



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES | ST. JOSEPH'S

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekdays** Our Lady of Lourdes:  
Tue. 12 PM, Wed. - Fri. 8 AM

#### Saturdays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 4 PM  
St. Joseph's (Memorial - Labor Day) 5:30 PM

#### Sundays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 8 AM  
Saint Joseph's: 10 AM

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#### PARISH STAFF

Rev. John B. MacKenzie	Pastor
Jeannie Garcia	Religious Ed. Coord.
Ellen Barbasso	Secretary

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 12 PM

#### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Saturday 3 PM

#### BAPTISM

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Joseph's. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

#### MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the rectory at least six months before intended date to fulfill preparation requirements.

#### Mission Statement

We the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Joseph, strive to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ through the Catholic Tradition. We are called by Baptism to proclaim the Good News using our time, talent, and treasure. We aim to grow in our relationship with God through our worship, education, service, fellowship, and by loving our neighbor.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 16

4:00 For Our Parishioners OL  
5:30 PM No Mass

### Sunday, January 17

8:00 AM Florence (Flo) Blake by Pat & John OL  
Cotton  
10:00 AM Robert Galloway by Virginia Galloway SJ

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, 12 noon OL  
Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8 am OL

Monday January 18 No Mass  
Tuesday January 19 Alice Lunde  
Wednesday January 20 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Smet  
Thursday January 21 Michael Chagnon  
Friday January 22 Patsy Prescott

### Saturday, January 23

4:00 PM Marie & Ralph Capostoto by Steve OL  
Nogueira  
5:30 PM No Mass

### Sunday, January 24

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners OL  
10:00 AM Donald Graves by His Loving Wife Janet SJ

*Altar Candles at St. Joseph's offered for Francis and Lorraine Belliveau by Paul Belliveau.*

Weekly amount needed to meet Budget  
Requirement: \$ 4,000  
Weekend of January 10, 2021

Weekly Offering \$ 1,684

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent and Treasure.

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242. If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

Lay Ministries	January 16/17	January 23/24
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		
4 PM	Michelle Clark	Ben Brown
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM		
10 AM	Jim Klingensmith	Virginia Drew
<b>Lectors</b>		
4 PM	Dianne Bird	Donna Brown
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Anne Boisvert	Charles Hauck
10 AM	Rob Rodler	Betsy Bosiak
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
4 PM		
5:30 PM		
8 AM		
10 AM		

### Parish Ministries

**Serving God, Our Parish and Our Community**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes – St. Joseph's Church**

#### Parish Center

- **Interfaith Community Kitchen Monday Meals** – Due to the rise in Covid-19 cases, all meals are suspended until further notice
- **The Clothes Closet** – Free clothing for men, women, and children. Open: Mondays 3:30-4:30, Thursdays 11:00-Noon, and the first Saturday of the Month from 10:00-11:00.
- **The Northwood Emergency Food Pantry** – Please stop by for our monthly schedule.

#### DIVINE MERCY MILITIA

Please join us every Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as we pray for our nation, our Church, our parish, and our world. Concludes with Benediction.

### READING



**SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

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**“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’”  
(John 1:38)**

### **Question of the Week**

What are you looking for in your spiritual journey?  
What are you going to do about it?

### **HIS WORD TODAY**

The first words that Jesus the Word of God speaks in John’s Gospel are directed to two prospective disciples sent to him by John the Baptist. Jesus asks them, “What are you looking for?” At the beginning of any spiritual journey, it is important to ask what it is that we seek and desire to find. But, without a goal, however vague it may be, there can be no journey and no finding a home. The two prospective disciples’ initial response is awkward. They ask Jesus in turn, “Where are you staying?” We can presume that the two prospective disciples were looking for what most of us are looking for from a religious teacher like Jesus: a personal relationship with God, a framework for understanding human existence, a sense of moral purpose and direction, and a reason for hope.

The first chapter in John’s Gospel serves as an overture or preface to the narratives of Jesus’ public activity and his passion, death and resurrection. It features a series of titles applied to Jesus that range from the Word of God to the glorious Son of Man. John 1:35-42 includes three of these titles that can help in answering the question, “What are you looking for?”

