

# Roman Catholic Churches of Hancock County

+ + V. Rev. Emile Dubé, VF, Pastor + +

May God's Blessings Touch You in the New Year 2022!

*Father Emile + Father Roland + Father Anthanasius*

This is the first instance of God expanding the Abrahamic covenant beyond the Israelites. For nearly two thousand years, the Hebrews have been God's chosen people. Now, with the arrival of Jesus, the promise of God's kingdom expands to include all of humanity. This is modeled to us when the representatives from a completely different country arrive to honor him and claim Jesus as their Lord too.

This week's readings are all about people from different cultures and tribes coming together to celebrate the Lord. In the first reading, Isaiah describes a caravan of nations gathering in the light of the Lord. In the second reading, Paul makes the case for salvation outside of the Jewish faith when he tells the Ephesians that "Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."

This is a relatively dull concept for modern Catholics, but for Christians in the years after Christ's resurrection, the notion is radical. The special covenant between God and Abraham now extends to all nations, including those outside of the Hebrew faith. This isn't something Paul proposes for the first time in his letter to the Ephesians. It begins the week Jesus is born, when the leaders of nations with no ethnic relation to Israel come and pay a tiny Hebrew boy homage.

We are often caught up in how our faith affects and is affected by the culture and politics of the country where we live. This week's readings give us an opportunity to reflect on the international aspect of salvation. Catholics have a tendency to "get into the weeds" when it comes to living the gospel. This week, we have an opportunity to take in a much wider view of our church and celebrate the universality of Christ's message.

A Blessed New Year to you and your loved ones!  
- Father Emile



THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt. 2:6

Bishop Deeley strongly recommends all persons in Maine Catholic churches wear masks in church. This applies to Mass and other gatherings in churches only. It does not apply to other kinds of parish activities elsewhere on parish property for the time being. Please continue to pray for all those suffering from the pandemic. If you have NOT been vaccinated, you must wear a mask.

# St. Joseph Parish

*Ellsworth, Lakes, and Schoodic Peninsula*

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**\* Our Lady of the Lake**

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\* Summer Missions

**WOMEN'S COUNCIL** - The Women's Council meeting will be on January 4 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. If you would like to keep up with the Women's Council or your email address has changed, contact Sue Hann at susie4@roadrunner.com to be added to our email list.

**BAKERS NEEDED** for Sunday morning coffee Would you be able to bake treats once a month for the coffee hour held after the Sunday 8 am Mass? Our baker for the 4th Sunday of the month is going south for the winter, and we have no volunteer for months with a 5th Sunday. You need not attend the 8 am mass; baked goods can be left in the parish hall the night before. Surplus baked goods received on any week can be frozen for use on subsequent weeks. If you can help on these (or other weeks), please contact Sue Hann at susie4@roadrunner.com.

**ROSARY** - Weekend Masses: 1/2-hour before Mass followed by 15 minutes of quiet time to prepare for Mass. Weekday Masses: Immediately following Mass. Wednesdays: 9:00 am. Tuesday: 9:00 am with Benediction.

**ROOM AT THE INN** - A wonderful gift that gives twice! One vision and dream of our cluster churches is to support one bed every day with a donation to the Emmaus Homeless Shelter. Your contribution in a loved one's name will give someone in your local community a warm, safe bed for the night. **On January 2, Fr. Peter Gorham is honored.** Future donations may be made through the St Joseph Parish Office at 207-667-2342.

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The Sanctuary Lamp before the Blessed Sacrament burns this week for the Glory of God and **in memory of Fr. Peter Gorham.**

**FAITH FORMATION** - Faith Formation, including Sacramental Prep, classes are open, from kindergarten through age 12. We are also in need of a teacher. Please consider serving in this vital role. Contact Anne Dale at 667-5994.

