

*THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME...*  
- LK 4:18

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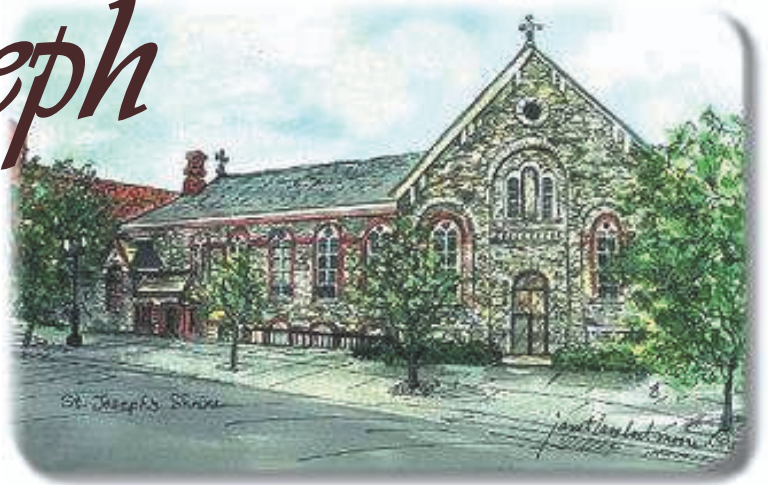


# St. Joseph

## The Worker Shrine

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*Saint Joseph the Worker Shrine is a place of prayer, reflection, and social action undertaken in the spirit of Jesus Christ and Saint Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Our mission is based on Matthew 11:28,*

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.”*

*St. Joseph the Worker Shrine is a ministry of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, United States Province.*

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## Shrine Resources

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Saturday: 8 AM, 12 Noon, & 4 PM  
Sunday at 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 Noon

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### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturdays and each First Friday after the noon Mass (approx. 12:45 PM) and ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament before the evening Mass.

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# Mass Intentions

January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Saturday January 22, 2022**  
 8:00 Cynthia Cascio  
 12:00 Timothy Boughner  
 4:00 Phyllis Bertencini - living
- Sunday January 23, 2022**  
 8:00 Robert Dufault Sr. - deceased  
 10:00 Bryan & Sadie Gateb - living  
 12:00 Paul Musto - 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Monday January 24, 2022**  
 8:00 Roberto & William Mercado  
 12:00 Stanley Szufnarowski, Sr.  
 5:30 Gateb Family - living
- Tuesday January 25, 2022**  
 8:00 Fr. Terry O'Connell, OMI - deceased  
 12:00 Anna Marie Salva - living  
 5:30 Mike Church - deceased
- Wednesday January 26, 2022**  
 8:00 Robert G. Dufault - deceased  
 12:00 Shrine Benefactors  
 5:30 Koula Karabatsos
- Thursday January 27, 2022**  
 8:00 Fr. Terry O'Connell, OMI - deceased  
 12:00 Claude D'Souza  
 5:30 David MacGillivray
- Friday January 28, 2022**  
 8:00 Rev. Lawrence Pratt - deceased  
 12:00 John, Ryan & Deidre - living  
 5:30 Jean Curtis
- Saturday January 29, 2022**  
 8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 12:00 Rene J. Bedard - deceased  
 4:00 Helen R. Bastien
- Sunday January 30, 2022**  
 8:00 Thomas O'Halloran  
 10:00 Barbara A. Mulligan - deceased  
 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
 12:00 Fr. Terry O'Connell, OMI - deceased

We extend a special *thank you* to Ms. Terese Lac Do for her constant care and attention to the flowers in the Shrine, *especially* at Christmas and Easter. We appreciate you!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your contributions!  
 We appreciate your generous support of St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Week Ending	January 9, 2022
Weekend Total:	\$1,913.90
Weekday Total:	\$709.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,622.90
We-Share Total:	\$410.00

**Music For Sunday, January 23, 2022**

**CHOIR 8AM.**  
 Entrance #602 Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior  
 Offertory #433 Here I Am  
 Communion #586 We Are Many Parts  
 Sending Forth #626 Tend the Ground

**4PM/10AM/12PM**  
 Entrance #614 Rain Down  
 Offertory #602 Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior  
 Communion #626 Tend the Ground  
 #599 You Are the Light  
 Sending Forth #561 10,000 Reasons

## Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 6:15-18
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

## **FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE**

**January 25th**

**Conclusion of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**



St. Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome in 66, and his body is kept in the Basilica of St. Paul near the Ostian Way.

From: [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org)

### **January 25th is the anniversary of the founding of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate**



From January 25, 1869, the Missionary Oblates through to the present moment, have extended their reach in missions around the world to help evangelize the neediest souls among us! St.

Eugene founded the Oblates of Mary Immaculate primarily to serve the spiritually needy and deprived of the French countryside. His zeal for the Kingdom of God and his devotion to the Church moved the Oblates to push the boundaries of the apostolate. In the years that followed, the Oblate mission continued, so that today the impulse of Eugene de Mazenod is alive in his men in 68 different countries.

