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WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please introduce yourself to Fr. John or Linda and register
at St. Mary of the Assumption or Our Lady of Grace!

We want to get to know you and hope you become part of our community.

Confessions

Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm at St. Mary's
or by appointment.

Faith Formation

Call Donna DiGregorio at 781-284-5252

Sacrament of Baptism

Our Lady's: 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:30 pm.
St. Mary's: 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm.
Prep for Parents and Godparents is the previous
Saturday at noon. Register three weeks in advance.

Care of the Sick

Please let us know of parishioners who are sick or
in the hospital, that we may pray for, and when
possible, visit them. Anyone who is unable to cele-
brate Mass with us in church is urged to let us
know, that we might bring them Communion at
home. Please call us!

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples considering marriage must contact Fr.
John at least **six months** in advance. Participation
in a marriage prep program is mandatory.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 23

9 AM SMA A Special Intention
4 PM SMA Camille M. LoChirco
by loving family

Sunday, Jan. 24

8 AM OLG A Special Intention
9:30 AM SMA Joseph Meoli Birthday Mass
by Loving Wife, Daughter & Grandchildren
11 AM OLG A Special Intention
12 PM Mass on our Facebook page
12:30 PM OLG

Monday, Jan. 25

9 AM SMA A Special Intention

Thursday, Jan. 28

9 AM SMA For All Mothers

Friday, Jan. 29 *Day of Prayer for Unborn Children*

9 AM SMA For Unborn Children

Saturday, Jan. 30

9 AM SMA A Special Intention
4 PM SMA A Special Intention

Sunday, Jan. 31

8 AM OLG A Special Intention
9:30 AM SMA A Special Intention
11 AM OLG A Special Intention
12 PM Mass on our Facebook page
12:30 PM OLG

**Oh beautiful, for heroes proved,
in liberating strife...**

Let us pray for those who serve
our nation and protect us every day.

**Nicholas Beauchamp, Adam DeLlascio,
Dennis Geary, Michael McGrath,
Nathaniel Pazos, Fr. Robert Monagle**

SMA Memorial Society

John McGrath, Josephine Curcio,
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Judy Cammarata, Nicholas Di Mauro,
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David Lania, Frank J. & Frances R. Cristello.

The Joint Committee for Children's Health Care in Everett

assists clients on
Mon, 9 am-8 pm, Tues, Weds & Thurs,
9 am- 5 pm, and Sat, 9 am- 2 pm.
They are **ONLY** assisting clients,
through phone (617) 394-2414
and email at 2414help@jcchce.org.

If you need help with your health insurance,
MassHealth/HealthConnector,
please contact them.

Being Pro-Life

Being pro-life certainly means opposing
abortion but, for Catholics, being pro-life
also means more than just opposing abortion.
The Church calls us to care for and respect the
dignity of life at all stages, from its earliest days
in the womb to the time of our natural death –
and at all stages in between.

In a special way, we are called to provide care
to the most vulnerable and marginalized
among us which includes the unborn,
the terminally ill, those with severe disabilities,
those on death row, and refugees and migrants
around the world who have been displaced
by war, famine and civil unrest.

-Pro-Life Office, Archdiocese of Boston
ProLifeOffice@rcab.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gerry Foster, Elizabeth Raneli, Pat Bocelli,
Barbara Heinle, Fr. Denis Sweeney, CSSR

Morning Star Catholic Collaborative Office Hours

Revere: Mon, Wed & Thurs: 9 am– 1 pm

Chelsea: Mon, Tue, Th, Fri: 8:30 am–1:30 pm

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Today's Readings

Human beings seem to be hardwired to want to know what's going to happen next. This is how dramas and reality television can grip us so tightly — we simply have to stick around and watch the rest to see what's going to happen. I find my own children sometimes asking, "So what are we going to do today, Mommy?" even though we have a fairly simple and consistent schedule each week. There seems to be a thirst to feel just a little bit in control by knowing what's coming next. I remember feeling this whenever we moved to a new city as a military family, navigating unfamiliar roads. My phone's GPS was never far from my hand as I drove, needing to know which turn to take next to feel comfortable driving in a new place.

The readings today call us to something radically different. In the first reading, God calls Jonah, but what is striking is that the call seems to imply that Jonah isn't given all the information right away. "Set out for the great city of Nineveh and announce to it the message that I will tell you." God doesn't say, "Announce the message I've already mapped out for you word by word so you can say yes, fully knowing every turn this journey will take."

God simply says that He will tell him. So, even if it was brief, there is a sense that Jonah had a moment of just having to trust God and taking Him at His word, not knowing exactly what would come next.

What would it be like in Nineveh? How long would it take the people to turn back to God? However, this wasn't what Jonah needed to do or know to fulfill God's plan. He simply needed to act. He just needed to say yes and move forward with trust.

-Angie Windnagle

A Very Special Ministry

Project Rachel is a confidential ministry of the Catholic Church that offers hope and healing for women (and men) in pain from past abortions.

Project Rachel takes both its name and mission from the Old Testament passage of "Rachel Weeping" (Jer 31:15-17) – Rachel weeping for her children "who are no more".

In the Scripture passage, the weeping Rachel encounters the merciful love of God who wipes the tears from her eyes and offers her the promise of hope for her future.

Today, through the Church's Project Rachel ministry, God's tender love and mercy is offered to those experiencing post-abortion pain, regret and grief.

Project Rachel offers both one-on-one and small group opportunities for healing including:

- ◆ one-day retreats
- ◆ support group
- ◆ Sacramental Reconciliation (confession) with specially trained priests
- ◆ counseling referrals

More than 500 women have participated in our one-day "Come to the Waters of Healing" retreat. If you are in pain from a past abortion experience, please call (508-651-3100) or go to help@projectrachelboston.com to discuss confidentially which services would best address your needs.

Fr. John is a Project Rachel priest.

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