## *Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions*

### **St. Joseph - Ellsworth**

Sat	Jan	1	4:30 pm	Mass	Richard Suydam (D) <i>by your wife, Shelly</i>
Sun	Jan	2	8:00 am	Mass	K. Haas <i>by Mom &amp; Dad</i>
			9:30 am	Sacramental Prep (in the Church Basement)	
			11:00 am	Mass	Charles Edkins (D) <i>by Birdsall Family</i>
Mon	Jan	3	9:00 am	Mass	Virgie Betts (D) <i>by Lorraine Mooers</i>
Tue	Jan	4	9:00 am	Mass	Matthew Valles, Seminarian <i>by Lorraine Mooers</i>
Wed	Jan	5	9:00 am	No Mass	
Thu	Jan	6	9:00 am	Mass	Richard Rohn (D) <i>by Lorraine Mooers</i>
			3:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Fri	Jan	7	9:00 am	Mass	Keith DeShong (D) <i>by Lorraine Mooers</i>
Sat	Jan	8	3:15 pm	Confessions	
			4:30 pm	Mass	Susan McDonald (D) <i>by Chris &amp; Joanne Hunt</i>
Sun	Jan	9	8:00 am	Mass	Kevin Patrick Conry <i>by Frances &amp; Ted Pietz</i>
			9:30 am	Sacramental Prep (in the Church Basement)	
			11:00 am	Mass	Rosemarie Lella, for Healing <i>by Birdsall Family</i>

**CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED** - Holy Redeemer is still looking for new choir members. We would love to have more members in our choir, so please come join us! A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church or contact Sally: sallyleo1016@gmail.com.

**SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE** - Give the gift of intercessory prayer to your priest and parish. Seven women spiritually united in prayer, each offering one hour of prayer, one day each week, solely for the intentions of the Pastor. The hour within the given day can be flexible, and the manner of prayer is the gift of the Seven Sister. The seven are formed so that each day of the week the Priest has the gift of intercessory prayer. The bond of prayer strengthens the Priest, the seven, the Church the community, and brings sustaining grace. Additional groups of Seven can be formed as the Apostolate continues to grow. Any woman of the Parish is welcome to participate. Please contact: Laurie Dwyer; at LDwyerlmc@gmail.com and put "Seven Sisters" in the subject line.

**ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP** - The Adult Discussion Group reflection and discussion on *The Eucharist: Real Presence and Piety* will continue in January. More details coming once dates are set.

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The Sanctuary Lamp before the Blessed Sacrament burns this week for the Glory of God and **in memory of John the Baptist C.**

**THE BAR HARBOR FOOD PANTRY** - Serves those with food insecurity throughout the Mount Desert Island community. It is located at 36 Mt. Desert St. (behind the YWCA) Drop by on *Fresh Fruit Fridays* 9:00 - 12:00 or call 288-3375 to pick up.

**FATIMA PRAYER** - O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy mercy.

### *Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions*

#### **Holy Redeemer - Bar Harbor**

Sun	Jan	2	9:15 am	No Confessions
			10:00 am	Mass Elizabeth Houghton (D) <i>by her husband</i>
Mon	Jan	3	8:30 am	No Mass
Tue	Jan	4	8:30 am	Mass Souls in Purgatory <i>by All Souls Parish</i>
Wed	Jan	5	8:30 am	Mass Souls in Purgatory <i>by All Souls Parish</i>
Thu	Jan	6	8:30 am	No Mass
			9:00 am	Choir Practice (in the Choir Loft)
Fri	Jan	7	8:30 am	Mass John Lyman (D) <i>by Nick &amp; Edith Lyman</i>
			9:00 am	Hour Holy of Adoration and Exposition
Sun	Jan	9	9:15 am	Confessions
			10:00 am	Mass Mary Jean Baker (D) <i>by Nick &amp; Edith Lyman</i>
			11:00 am	Children's Faith Formation Class
Mon	Jan	10	8:30 am	Retired Men's Breakfast (Holy Redeemer Hall)

#### **St. Peter - Manset**

Sun	Jan	2	8:00 am	Mass Pro Populo
Sat	Jan	8	4:00 pm	Mass Souls in Purgatory <i>by All Souls Parish</i>

## Transfiguration Parish

*Mount Desert Island & Little Cranberry Island*

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# Stella Maris Parish

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and Stonington*

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**St. Mary Star of the Sea**

8 Granite Street  
Stonington, ME 04681

**Our Lady of Holy Hope**

137 Perkins Street  
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**HOLY HOUR** - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction is held every Monday evening at St. Vincent de Paul Church 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS** - Begins 30 minutes before each all Masses at St. Vincent de Paul and St. Mary Star of the Sea.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY** - SVDP - The KofC Fish Fry is on 3rd Saturday of each month. The next Fish Fry is January 15 at 5 pm.

