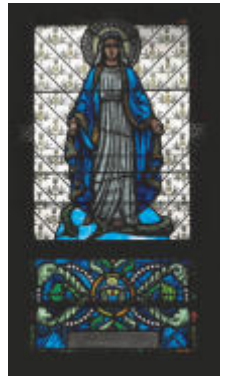




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Sun: 8AM (Columbus Day to Memorial Day)

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Masses—Thur: 8AM,
Sun: 10AM

St Pius X Church Errol

Masses—Sun: 8AM (Chapel open
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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 16th, 2022

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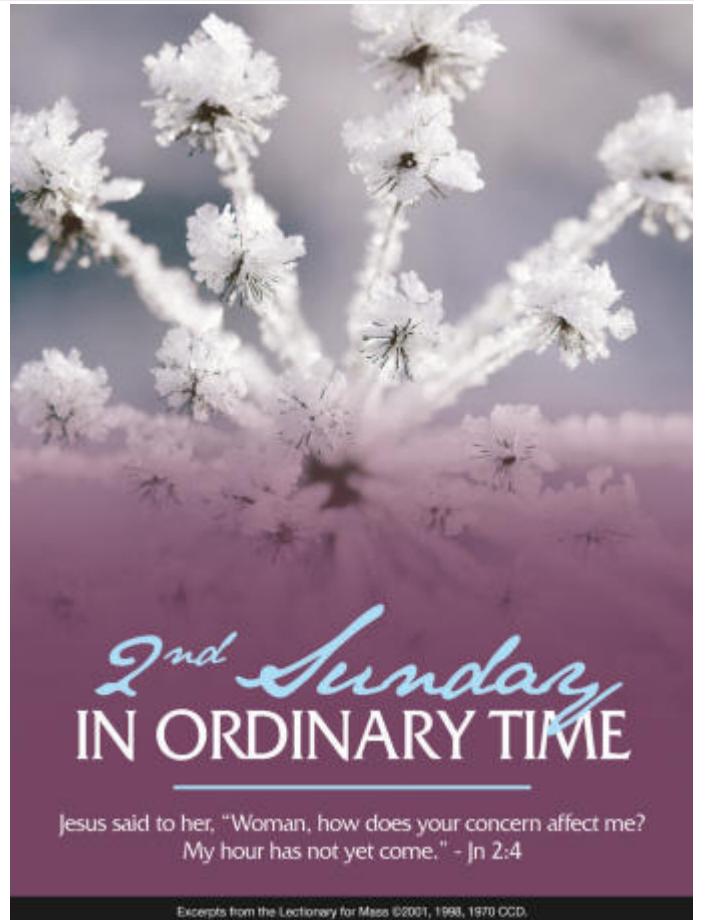
Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office 6 months prior to your tentative date.

Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM at St. Albert Church or by appointment.



New Parishioners: If you attend North American Martyrs Parish regularly & consider us your parish, please take a moment to register with us by calling the Parish Office as soon as possible.



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ST. ALBERT

Sat., Jan. 15th 4:30PM
Francine Devost Req by Ronnie Devost
Colleen Gorman Req by the Ray Gorman Family

Sun., Jan. 16th 8:00AM
Patricia Beauregard Req by Francoise Bohan
Loraine Roy Req by Jeanne Harvey

Fri., Jan. 21st 8:00AM
Pauline Rodrigue Req by Gaston Rodrigue

Sat., Jan. 22nd 4:30PM
Roger & Junior Mathieu
Req by Real & Rollande Mathieu

Sun., Jan. 23rd 8:00AM
Iola Boire Req by Josh Boire & Family

ST. BRENDAN

Sun., Jan. 16th 10:00AM
Wilfred & Amanda Pilote
Req by Viola I. Robitaille & Family

Thu., Jan 20th 8:00AM
Ted Gilbert Req by Don & Jean Gilbert

Sun., Jan. 23rd 10:00AM
Fernand DeBlois Req by the Family
Rosaire Rougeau Req by his Wife & Family

COOS NURSING HOME

Wed., Jan.. 19th 9:30AM
All Souls remembered on All Souls Day

Financial Report	<u>1/9/2022</u>
Offertory	\$1421.00
60/40 Fundraiser	23.00
Food Pantry	50.00

There is a second collection this weekend for the Seminarian Fund.

