

[HE SAID TO THEM], "TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE PASSAGE IS FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING." - LK 4:21

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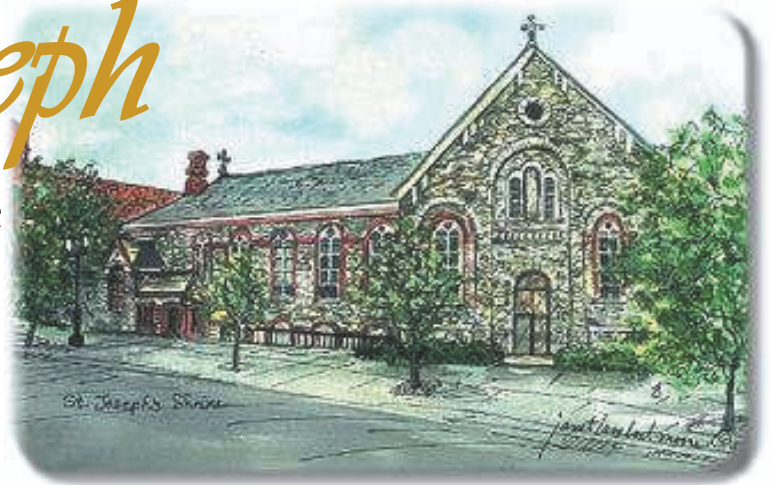


# St. Joseph

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

### Confessions:

Weekdays: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 4:30 - 5:15 PM  
Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM

### 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

**Jan. 29 - Feb. 6, 2022**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 29, 2022</b>
8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00	Rene J. Bedard - deceased
4:00	Helen R. Bastien
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 30, 2022</b>
8:00	Thomas O'Halloran
10:00	Barbara A. Mulligan - deceased 5 <sup>th</sup> anniv.
12:00	Fr. Terry O'Connell, OMI - deceased
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 31, 2022</b>
8:00	Thomas J. O'Donnell Jr. - deceased
12:00	Elizabeth Burke - Healing
5:30	Fr. Michael's Intentions
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 1, 2022</b>
8:00	Daniel & Malachy - living
12:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30	Roy & Barbara Olson
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 2, 2022</b>
8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00	Shrine Benefactors
5:30	Sr. Cecile Duquette - living 96 <sup>th</sup> birthday
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 3, 2022</b>
8:00	Dolores Reagan
12:00	Natalie Sagan - birthday
5:30	Sheila Bugler - deceased 2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 4, 2022</b>
8:00	Ed Gallagher
12:00	Francis W. Eaton Jr. - healing
5:30	Laura Gallivan
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 5, 2022</b>
8:00	Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity
12:00	Sidne Perrin & Celenise Constant
4:00	Elaine Salvas
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 6, 2022</b>
8:00	Blessed Virgin in Thanksgiving
10:00	Paul Ducharme - deceased
12:00	Samuel Martin - healing

**This Wednesday, and on the first Wednesday of every month, extra Confessions will be heard from 7 to 8pm.**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Week Ending	January 16, 2022
Weekend Total:	\$2,205.00
Weekday Total:	\$840.25
Total Offertory:	\$3,405.25
We-Share Total:	\$430.00

**Music For Sunday, January 30, 2122**  
**CHOIR 8AM.**

Entrance # 662 Save Us, O Lord  
Offertory # 385 The Summons  
Communion #325 Ubi Caritas  
Sending Forth #172 Hallelujah is Our Song

**4PM/10AM/12PM**

Entrance #525 Christ in Me Arise  
Offertory #676 When Love is Found  
Communion #504 Age to Age  
#385 The Summons  
Sending Forth #662 Save Us, O Lord

## Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

**Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30  
**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43  
**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13  
**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34  
**Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



### St. Eugene,

When you became aware of the cry of the poor in distant countries because they did not know the Saviour, you sent your Oblate sons to bring them the good news of the Saviour's unconditional love for them.

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

~ Litany of St Eugene de Mazenod

### St. Veronica February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saint Veronica is known as the woman who offered a cloth to Jesus so He could wipe His face on the way to His crucifixion. The cloth is believed to exist today in the Vatican and is considered one of the most treasured relics of the Church.



Saint Veronica is not mentioned in the Bible, but is known to us by Catholic tradition and in the Sixth Station of the Cross, "Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus."

Legend states that as Christ was walking to Calvary, his face dripping with sweat and blood, Saint Veronica, a bystander, was moved with compassion. She approached Jesus and offered Him a cloth, likely her veil, which He accepted and used to wipe His face. The image of his face was subsequently imprinted on the cloth.

There are no legends from the period which speak of Veronica either before or after her act of compassion. We do not know when she was born or when she died. She is literally lost to history. However, the cloth may still exist today, kept safe at St. Peter's in Rome.

The Vatican's relic is displayed, although briefly, on the 5th Sunday of Lent each year. According to those who have seen the relic up close, there is minimal detail.