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** - The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm at St. Vincent de Paul, Bucksport. The next chaplet is Sunday, January 16.

**GO TO CONFESSION** - The Light is On! The Door of Mercy is Open! Our Lord waits for us with loving and open arms to return to Him though the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. He is forever ready to heal our wounds. Confession times are listed elsewhere in the bulletin or make an appointment.

**Act of Spiritual Communion** - My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

**PRAYER TO YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL** - Angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom God's love commits me here, Ever this day, be at my side, To light and guard, Rule and guide. Amen.

## *Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions*

### **St. Vincent de Paul - Bucksport**

Sun	Jan	2	10:15 am	Confessions (10:15 - 10:45 am)
			11:00 am	Mass Dana Wardwell (D) by Rosemarie Frigon
Mon	Jan	3	8:30 am	Mass Priest's Intentions
			6:00 pm	Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction
Thu	Jan	6	8:30 am	Mass Marguerite Baribeault (D) by Dennis & Suzanne Castonguay
Sun	Jan	9	10:15 am	Confessions (10:15 - 10:45 am)
			11:00 am	Mass Brennan-Wentworth Families by Charley & Brigid Wentworth

### **St. Mary Star of the Sea - Stonington**

Sun	Jan	2	8:00 am	Mass Priest's Intentions
Tue	Jan	4	8:30 am	Mass Peter E. Jandreau (D) by Pete & Val Jandreau
Sun	Jan	9	8:00 am	Mass Priest's Intentions

### **Our Lady of Holy Hope - Castine**

Sat	Jan	1	4:00 pm	Mass Priest's Intentions
Wed	Jan	5	8:30 am	Mass Priest's Intentions
Sat	Jan	8	4:00 pm	Mass Priest's Intentions

**ROSARY** - beginning 30 minutes before each weekend & daily Mass at SVDP and SMSS

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** - 3rd Sunday of the Month at 3:00 pm at SVDP

**CONFESSIONS** - Sundays 10:15 - 10:45 am at SVDP or by appointment

**Looking for resources to grow in your spiritual life?** - Our Cluster has access to FORMED and Word on Fire – ENGAGE subscriptions for you to use free (through a grant). The Cluster website has links for you to easily connect for FREE. FORMED: <https://hc-catholics.org/formed-picks-of-the-week> WORD on FIRE: <https://hc-catholics.org/word-on-fire>.

**FORMED – Programs from the Augustine Institute Apostolate** - Many programs available for Self-viewing. Many Faith Formation, Bible studies & Parish Programs for GROUP Faith-sharing options Go to <https://signup.formed.org/> Enter this zip code for the Cluster: 04609. Enter your name and your email address. Check your email and click on the link to confirm. After that, you're good to go!

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Any Questions about getting access or help setting up Faith-sharing groups or 1-on-1 instruction, please contact: EMAIL: [cluster11.renew.info@gmail.com](mailto:cluster11.renew.info@gmail.com).

**A TOUR TO ITALY WITH FR. EMILE** is scheduled for June 12 -22, 2022 and with an option to visit Rome at the end of the tour! Want a brochure? Call the Cluster Office and speak with Monica! There's quite a bit of interest!!

**WORD OF GOD SUNDAY** - 23 January 2022 - **Time for Reflection with Fr. Roland Berngheh Njoyir** - Open to the Cluster @ St. Joseph Parish Hall, after the 11:00 Mass. Spend time with Fr. Roland as he takes us through a reflection on the meaning of Scripture in our lives. Refreshments will be provided.

