

OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST. JOSEPH

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JANUARY 23, 2022



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

Sundays

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

PHONE LISTING

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PARISH STAFF

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

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—FRIDAY 8AM-12PM

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.

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".

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 22

4PM Robert C. McWhinnie Sr. & Stephen P. McWhinnie by Janice McWhinnie OL

Sunday January 23

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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Mon. Jan. 24 8AM No Mass
Tues. Jan. 25 Noon James Riel OL
Wed. Jan. 26 8AM Michael Chagnon OL
Thurs. Jan. 27 8AM Intentions of Stephen Downs OL
Fri. Jan. 28 8AM Charlotte Shea OL

Weekend Masses:

Saturday January 29

4:00PM Ralph Capotosto by Steve Nogueira OL
5:30PM No Mass SJ

Sunday January 30

8:00AM For Our Parishioners OL
10:00AM For the Family of Alfred Marquis & the Family of Edward Jr. & Mariette Biron by Mariette Biron SJ

Weekly amount needed to meet Budget Requirement: \$ 4,000

January 2, 2022 \$2,580
 Snow Plowing \$769
 January 9, 2022 \$1,442
 January 16, 2022 \$2,677
 Seminarian Fund \$809

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

Lay Ministries January 22/23 January 29/30

4:00 PM	Ben Brown	Dianne Bird
5:30 PM	No Mass	No Mass
8:00 AM	Charlie Hauck	Karen Cote
10:00 AM	Betsy Bosiak	Pauline Marston

Parish Ministries

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

- **Interfaith Community Kitchen Monday Meals** – Drive up take-out dinners are offered every Monday at 4:30
- **The Clothes Closet** – Free clothing for men, women, and children. Open: on Mondays 3:30-4:30, Thursdays 11:00-Noon, and during food pantry hours or by appointment
- **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
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor” (Luke 4:18)

Questions of the Week

How can you as a member of the body of Christ best carry on the work of Jesus the prophet?

HIS WORD TODAY

The first part of today's Gospel (Luke 1:1-4) is the Evangelist's preface, in which he explains how and why he wrote this Gospel. Luke sought to provide an orderly account, based on traditions, about Jesus' birth, teachings and other activities in his public ministry and his passion, death and resurrection. Luke's goal was to confirm the reliability of the instruction that his reader and patron, Theophilus ("lover of God"), had received.

The second part (Luke 4:14-21) is the first section of what has been described as Luke's programmatic preface to Jesus' public ministry. The passage identifies Jesus as God's prophet, uniquely endowed with the Holy Spirit, and his public ministry as the pivotal moment in salvation history. According to Luke's narrative, Jesus' first public action takes place in the synagogue at Nazareth. Jesus stands up and reads from the Book of Isaiah (61:1-2 and 58:6). Then he sits down and delivers one of the shortest sermons ever given: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

One of the most important titles applied to Jesus in Luke's Gospel is "prophet." In the Old Testament a prophet is sent by God to proclaim God's will and judgment to the people. Prophets teach in various ways, not only by transmitting oracles from God ("Thus says the Lord") but also by parables and symbolic actions.

Besides fitting the biblical definition, Jesus also corresponds perfectly to the description in his reading from the prophet Isaiah. In his public ministry Jesus, the prophet will be the unique agent of the Holy Spirit and the "anointed" one (the Messiah or Christ). As God's prophet he will bring good news to the poor, restore sight to the blind, free the oppressed and proclaim God's favor (jubilee) to his people.

The passage from 1 Corinthians 12 suggests how Christians, as members of the body of Christ, carry on the work of Jesus by using their spiritual gifts and building up the body of Christ. While Luke is well known as a proponent of apostolic succession, he is also an advocate of prophetic succession, by which the apostles and other members of Christ's body (the church) carry on the work of Jesus the prophet of God.

Father John's Jottings

Music is deeply rooted in our souls. And for followers of Jesus, it is a powerful means of encouraging each other along the journey of faith. Paul urged the believers in Colossae, "Let Christ's teaching live in your hearts, making you rich in the true wisdom. Teach and help one another along the right road with your psalms and hymns and Christian songs, singing God's praises with joyful hearts" (Col. 3:16).

Singing together to the Lord embeds the message of his love in our minds and souls. It is a powerful ministry of teaching and encouragement that we share together. Whether our hearts cry out, "Create in me a pure heart, O God" (Ps 51:10), or joyfully shout, "And he shall reign forever and ever" (Rev. 11:15), the power of music that exalts God lifts our spirits and grants us peace. Thank you Lord for your gift of music.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vattelle at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

Are you letting Jesus proclaim the good news to you in your marriage? Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

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.

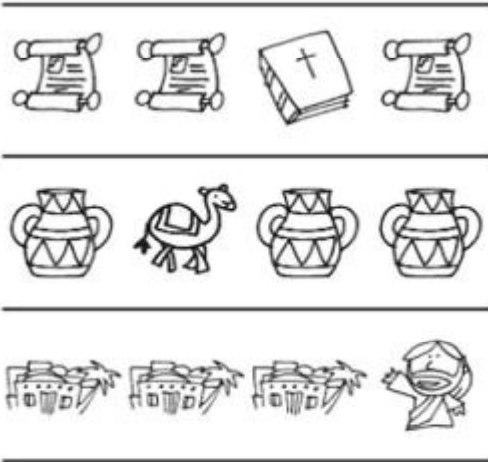
You may also call 603-752-1325

or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.

There is no cost to participate.

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will ask my family to give old eyeglasses to the Lions Club.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



GOSPEL

Jesus says, "Tell the words of God to those who have never heard it." Tell others that God loves and forgives them. The best way to tell is to show the word of the Lord by your actions. Hand a Band-Aid to your injured brother. Talk instead of hitting someone when you get angry. Say "I forgive you," when your sister hurts you. Let others play with your toys. Share your favorite candy bar.

PRAYER

Open the eyes of others to your love and forgiveness, Lord.

DRAW

Draw someone before and after they learn about God's love and forgiveness.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



St. John Regional School Open House for Prospective Families

St. John Regional School will host an open house for families who are interested in enrolling students for the present school year or next year. This will take place at the school at **61 South State Street in Concord** **Sunday, January 30, 2022 12:15-2:30**. This will be a time to have a tour, meet teachers and connect with parents of our students.

Be aware that there are several programs to help with tuition for those who need financial assistance. Our goal is help as many families as we are able to.

To be eligible for state-approved financial assistance the following annual income limits apply:

Family of 2 \$ 51,720

Family of 3 \$ 65,160

Family of 4 \$ 78,600

Family of 5 \$ 92,040

Family of 6 \$ 105,800

(Add \$ 13,340 for each additional person)

The school has some funds available for those who do not qualify for the above programs.

If you are unable to attend the Open House on January 30, please contact the school for another opportunity to see good Catholic education in the Concord area:

office@stjohnregional.org 603-225-3222

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SOMETIMES THE BIBLE READINGS SPEAK EXACTLY TO WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH!



IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT'S SUPERNATURAL!



“Strengthen your hearts in holiness”

Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister?

Contact the Vocation Office at

(603) 663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.



Help Tackle Hunger!

Donations of soups and other nonperishable food items will be collected Jan 30- Feb 13, Super Bowl Sunday!

A monetary collection will be made at both churches the weekend of Feb. 12/13

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