**God our Father, we thank you for having called Saint Eugene de Mazenod to follow Christ the Saviour and Evangelizer. Passionately in love with your Son Jesus and sharing in his compassion for humanity, Eugene put himself unconditionally at the service of the Church for the evangelization of these most in need. Through his intercession help us to reach out with the healing touch of Christ who calls us to holiness and to Mission. May we build communities which are signs of your presence and share the Good News of salvation with all peoples. For this we dedicate ourselves through Christ our Lord. Amen. Saint Eugene de Mazenod: share with us your love for Christ. Saint Eugene de Mazenod: help us to stand firm in goodness. Saint Eugene de Mazenod: be with us in all our efforts.**

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January**



**We pray for all those who suffer from religious discrimination and persecution; may their rights and dignity as brothers and sisters be recognized in the human family.**

## **January is The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus**

In Philippians 2, Saint Paul tells us that "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." From the earliest days of Christianity, Christians have known the great power of Jesus' Holy Name. As the once-popular hymn commanded:



**The Most Holy  
Name of Jesus**

*All hail the power of Jesus'  
Name!*

*Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.*

Small wonder, then, that the Church sets aside the first month of the year in honor of the Holy Name of Jesus. Through this devotion, the Church reminds us of the power of Christ's Name and encourages us to pray in His Name. In our society, of course, we hear His Name uttered quite often, but all too frequently, it is used in a curse or blasphemy. In the past, Christians would often make the Sign of the Cross when they heard Christ's Name uttered in such a manner, and that's a practice that would be worthwhile to revive. Another good practice that we could take to heart during this Month of the Holy Name of Jesus is the recitation of the Jesus Prayer. This prayer is as popular among Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, as the rosary is among Roman Catholics, but it's not well known in the West.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me a sinner!*

This month, why not take a few minutes to memorize the Jesus Prayer, and pray it during those moments of the day when you are between activities or traveling or simply taking a rest? Keeping Christ's Name always on our lips is a good way to ensure that we draw ever nearer to Him.

### **Christmas Collection**

We sincerely thank all of you who have generously contributed to our Christmas collection. This Christmas collection, as you know, is to help the senior Oblates who have graciously served us.



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**St. Eugene-**

You experienced the intimate love and closeness of the Savior's presence in the Word of God - you nourished yourself on it each day and led others to the same source of nourishment.



St. Eugene, guide us to the Savior in our time of need.

*- Litany of St. Eugene de Mazenod*



From the Director's Desk  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022



St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) taught many to govern with prudence. Just about every time I met with Father Terry O'Connell before he died, he told me how the shrine of St. Joseph the Worker had good Oblates to steer the ship to shore. These Oblates acted with prudence.

St. Bernard states that there are 3 stages to prudence; *deliberation, decision, execution*. *Deliberation* is based on reflection, advice asked, and careful examination. 4 eyes see better than 2. Here at the Shrine, there are 8 eyes with Fathers Conserva, Meyer and Tremblay and me.

*Decision* is choosing what action to take. Prudence is not vacillation, that is, not making a choice. Prudence is making a sure choice. *Execution* is the most important of the 3 stages. Execution, carried out without discouragement, if things don't go as well as planned.

Not everyone will agree with the way we execute our plans. Our Savior fled when people wanted to make him king. On the Sunday before he died, he entered Jerusalem as king; riding on a donkey. Jesus masterfully practiced prudence. The French press did not, when it came to Napoleon.

The French did not practice prudence when it came to Napoleon. In 1815, he escaped from Elba, his place of exile. Here are how the French newspapers described his activities: "The *bandit* has escaped from the Island of Elba." "The *usurper* has reached Grenoble." "*Napoleon* enters Lyons." "The *Emperor* reaches Paris this evening." These are not examples of prudence. As always, Jesus Christ practiced prudence perfectly. May we be, as Father O'Connell said, "*Good Oblates to steer the ship of the Shrine to safe harbors.*"

I remember you at Mass.

**Today!** January 23<sup>rd</sup> is the wedding anniversary of Mary and Joseph. Therefore at all Masses this Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph.

Year of the Eucharist in  
the Archdiocese of Boston

To prepare for the closing of the Year of the Eucharist we will have a Holy Hour once each month, except for April when we observe Holy Week, so we will postpone it that month. The Holy Hour will be at 3pm on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 16  
Wednesday, March 16  
Monday, May 16  
Thursday, June 16

**Shrine Gift Shop/Bookstore News**



Our advertising in the media and our promotional incentives certainly increased the volume of patrons throughout the holiday season. What a great asset for the Shrine to offer this service to Catholics in the greater Lowell area – our Gift Shop/Bookstore is one of the largest of its kind north of Boston. Thanks to all who made their contribution to "*keeping Christ in Christmas*" by patronizing the Shrine's Gift Shop/Bookstore and selecting quality religious items to include in your Christmas gift-giving.

As a further service and for the convenience of folks, next Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, we will begin the practice (*which we experimented with in December*) of opening the Gift Shop on the first Sunday of each month (except the summer months) during morning Mass times – from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Given the difficulty of parking during weekdays, this Sunday morning opportunity will accommodate folks who are here for Mass anyway, giving them an opportunity to browse and select from our inventory of quality religious items and books.

Aurea Torres, our Gift Shop/Bookstore manager, announces that a substantial inventory of new items and statues has arrived and will soon be put on display. One popular book has already hit our shelves: Jerome Lejeune – a Man of Science and Conscience. Why not stop by and peruse what the Shop has to offer?

**Holy Hour for Life**

To mark the 'Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Children in the Womb,' 1/21/22, on Monday, January 24<sup>rd</sup>, St. Joseph the Worker Shrine will conduct a Holy Hour for Life. This Holy Hour will begin at 4PM.



Joseph, most faithful  
~ Pray for us!  
~ Litany of St. Joseph

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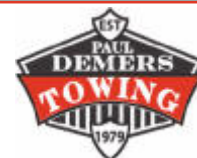


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