**VOCATIONS** - “God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.” Contact Fr. Greg Dube, Director of Vocations, at 207-773-6471 or [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org)

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Bulletin announcements must be submitted to your parish office at least two weeks in advance of the publish date of the bulletin.

*Stewardship by Parish (December 4-5)*

<b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>Transfiguration</b>	<b>Stella Maris</b>
Offertory: \$2,224.00	Offertory: \$2,669.00	Offertory: \$2,746.00
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*Stewardship by Parish (December 11-12)*

<b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>Transfiguration</b>	<b>Stella Maris</b>
Offertory: \$3,394.00	Offertory: \$2,308.00	Offertory: \$2,335.00
WeShare: \$1,394.16	WeShare: \$182.00	WeShare: \$350.00
Special: \$756.00	2nd Coll.: \$516.00	Special: \$407.00
Fuel: \$50.00	Special: \$246.00	2nd Coll.: \$1,096.00

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
Unfortunately our churches are not permitted to have open flame votive or devotional candles at this time. However, if you would like to donate a sanctuary lamp/candle for a special intention, please contact your parish office. These candles burn for one week at a time. Your special intention will be placed in the bulletin along with the Mass intentions of that week.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

For sacramental preparation and to schedule a date, please call the parish office of the church where you would like the baptism to occur.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Please contact the cluster office (207) 667-2342 at least six months in advance of making your wedding plans.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Please contact the funeral homes, and they will work with your parish to help you make arrangements.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION CALLS**

Please call your parish office with the address and phone number of the person(s) in need of pastoral care.

**MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED**

We support the Emmaus Homeless Shelter and local food pantries.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please call your parish office to add someone to the prayer list or to offer a prayer intention.

**LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

Please speak with a priest; call your parish office; or go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) to watch, listen and read.

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**GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4).

Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

- *United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)*



**CLUSTER PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED -**

Carol Hurd, Carol deGraffenried, Christopher, Bethine Sordyl Crookedacre, Vanessa Hyde, Anna Ryan, Joe Sulya, Linda Oyster, Mary Lou Weaver, Diana Wakefield, Charlene Kennedy, Carol Stabinsky, Suzanne FitzGerald, Beth Kyzer, John Conroy, Tom Conroy, Roger Greene, Warren, Melissa, and Terri & Eric Lanpher.

**RECOMMENDED READING** - *The Autobiography of Saint Therese of Lisieux: The Story of a Soul.* Few spiritual figures have touched as many readers in the past century as Saint Therese of Lisieux, the saint popularly known as the Little Flower. Though she was only twenty-four years old when she died, her writings have had tremendous impact, making her one of the most popular spiritual writers in the twentieth century. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, has been a source of priceless inspiration ever since it was written, and has become the great spiritual bestseller of our time. A hundred years after her death in 1897, millions of copies have spread throughout the world and it has been translated into more than fifty languages.

The reason for the continued success of her autobiography is, quite simply, that it is unlike any work of devotion and spiritual insight ever written. Once it is read, it cannot be forgotten. Its appeal across cultures and generations has been extensive, moving both peasants and popes, men and women, young and old—people of every kind of intelligence and education succumb to its spell. Yet is not a conventional work of religious devotion; instead, it is in many ways a supernatural book. In the words of Pope Pius XI, Saint Therese *"attained the knowledge of supernatural things in such abundant measure that she was able to point out the sure way of salvation to others,"* and it is especially in *The Story of a Soul* that she has pointed out this sure way to the generations that have followed her. As Therese herself said of this book just prior to her death, *"What I have written will do a lot of good. It will make the kindness of God better known."*

*"If a little flower could speak, it seems to me that it would tell us quite simply all that God has done for it, without hiding any of its gifts. It would not, under the pretext of humility, say that it was not pretty, or that it had not a sweet scent, that the sun had withered its petals, or the storm bruised its stem, if it knew that such were not the case."* - Saint Therese of Lisieux

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