara Brochu, 1st Anniversary

*Requested by John & Sandra Jannitto*

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Saturday, February 5

4pm: James Mancini Jr., Month's Mind

*Requested by the Mancini Family*

### Sunday, February 6

8am: Bertha Zeitler

*Requested by Dina Carvalho*

10:30am: Orlando Valenti, 36th Anniversary

*Requested by the Valenti Family*

6pm: For all parishioners



## Stewardship

### Weekend of January 22 & 23, 2022

Budget Envelopes: \$2,633.00 Loose: \$577.00

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## Help Needed

### Organ Donor Sought

On behalf of a long-time parishioner, I would like to ask any of you who have blood type O to consider being tested to be a kidney donor. As you probably know, donors with blood type O are in high demand because they are considered universal donors – meaning they can donate to any blood type. Right now our fellow parishioner is facing at least a 7 year wait for a kidney. If you have O blood type and would consider being tested as a donor, please contact me at 401-245-7000, extension 21, or by email at smbfaithformation@gmail.com.

Thank you,

*Carolyn Mello Pryor*



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## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of January 30 in loving memory of:

**John Pimental**

at the request of Lee Ann Chace.

*If you would like to request that the sanctuary lamp burn in honor of a deceased loved one or for a special intention, please call the parish office.*



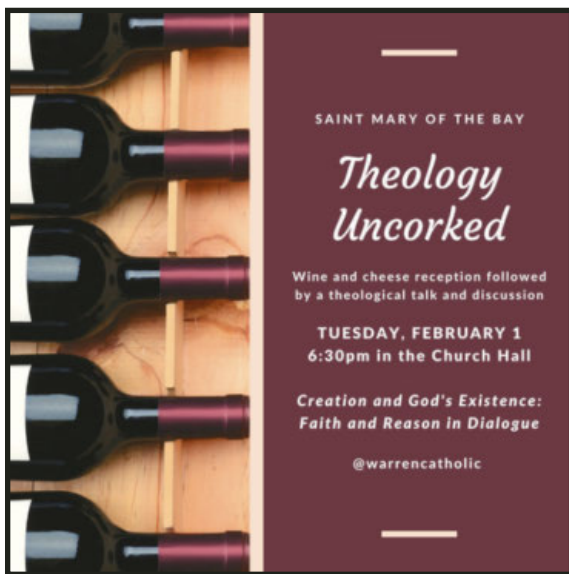
*Congratulations to baby Augustine, who was baptized last Saturday. Augustine and his parents, Rachel and Matt, played the Holy Family in our living nativity this past December. Congratulations! May Augustine walk always as a child of the light.*



- ◆ **You or someone you know** is a baptized Catholic but has not received any or all of the other Sacraments of Initiation...
- ◆ **You or someone you know** is a baptized member of another Christian denomination who has expressed curiosity or interest in the Catholic Church...
- ◆ **You or someone you know** is not baptized and would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Christian...
- ◆ **You or someone you know** is a young adult (middle-school, high-school or college-aged) who “missed” the Sacrament of Confirmation for one reason or another, even because life just became a little too hectic...

St. Mary of the Bay welcomes you to be part of an accessible process of formation this Lent in exploration of the faith and preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil in April. This process, once commonly known as RCIA, will be flexible for all (no hoop-jumping and no red-tape) and will take into account the unique histories and backgrounds of all involved. This allows for a more a flexible timeline of preparation and reception than traditionally observed.

**Contact Father Joe by phone at 401-245-7000 (ext. 11) or by email (fatherupton@gmail.com) for more information about this process.** A personal invitation from you to someone who falls into any of the above categories will go a long way! Thank you for helping us get the word out!

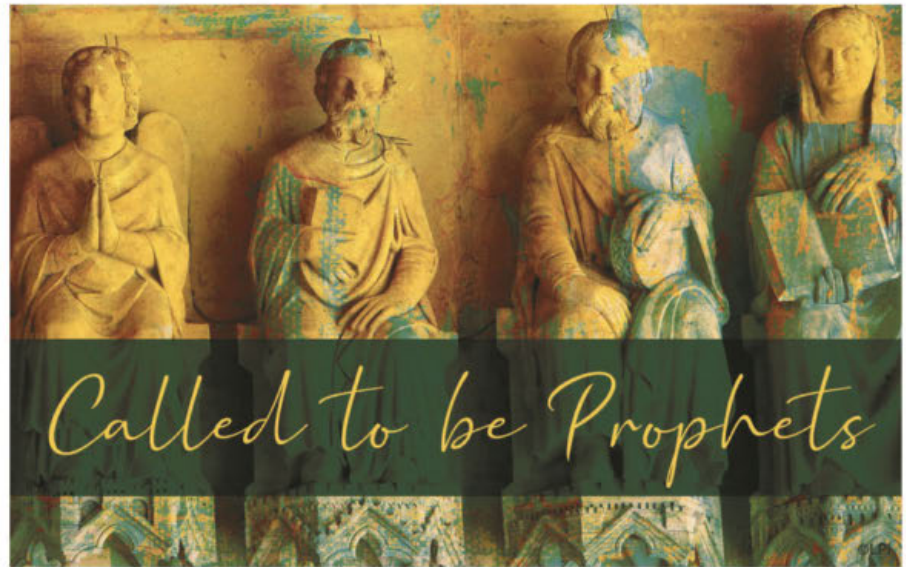


## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving



servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as

love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

*When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.*

*- Lk 4:28-30*

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