

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

JANUARY 23, 2022

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Closed Friday



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.  
- Lk 4:18*

## PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Matt Mason, St. Michael Exeter  
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## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

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## Liturgy of the Eucharist

4:00PM Saturday  
8:00AM, 10:00AM Sunday

## Weekday Masses

7:30AM Monday thru Thursday

## Holy Days of Obligation

Please consult parish bulletin

## Confessions

Saturday 3PM to 3:30PM or by  
appointment

## Sacraments

Please call the office

## Cemetery

Please call the office

## New Parishioners

If you have just moved to the area, we welcome you to Saint Joseph Parish. If you have any question, please call the office. To register please visit our website: [stjosephheppingnh.com](http://stjosephheppingnh.com)



## Monday, January 24TH

No Daily Mass

## Tuesday, January 25TH

No Daily Mass

## Wednesday, January 26TH

7:30AM Rita Gagnon, Requested by Gerry & Claire Gagnon

## Thursday, January 27TH

No Daily Mass

## Saturday, January 29TH

4:00PM Doug Goudrough, Requested by Julie Lavoie

## Sunday, January 30TH

8:00AM Alfred Lessard, Requested by Lessard Family

10:00AM Lorraine McGovern, Requested by Paul & Karen Mertzic

Dianna Calvani, Requested by Richard Calvani

## WEDNESDAY MASS

Fr. Matt Mason or Fr. John Carroll will offer daily Mass on **Wednesdays at 7:30 am**, and will continue through the month of January for now.

## **Readings for the week of January 23, 2022**

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 16:15-18  
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

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Has Something Changed?? Have you moved, or changed your phone number, email address? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call the Parish Office at 679-8805 or email [nh337@comcast.net](mailto:nh337@comcast.net) to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records! Thanks

## BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

We welcome all **Parents** and **expecting Parents** to our Baptismal Preparation Class here at St. Joseph Parish.

Classes will be held the **third Thursday** of every month beginning at **6:30PM**. And is a **requirement** Prior to scheduling a date for your child's baptism.



The class will help answer many of your questions and help prepare you for your child's reception of the Sacrament of Baptism. You will find it very informative and interactive. Please contact Deacon Terry Sullivan at [saintjosephdeacon@comcast.net](mailto:saintjosephdeacon@comcast.net).



*From the Desk of  
Deacon Terry  
January 23, 2022  
Third Sunday in Ordinary  
time*

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ: "I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in orderly sequence for you."*

*This opening passage from the Gospel of Luke centers us in the context of this story. Luke informs us that these are stories that go back to the eyewitnesses of Christ. This framing at the beginning of his gospel helps us understand how to approach the "reality" of the life of Christ.*

*This week's Gospel also gives us a daring scene that could fit in any modern-day film. Jesus goes to his hometown synagogue, where we can assume everyone knows him, walks up to read, is handed the scroll with the exact prophecy of his coming, and then he reads it out loud, to his friends and neighbors.*

*"Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, 'Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.'" Imagine the wonder that everyone seated must have felt. It reads like a movie script.*

*God Bless your Heart!!  
Dc. Terry*

**BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY ROSARY PROGRAM**

The NH Knights of Columbus State Council is hosting an online rosary on the 4th Thursday of each month beginning at 7PM on December 23, 2021 and continuing monthly through June 23, 2022. The goal is 5,000 rosaries by Founders Day March 29, 2022. Submission forms and more information is available at [www.nhknight.org](http://www.nhknight.org) or you can call email Nelson Thibault 603-679-8459, [thibnott@comcast.net](mailto:thibnott@comcast.net)



**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**January 16, 2022**

79 Envelopes	\$2,693.00
Loose Cash	\$ 188.00
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Your continued support of our parish is greatly appreciated!

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**  
**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Plant Your Works in the Word**

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Scholarships for Camp Fatima & Bernadette

We are pleased to announce Bishop Libasci is making scholarships available to youth ages 6 to 15 to attend Camps Fatima and Bernadette in 2022! This is possible in accordance with the terms of the bequest received by the diocese. The youth must be Catholic and residing in New Hampshire.

The full scholarships granted to those in financial need are based on the recommendation of the pastor of their parish.

Please contact your parish office to request a letter of recommendation and application.

The deadline for submission or recommendations is March 11, 2022.

### Catholic Charities NH

#### “How to Deal with Dementia” Support Group

Is your family member or friend struggling with memory loss? You are not alone, and Catholic Charities NH is here to support you. Its newest online support group, “How to Deal with Dementia,” is a five-week program starting on February 24, providing an understanding of dementia, its impact on those affected and resources you can use to best support your loved one. To register, visit [www.cc-nh.org/dementia](http://www.cc-nh.org/dementia). You may also call 603-752-1325 or email [efrenette@nh-cc.org](mailto:efrenette@nh-cc.org). There is no cost to participate.