*From: Catholic Online*

### Devotional Candles at the Shrine

The wax candles glow for 3 days before burning themselves out - the candle offering remains at the same **\$3.00 each**. Recently, it's been noted that during some weeks, more candles are being lit than there are appropriate donations being deposited in the candle collection "posts." This is a gentle reminder that the posted donation (\$3.00) for each of these wax candles is not arbitrary; it contributes to the replacement cost of the candles and it helps defray some of the operational expenses of the Shrine - especially utilities. Thank you for your generosity!

## Reflection on St. John Bosco

### Memorial - January 31

**Don Bosco** was born John Melchior Bosco (August 16, 1815 - January 31, 1888) in the Piedmont region of Italy. He was an Italian priest - ordained in 1841, a writer, and an educator. While working in Turin where the population suffered many of the ill-effects of industrialization and urbanization, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, 'juvenile delinquents' and other troubled or disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that came to be known as the Salesian Preventive System.



Don Bosco was influenced by the spirituality and philosophy of Francis de Sales and was an ardent devotee of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her title of "Mary, Help of Christians." He later dedicated his works to Francis de Sales when he founded the order of the Salesians of Don Bosco, based in Turin. Together with Maria Domenica Mazzarello, he also founded the community of nuns now commonly called the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco, who are dedicated to the care and education of poor girls.

John Bosco educated the whole person—body and soul united. He believed that Christ's love and our faith in that love should pervade everything we do—work, study, play. For John Bosco, being a Christian was a full-time effort, not a once-a-week, Mass-on-Sunday experience. It is searching and finding God and Jesus in everything we do, letting their love lead us. Yet, because John realized the importance of job-training and the self-worth and pride that come with talent and ability, he trained his students in the trade crafts, too.

*From: franciscanmedia.org  
and wikipedia.com*



**St. Joseph,  
Mirror of Patience  
Pray for us!**

- Litany of St. Joseph



## From the Director's Desk

January 30, 2022



In a little more than a month, it will be Ash Wednesday. On Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jesus Christ will knock on the door of our heart. He will beg us to allow Him to enter in a more intimate way. May I suggest the best way for us to do so would be attending daily Mass during Lent?

My sister Susan and I used to go to Mass during Lent in the 60's on our way to school. Lent began as a lion. We noticed each day the Canadian winter becoming more lamb-like. We realized how the quarrels we had became fewer and fewer.

Why not consider daily Mass during Lent - to participate each day at Mass, from March 2<sup>nd</sup> until Easter Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>? Good Friday and Holy Saturday do not have a Mass, but by Easter, we will have attended 45 Masses. Jesus will enter more firmly into our hearts. "His yoke is easy, His burden is light."

I remember you at Mass.

### Christmas Collection



We sincerely thank all of you who have generously contributed to our Christmas collection. As always, the Christmas collection is to benefit the senior Oblates residing in Tewksbury.

**TOTAL: \$13,691.99**

### **Pope Francis' February Prayer intention is for religious sisters and consecrated women.**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



## Candlemas Day and the Blessing of St. Blaise



Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is also **Candlemas Day**, the traditional day on

which the candles used in the church are blessed. We recall the Canticle of Simeon in the Temple: "My eyes have seen the Salvation you have prepared for all people; a Light to reveal you to the Gentiles and the Glory of your people, Israel."

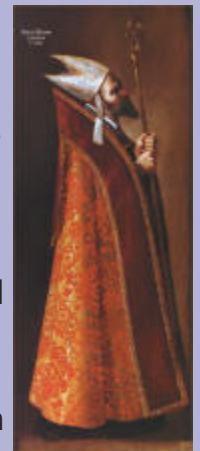
We invite everyone attending Mass that day to bring candles from home to be blessed. Devotional candles are available for purchase in the Gift Shop.

Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the **Feast of St. Blaise** through whose intercession God's blessing is invoked against ailments of the throat. That traditional blessing, using the candles blessed on Candlemas Day, will be available after Masses for those who wish to receive it. You may use your blessed candles to extend the blessing to those at home who cannot be present for Mass. *The blessing of throats will follow all safety protocols for Covid-19.*

### **ST. BLAISE (February 3rd)**

St. Blaise was born at Sebaste, Armenia. He became a physician, but at the same time devoted himself zealously to the practice of his Christian duties. His virtuous conduct gained for him the esteem of the Christian clergy and people to such a degree that he was ordained and selected bishop of his native city. Hence forward, he devoted himself to warding off spiritual dangers, as he had hitherto been intent on healing physical ills.

To all, he was a shining example of virtue. St Blaise is the only Armenian Saint in the Roman Catholic calendar.



### **Anointing of the Sick**

The Sacramental Anointing of the Sick will be offered after each Mass this Saturday and on the first Saturday of every month.



**Mass Times are: 8 am, 12 noon & 4:00pm**

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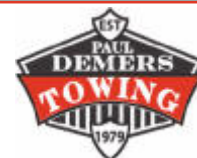


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