



## WEEKEND MASS

### **Saturday**

4:00 PM Sacred Heart

### **Sunday**

7:30 AM Sacred Heart

9:15 AM St. Philip

11:00 AM Sacred Heart

## WEEKDAY MASS

### **Monday—Thursday**

7:45 AM

Sacred Heart

## CONFESSION

### **Saturday**

2:45 PM

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GOSPEL MEDITATION -  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 21, 2021  
5th Sunday of Lent

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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April Session #7 - Kneeling Before the Majesty of God

**CHANGE: Sunday 4/11 St. Philip 10:30 am**



**The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Ages 3-6** at Sacred Heart Parish Center in the atrium classroom. Helping your children learn about Jesus and their faith in a Montessori style setting. Call the office at 782-8096 for more information. *Sessions observe all guidelines for safety and social distancing. A mask or other approved face covering must be worn by everyone at all times.*



Join Us  
**LENTEN EVENTS**



STATIONS  
OF THE  
CROSS

**Stations of the Cross**  
(Sacred Heart)

**Friday at 6:00 PM**

**Lenten Evening Prayer with  
Adoration and Benediction**  
(Sacred Heart)

**Sunday at 4:00 PM**



**The Light is ON for You.**  
*Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Monday, March 22 6:00 pm - St. Philip  
Tuesday, March 23 6:00 pm - Sacred Heart  
Wednesday, March 24 6:00 pm - Sacred Heart

## Stewardship Offering

March 14                   \$ 5,324 (basket)  
                                  \$ 1,955 (online)  
Catholic Relief Services   \$ 666



## Easter Triduum Retreat

Biddeford April 1-4

Father Daniel Renaud, OMI, will lead an Easter Triduum Retreat from April 1-4 at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford. Father Renaud will share the recorded encounters of saints, mystics, and the Church Fathers to deepen retreatants' understanding and awaken their religious imagination, drawing them ever more deeply in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This retreat begins with dinner on Holy Thursday and concludes with brunch on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$350 for those staying overnight and \$175 for commuters. For more information or to register, visit [www.mariejosephspiritual.org](http://www.mariejosephspiritual.org) or call (207) 284-5671.

## "Catholic Teaching & Science" Virtual Presentation on March 23

Saint Joseph's College of Maine invites all Maine Catholics to a free online presentation set for Tuesday, March 23, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. "Catholic Teaching & Science" will feature a conversation with Dr. Stephen Barr about the Catholic Church's relationship to science, including the theory of evolution. He will discuss how fundamental Catholic beliefs dovetail with the basic assumptions of science, how the Church powerfully contributed to the founding and development of science, the doctrine of the human "spiritual soul" and how it does not conflict with modern science, and how the idea of biological evolution is consistent with a Christian conception of the universe. For more information or to register to attend the free event, visit [www.portlanddiocese.org/content/saint-joseph%E2%80%99s-college-invites-maine-catholics-%E2%80%9Ccatholic-teaching-science%E2%80%9D-virtual](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/content/saint-joseph%E2%80%99s-college-invites-maine-catholics-%E2%80%9Ccatholic-teaching-science%E2%80%9D-virtual).



## Spiritual Communion

### Question:

What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

### Answer:

The practice of making a "spiritual communion" dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

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## Easter Flower Envelopes

Donation Envelopes for Easter flowers can be found in the narthex of both churches. Remembrances for loved ones will be published the week of Easter and prayed for throughout the year. Please consider donating.





## PRAYER REQUESTS

Melanie Creamer, Jeremy Gagne, Larry Hite,  
Gene & Marlene Keene, Matthew Piper,  
Tony Renaud, Carmen White and Bruno Yomoah

### Something to Consider

With the third round of stimulus checks being sent; we ask that you consider an alternative to just keeping it in the bank. Many need the extra money to help get them through this crisis, but some see this just as extra money that is not really needed. If that is your situation, we ask you ponder donating your check. Weekly offertory has declined significantly in the past year, and although we are able to balance the books, needed repairs will be postponed. As part of our Lenten obligation. We are asked to Pray , Fast and Give Alms. In addition to are parish, there are many organizations that would appreciate the donation; please consider giving.

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THE MEASURE  
BY WHICH  
OUR LORD  
JUDGES ALL  
THINGS.

—St. Padre Pio



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 3/20** 4:00 pm Sacred Heart  
Pauline Turcotte by Margaret Pelletier

**Sunday 3/21** 7:30 am Sacred Heart  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners

9:15 am St. Philip  
James Bossee by Richard & Jo Thibodeau

11:00 am Sacred Heart  
Margaret Emmerson Foorman by Jim, Pandora,  
Ben & Liz, Lawler

**Monday 3/22** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
Virginia "Dolly: Allain by Ned & Debbie Fontaine

**Tuesday 3/23** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
Rolande Dube by Richard & Ellen Dube

**Wednesday 3/24** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
Denis Cloutier by George & Judy Hartford

**Thursday 3/25** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
Deceased Loved Ones of Parishioners

**Friday 3/26** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
NO MASS

**Saturday 3/27** 4:00 pm Sacred Heart  
Adrienne Carpentier & Lettie Lajoie by Family

**Sunday 3/28** 7:30 am Sacred Heart  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners

9:15 am St. Philip  
Lamarre Family by Gilmary Lamarre

11:00 am Sacred Heart  
Donald C. Caron by Family



### Sanctuary Lamp Week of March 21-27

Adrienne Carpentier & Lettie Lajoie  
by family



### Readings for the Week of March 21, 2021

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/  
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/  
**Rom** 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or  
11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/  
Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
[52b]/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/  
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/  
Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/  
Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/  
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/  
Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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