### RESPECT LIFE

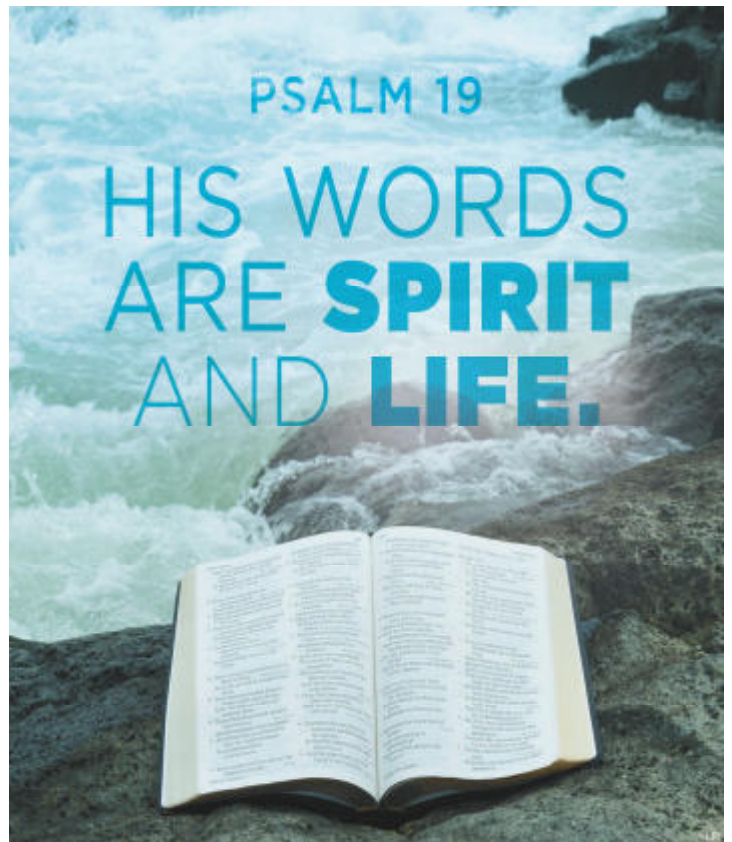
The Respect Life Committee will hold their January meeting on Saturday afternoon, January 29th at 3pm, just prior to the 4 pm mass. We are inviting new parishioners to our meeting. Please join us if you are

interested in our group and share your ideas about how we can support life, from conception to natural death, at St. Joseph's parish. If you have any questions please contact Janet Hart at 603-315-8286.



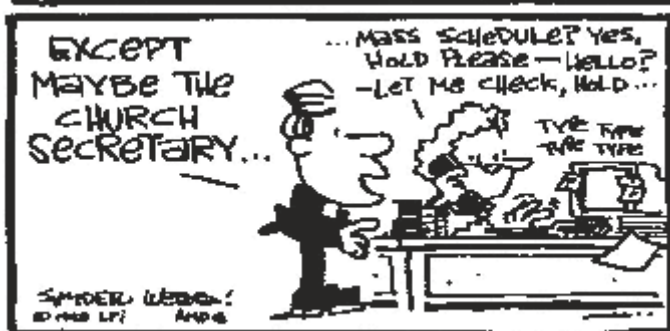
### R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

News: We are now offering an ongoing (year round) R.C.I.A. process to accommodate individual situations and needs. Our team also offers adult faith formation for those adults baptized in another faith seeking full communion into the Catholic Church and for those adults already baptized Catholic in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. All inquirers are encouraged to contact the church office so your questions can be answered and we can help get you started on your journey.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 23, 2022  
 “You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact the Vocations Office at 603-663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)

### 3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



## GOSPEL

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.

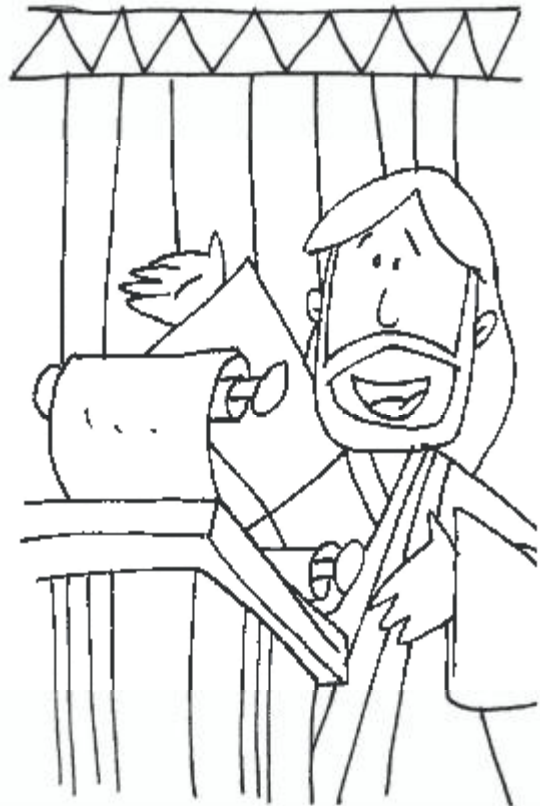
## PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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### END OF YEAR STATEMENT

If you would like a statement of your 2021 donations to St. Joseph Parish, please fill out this form and return it to the office via the collection basket or by mail (PO Box 337, Epping, NH 03042). Statements will be mailed to those who request one.

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