



**LET US  
SEE YOUR  
KINDNESS.**

*psalm 85*

## 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**

3:00 PM

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 11, 2021

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

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## Job Opening

### Business Coordinator

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
Auburn

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is seeking to hire a part-time\* Business Coordinator. This person assists the Pastor with the stewardship of the physical, financial and human resources of the parish in accordance with diocesan policies and guidelines. The Business Coordinator is a person of faith who is committed to the Church and to the responsible management of resources.

Experience in business management is preferred. Additionally, the candidate must possess good management skills and be able to communicate effectively.

Applications should include a focused cover letter addressing the above requirements. All applications will be considered confidential. Please send information to:

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\*approximately 16 hours/week

## Job Opening

### Administrative Assistant

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is seeking to hire a part-time\* Administrative Assistant.

This position includes overseeing a variety of tasks that keep the office and parish running smoothly. Interested persons must be flexible. Work hours are variable and extend from Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Preference will be given to practicing Catholics.

Applications should include a focused cover letter addressing the above requirements. All applications will be considered confidential. Please send information to:

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## Stewardship Offering

July 4 Will be reported next week

### Mission Appeal July 10-11

This year, the missionary priest from the Philippines,

**Rev. Christian C. Bustonera** of the *Disciples of Mary* will be sharing his missionary experience among the young people in the Philippines. We would like you to take part in his mission apostolate through your prayers and donations as he reaches out to so many youth who are confronted with the serious challenges of addiction, materialism, violence, and abuse. **Please be as generous as possible in responding to our Lord's call to each one of us to take part in His mission to all people.**



### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### What We Carry from Town to Town

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



### Faith in Marriage

#### Question:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

#### Answer:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

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**The Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be recited on **July 11th**, following the 11:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart. The Icon of Divine Mercy, blessed by Saint John Paul II will be adorning the front of the church.



**HOLINESS GROWS  
SO FAST WHERE  
THERE IS KINDNESS.  
—ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA**



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeremey Gagne, Cheryl MacDonald, Tony Renaud, Normand Roy

### **“Living in the Present Moment, The Eternal Now” in Biddeford on August 21-28**

“Living in the Present Moment, The Eternal Now” a retreat led by Sister Carol Marozzi, SSJ, will be held at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford from August 21-28. The retreat will focus on living in the present moment and finding the God who is present in the here and now. Retreatants will be helped to identify the obstacles that hinder the discovery of the richness of God’s life within them. The cost of the retreat is \$640. For more information or to register, visit [www.mariejosephspiritual.org](http://www.mariejosephspiritual.org) or call (207) 284-5671.

### **2021 Blue Mass in Lewiston September 19**

Local, state, and federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel will be recognized for their faithful commitment and self-sacrifice at the Blue Mass on Sunday, September 19, at 10:30 a.m., at the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul on 122 Ash Street in Lewiston. Bishop Robert Deeley will celebrate the Mass, joined by priests and deacons from throughout the diocese. **People of all faiths are invited to attend and join in showing our gratitude to these dedicated heroes. All active and retired members of the public safety community are encouraged to come with their families and in uniform.** For more information about the Blue Mass, including its history in the Diocese of Portland, visit [www.portlanddiocese.org/BlueMass](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/BlueMass).

### **Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC)**

Your most important work may be after you retire. Would you like to make a significant contribution to the lives of others? The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a national organization that offers adult men and women the opportunity to share their life skills and wisdom in service to the poor. IVC Service Corps Members in Maine commit to work in social service organizations, schools, and non-profit organizations for one to two days. In addition, they meet monthly to prayerfully reflect on their service and to deepen their spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. If you are interested in learning more about IVC, visit [www.ivcusa.org/ivc-offices/welcome-to-ivc-portland-me/about-ivc-portland-maine](http://www.ivcusa.org/ivc-offices/welcome-to-ivc-portland-me/about-ivc-portland-maine) or contact Kathy Crosson, the regional director of IVC Portland, at (207) 808-8029 or [kcrosson@ivcusa.org](mailto:kcrosson@ivcusa.org).



**Saturday 7/10** 4:00 pm Sacred Heart  
*Richard Bergeron, Sr. by Alma & Paul Ouellette*

**Sunday 7/11** 7:30 am Sacred Heart  
*1st Anniv Daniel Valcourt by Monette Valcourt*  
 9:15 am St. Philip  
*Deceased members of the Thibodeau & Cooper Families by Jo Thibodeau & Family*  
 11:00 am Sacred Heart  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners*

**Monday 7/12** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Leo Roy by Wife, Peggy*

**Tuesday 7/13** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Cheryl Bilodeau by Paula Baril*

**Wednesday 7/14** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Richard Daigneault by Lorraine Cote*

**Thursday 7/15** 7:45 am Sacred Heart  
*Deceased Loved Ones of Parishioners*

**Friday 7/16**  
 NO MASS

**Saturday 7/17** 4:00 pm Sacred Heart  
*Paul Beaucage by Lorraine Bolen & Albert Audette*

**Sunday 7/18** 7:30 am Sacred Heart  
*I.H.M. Parishioners*  
 9:15 am St. Philip  
*Armand Morin by Carmel Laplante*  
 11:00 am Sacred Heart  
*Roland Hamel by Wife Jane & Family*



Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
*Ashley O'Brien*  
 May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the  
 mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Readings for the Week of July 11, 2021**

**Sunday:** Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14  
 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/  
 Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/  
 Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/  
 Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/  
 Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/  
 Mt 12:14-21

**Next Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/  
 Mk 6:30-34

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