Jesus is the Lamb of God. The image evokes the animals offered as sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple, the Passover lamb, and the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53, who is led like a lamb to the slaughter. Jesus is the teacher (rabbi). Those who follow Jesus look for wisdom, and they can find it in Jesus’ teachings and example. Jesus is the messiah. This title evokes hope, since it expresses Israel’s hope for a perfect leader who might lead them to glory and bring about the fulfillment of God’s promises to his people. The prospective disciples began their journey on the basis of the testimony of John the Baptist. Having stayed with Jesus and having come to know him, they go and announce exuberantly to Simon Peter, “We have found the messiah.” In their search for right relationship with God, wisdom and hope, they are off to a good start on their spiritual journey and want to share it with others.

### **FATHER JOHN'S JOTTINGS**

#### *5 Ways to Put God First*

*Life’s busy pace can crowd out a loving God who waits patiently for our full attention. Try a few simple steps to put him back in first place.*

1. *Be more active in your parish. Ask the parish office where your help may be needed. Can you teach religious education classes, help clean the church, visit the sick or homebound?*
2. *Pay God first. Increase your parish donation and make it as much a priority as housing or health care.*
3. *Banish your false God. Even too much of a good thing can be bad. Is someone or something absorbing too much of your attention? Find your false God and do all you can to get rid of it.*
4. *Make everything fit. Can other people tell you follow Christ by the way you live? If not, pick one area and bring it back in line.*
5. *Go to Mass weekly...for others. It goes without saying that you benefit when you attend Mass each week. But committing to weekly worship with our parish community tells others that they are important to us too.*

*When we care for God’s Church, volunteer our time to help others, we put others before ourselves. And when we do that, we put God first—right where he belongs!*

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### YOUTH RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION

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**Our Lady of Lourdes/St Joseph's Faith  
Formation: ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org.**



A teacher asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture which showed four people on an airplane. She asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," said Kyle. "I see. And that must be Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus," the teacher said. "But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius — the pilot."

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According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year (the only members of the deer family, Cervidae, to have females do so). Male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid December. Female reindeer, however, retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to every historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, every single one of them, from Rudolf to Blitzen.... had to be a female. We should've known this when they were able to find their way.

### 2021 The Year of St. Joseph

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation." Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood "by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home." He has been venerated as a father by the Christian people.

### PARISH NEWS FLASHES

- ◆ *Father John wishes masks to be worn by all who attend any Mass. Thank You all for your anticipated compliance.*
  
- ◆ *Please continue to keep each other safe and limit the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. This includes:*
  
- ◆ *Wearing a mask.*
- ◆ *Practicing social/physical distance*
- ◆ *Cleaning your hands.*

### A Prayer For Our Nation

Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.

**Bless our New President.** Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.

**Bless our Congress.** Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life – from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.

**Bless the people of the United States.** Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice, and equality.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in times of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country, and our world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### Contribution Tax Information

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## Sharing the Gospel

Mexican families share a special treat called a Kings' Cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is one tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. If you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today's Gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.

### **Prayer**

Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you.

### **Something to Draw**

Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you.

### **Mission for the Week**

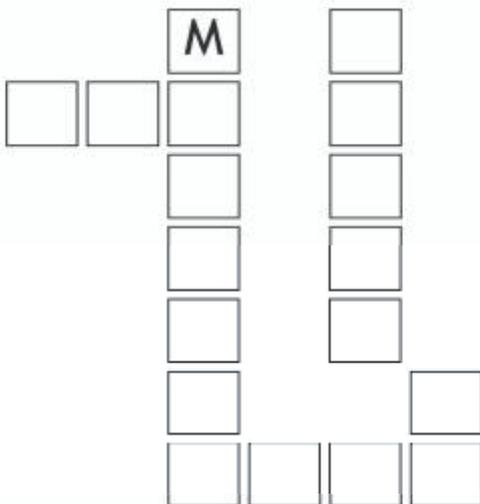
Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you.

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## PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

**We have found the Messiah.**



## MISSION

Ask your family if you could include Kings' Cake in your holiday celebrations next year.

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 1:35-42



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