

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES | ST. JOSEPH'S

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

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



He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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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

#### 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

### 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 23

4:00 Marie & Ralph Capotosto by Steve & Lisa 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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, 12 noon OL OL

Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8 am OL OL

Monday January 25 No Mass

Tuesday January 26 Intentions of Annette & Cliff

Wednesday January 27 Donor's Intentions

Thursday January 28 Intentions of John Ballentine

Friday January 29 Ronald & Marilyn Riel

### Saturday, January 30

4:00 PM Mary Vianette by Gail Ciandella OL

5:30 PM No Mass

### Sunday, January 31

8:00 AM Patsy Prescott by Eric & Ellen OL  
Barbasso

10:00 AM For Our Parishioners SJ

Lay Ministries	January 23/24	January 30/31
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		
4 PM	Ben Brown	Michelle Clark
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM		
10 AM	Virginia Drew	Jim Klingensmith
<b>Lectors</b>		
4 PM	Donna Brown	Ben Brown
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8 AM	Charles Hauck	Karen Cote
10 AM	Betsy Bosiak	Pauline Marston
<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, 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.

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

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,496
Seminarian Fund	\$ 674

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".

### READING

#### THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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**"This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel"  
(Mark 1:15)**

### **Question of the Week**

How do you define and delineate discipleship in your life?

#### **HIS WORD TODAY**

In Year B in the Sunday Lectionary cycle the Gospel reading is usually from Mark. This is the shortest and earliest Gospel, written around A.D. 70, probably at Rome. Mark was the first to provide a narrative framework or plot for the traditional sayings and stories related to Jesus. He seems to have invented the literary genre known as gospel and was closely followed by Matthew and Luke. The Markan passage for the third Sunday in Ordinary Time (1:14-20) introduces the two great themes of Mark's Gospel: the kingdom of God and discipleship. Thus it contains the whole Gospel of Mark in miniature.

And yet around the time of Jesus, after the repeated failures by Israel's human kings, there developed the hope that God would soon manifest his kingship in an especially dramatic way. When the fullness of God's kingdom becomes manifest, all creation will acknowledge Yahweh as Lord, and join in the eternal chorus of praise. Then there will be the resurrection of the dead and the last judgment, where the righteous will be vindicated and the wicked punished. Then there will be a new heaven and a new earth. This is what we mean when we pray, "Thy kingdom come!"

Jesus seemed to have shared the belief of his Jewish contemporaries that the fullness of God's kingdom is in the future. But he also saw in his own time, indeed in his own person and ministry, the inauguration of the reign of God." This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand." It is fair to describe Jesus as the presence of God's kingdom.

The second part of today's Gospel text tells of the call of the first disciples, two sets of brothers who are fisherman. The two greatest aspects of discipleship in Mark are being with Jesus and sharing in his mission. Are you a disciple of Jesus?

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

*An Interview with God*

*I dreamed I had an interview with God.*

*"Come in," God said. "So you want to interview me?"*

*"If you have the time," I replied.*

*God smiled and said, "My time is eternity. What would you like to ask me?"*

*"What about mankind surprises you the most?"*

*God thought for a moment, then answered, "That they get bored being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That they think anxiously about the future and forget the present, living therefore neither for the present nor the future. That they live as if they'll never die and die as if they've never lived."*

*God took my hands in His, and we remained silent for a while. Then I asked, "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"*

*God smiled. "To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is let themselves be loved. To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives but whom. To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged on their individual merits. To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds that take years to heal. To learn that forgiveness gets easier with practice. To learn that some love them dearly but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings. To learn that two people can look at the same thing yet see something totally different. To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them and likes them anyway. To learn that it's not always enough that others forgive them but that they have to forgive themselves."*

*Then I thanked God for His time and all that He had done for my family and me.*

*"Anytime," He replied. "I'm here twenty four hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I'll answer."*

*Ligourian Magazine"*

Are you thinking about following Jesus "the Lamb of God" as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Call Fr. Matthew Mason at (603) 663-0132 or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