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Gary Jobes \$9.20
Please consider participating in our weekly Parish 60/40 Booster Club. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances. Put a DOLLAR in the envelope, fill out the front with your name & address and drop it in the weekly collection. Weekly winner will be mailed a check for their 40% winnings.

Sanctuary Lamp
St. Albert Church
For the intentions of the parishioners
St. Brendan Church
For Fernande DeBloise

Eucharistic Adoration
Monthly, 8:30AM First Friday at St Albert Parish



Sat.,
JAN.
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*“As the family goes,
so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.”*
ST. JOHN PAUL II

Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children



*The Rosary is prayed
1/2 hour before each
weekend mass at
St. Albert's & St. Bren-
dan's Church. All
are welcome to join.*

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Start yours today!

WORD OF GOD



Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Su: Is 62:1-5/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

M: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tu: 1 Sm 16:1-13/ Mk 2:23-28

W: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Th: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Fr: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Sa: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

Next Su: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Link for reading information as well as other pertinent Universal Church resources:
<http://uscgb.org/bible/readings>.

Observances for this week:

Su: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

M: St. Anthony, Abbot

Tu: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

W:

Th: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Fr: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Sa: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Next Su: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

LIVE THE LITURGY - OUR WEEKLY INSPIRATION Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!

First Reading: (Is 62:5) The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bridge and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. What do you see as some implications of this marriage imagery?

Second Reading: (1 Cor 12:11) Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. How do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?

Gospel: (Jn 2:11) Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue?

Each year, Pope Francis asks for prayers for a specific monthly intention. January's special intention is:

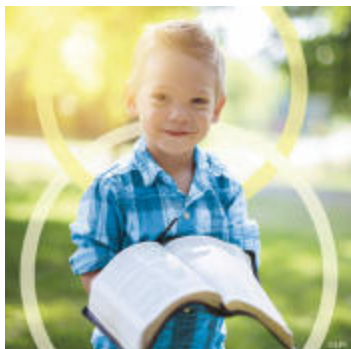
True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family



January is the month of The Holy Name of Jesus

Lord Jesus,
we humbly pray You to give us all a great reverence and respect for Your most holy name.
Forgive us for ever having used the name of Jesus in vain, or without due respect.
Help us remember how reverently and lovingly, Your Mother Mary used the name of Jesus, and how humbly Saint Joseph called You and spoke to You by name.
Your name, dear Jesus, is above every other name in heaven or on earth, because You are the Jesus, the Savior of all men.
You have saved us, and You have told us to ask God anything in Your name, and it would be granted.
We ask You, humbly and confidently, to bless us and our work, and give us the rich treasures of Your Divine grace, without which we cannot even so much as pronounce the name of Jesus.
Amen.



**God IS GREAT,
God IS GOOD!!**

Teach
our
children
well !!





CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Answer: Fortitude, wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Sebastian | January 20



Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

Sharing Your Faith— Faithful Departed

Question: How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer: We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

It Takes All Kinds

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.



But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

Catholic Women’s Club For more information about the Catholic Women’s Club please call Diane Little (603-237-8062).

Our parish website calendar of events continues to grow! Please bookmark this link so that you can easily look an event up. If you know of an event not listed please contact the Parish Office and share the details and we’ll have it added! **nampnh.org**




Please join us for Lectio Divina
Every Wed. 6-7pm. We pray, read & discuss the upcoming readings for the next Sunday. Link: us02web.zoom.us
Select—’JOIN A MEETING’ - Meeting ID: 865 5109 7328
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You will be surprised how Sunday’s readings come alive!
If you would like to be added to the reminder emails—please share you email with the parish office.

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