### YOUTH RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION

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**Our Lady of Lourdes/St Joseph's Faith  
Formation: [ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org](http://ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org).**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As with each and every public display of protest and its now almost commonplace devolvement into mayhem, many respond with commentary as the situation unfolds and in its aftermath. Words are never adequate, nor are they capable of an all-encompassing answer that will avoid further division or acrimony. We have, as a society, thrown aside common decency and the dignity proper to every human being, and embraced a shouting, tantrum-like language and destructive behavior that is anything but civil; it does not invite respect, nor does it bring about the hoped-for lasting solution to any issues, especially issues of peace and justice in a diverse society. We have lost face as a nation and as a people over these years of unrest, because our sins against one another betray our sins against our Creator as well. Now, the iconic Capitol of our nation, and the Congress itself, have been attacked. Private and public property has been violated numbers of times, as has human dignity. Even the innocent child in the womb has suffered the effects of a society that is willing to throw aside common decency. The often-repeated call, "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country" should be much more than a typing class exercise. Rebuild, rather than destroy. Respect rather than relegate. Return to God with remorse and to one another with recognition. As we say at Mass, before we approach its very prayers and Sacrament of Holy Communion: "Let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries." An honest reflection does not exonerate us from guilt, but prods us to awareness that we can and ought to do better before God and one another.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci  
Bishop of Manchester

### Catholic Radio News

Our local Catholic Radio Station WICX 102.7FM is back on the air, after moving the antenna to a tower on Little Pond Rd. in Concord. You can still listen online: [www.wicxradio.org/](http://www.wicxradio.org/) or: <https://tunein.com/>

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Info: Mike Bellino (Station General Manager):  
603-748-9047 or [nhcatholicradio@gmail.com](mailto:nhcatholicradio@gmail.com)

### 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 and physical distance and Cleaning your hands.*
- ◆ *The 9 Days for Life Novena began Thursday, Jan 21. The prayers and reflections can be found on diocesan and parish website.*



Six year old Angie and her four year old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally his big sister had enough. "You are not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door?"

The annual "Souper" Bowl of Caring Food Drive will begin Sunday, Jan 24 thru Super Bowl Sunday on February 7. Non-perishable items can be left in the donation bins at both church locations. Monetary donations can be made out to the parish and left in the soup pot on Feb 7. Donations will be divided between our local food pantries and the parish community kitchen.

The Clothes Closet would like to thank everyone for their continued support. The Closet is set for winter clothing at this time and will begin to accept spring and summer clothing in March. Toiletries are always in short supply and are greatly appreciated throughout the year.

### Contribution Tax Information

**If you are on the envelope system, and would like to receive your contribution statement in the mail, please write your request or add IRS on your offertory envelope and place in the collection basket. It is not possible for us to send contribution information to anyone who does not use the envelope system as there is no way to track the contribution amount.**

**Sharing the Gospel**

There's a colorful envelope addressed to you on the kitchen table. You see it's from your friend. You open it and find a party invitation inside. You parents say you can go! When Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James and John to come along with him, they were just as excited to go. Jesus was the Savior and a good friend. They couldn't wait!

**Prayer**

Jesus, I thank you for inviting me to spend time with you.

**Something to Draw**

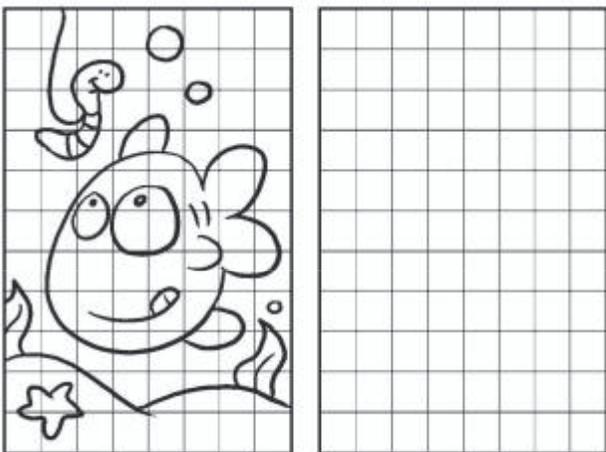
Draw a picture of Jesus smiling and waving to you.

**Mission for the Week**

Jesus wants you to come to his home in heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.

**PUZZLE**

Copy the picture square by square.



**MISSION**

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**COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





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