

Roman Catholic Churches of Hancock County

++ V. Rev. Emile Dubé, VF, Pastor ++

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.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Anthony, Abbot
Tuesday:	<i>Diodorus, Priest; Marian, Deacon, and their companions, Martyrs</i> (RM)
Wednesday:	<i>Moses and Ammonius, Martyrs</i> (RM)
Thursday:	St. Fabian, Pope and St. Sebastian, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday:	Day of Prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

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Ellsworth, Lakes, and Schoodic Peninsula

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Grindstone Avenue
Winter Harbor, ME 04693

*** Our Lady of the Lake**

5 Finnegan Drive
(off Green Lake Road)
Dedham, ME 04429

* Summer Missions

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.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL - 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.

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

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. Donations may be made through the St Joseph Parish Office at 207-667-2342.

Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions

St. Joseph - Ellsworth

Sat	Jan 15	3:15 pm	Confessions	
		4:30 pm	Mass	Susan McDonald (D) by Chris & Joanne Hunt
Sun	Jan 16	8:00 am	Mass	Barbara Conry by Frances & Ted Pietz
		9:30 am	Sacramental Prep (in the Church Basement)	
		11:00 am	Mass	Barry Mooers (D) by Lorraine Mooers
Mon	Jan 17	9:00 am	Mass	Mary & Cal Weiss (D) by Lorraine Mooers
Tue	Jan 18	9:00 am	Mass	Carolyn Pellitier (D) by Lorraine Mooers
Wed	Jan 19	9:00 am	No Mass	
Thu	Jan 20	9:00 am	Mass	K. Haas by Mom & Dad
		3:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Fri	Jan 21	9:00 am	Mass	Charles Proctor by His Loving Wife
Sat	Jan 22	3:15 pm	Confessions	
		4:30 pm	Mass	Susan McDonald (D) by Chris & Joanne Hunt
Sun	Jan 23	8:00 am	Mass	Felix Gerald Conry by Frances Pietz
		9:30 am	Sacramental Prep (in the Church Basement)	
		11:00 am	Mass	K. Haas by Mom & Dad

ADMIN ASSISTANT POSITION OPEN - Transfiguration Parish is in immediate need of a part-time administrative assistant. Contact Father Emile for more details or to apply through the Cluster 11 Office at (207) 667-2342.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE - On Saturday, January 22 at 12:00 noon, Holy Redeemer will conduct a *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Abortion & Infanticide)* in the courtyard outside the church (by the Blessed Mother statue). Rain or shine. For more information, contact Vicki-Anne Webber at 664-3356.

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH MUSEUM - The Holy Redeemer Church Museum is now open. Hours vary but typically after the 8:30 am daily Mass and the 10:00 am Sunday Mass. Many new items of historical interest have been added recently. Contact Paul Saltysiak at paul.saltysiak@portlanddiocese.org for more information.

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. *Note: We are no longer accepting donations at Holy Redeemer. Please donate directly at the Food Pantry or in the box at Hannaford's.*

Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions

Holy Redeemer - Bar Harbor

Sun	Jan 16	9:15 am	Confessions	
		10:00 am	Mass	Patricia Walsh-Bartlett (D) by <i>Richard Critchfield</i>
		11:00 am	Children's Faith Formation Class	
Mon	Jan 17	8:30 am	No Mass	
		8:30 am	Retired Men's Breakfast (Holy Redeemer Hall)	
Tue	Jan 18	8:30 am	Mass	<i>Patricia Walsh-Bartlett (D) by Richard Critchfield</i>
Wed	Jan 19	8:30 am	Mass	Patricia Walsh-Bartlett (D) by <i>Richard Critchfield</i>
Thu	Jan 20	8:30 am	Mass	Patricia Walsh-Bartlett (D) by <i>Richard Critchfield</i>
		9:00 am	Choir Practice (in the Choir Loft)	
Fri	Jan 21	8:30 am	Mass	Patricia Walsh-Bartlett (D) by <i>Richard Critchfield</i>
		9:00 am	Hour Holy of Adoration and Exposition	
Sun	Jan 23	9:15 am	Confessions	
		10:00 am	Mass	Donna Gann (D) by <i>Nick & Edith Lyman</i>
		11:00 am	Children's Faith Formation Class	

St. Peter - Manset

Sat	Jan 15	4:00 pm	Mass	June Sokol (D) by <i>her family</i>
Sat	Jan 22	4:00 pm	Mass	Deceased Members of St. Peter Family by <i>Eric & Joanie St. Peter</i>

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Mount Desert Island & Little Cranberry Island

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - SVDP - The KofC Fish Fry is on 3rd Saturday of each month. The next Fish Fry is THIS SATURDAY, January 15 at 5:00 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 THIS SUNDAY, January 16.

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.

SANCTUARY LAMP - The Sanctuary Lamp before the Blessed Sacrament burns this week for the Glory of God.

"It is also a question, in a certain sense, of the "moral conscience" of society: in a way it too is responsible, not only because it tolerates or fosters behavior contrary to life, but also because it encourages the "culture of death", creating and consolidating actual "structures of sin" which go against life. The moral conscience, both individual and social, is today subjected, also as a result of the penetrating influence of the media, to an extremely serious and mortal danger: that of confusion between good and evil, precisely in relation to the fundamental right to life." - Pope St. John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae #24.

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	16	10:15 am	Confessions (10:15 - 10:45 am)
			11:00 am	Mass Laurice Mercer (D) by Pearl Swenson
Mon	Jan	17	8:30 am	Mass Priest's Intentions
			6:00 pm	Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction
Thu	Jan	20	8:30 am	Mass Priest's Intentions
Sun	Jan	23	10:15 am	Confessions (10:15 - 10:45 am)
			11:00 am	Mass Holly & William Bayle (D) by Jean Tassinari

St. Mary Star of the Sea - Stonington

Sun	Jan	16	8:00 am	Mass Marcel Bourré (D) by Roland & Noëlle Bourré
Tue	Jan	18	8:30 am	Mass Priest's Intentions
Sun	Jan	23	8:00 am	Mass Priest's Intentions

Our Lady of Holy Hope - Castine

Sat	Jan	15	4:00 pm	Mass Priest's Intentions
Wed	Jan	19	8:30 am	Mass Priest's Intentions
Sat	Jan	22	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

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY - January 23

Join Fr. Roland Berngeh Njoyir for a Time of Reflection at St. Joseph Parish Hall, after the 11:00 Mass on 23 January 2022.

This is a CLUSTER-WIDE EVENT open to all parishes.

Fr. Roland takes us through a reflection on the meaning of Sacred Scripture in our lives and the role of Sacred Scripture in the Life of the Church. "Were not our hearts burring within us..." [Lk 24:32]

A light lunch will be provided at Noon for those who sign up for the in-person event which begins at 12:30PM.

Three ways to SIGN – UP

- Complete sign-up sheet after Mass.
- Respond to the Flocknote invitation in your inbox · Email: cluster11.renew.info@gmail.com.
- An option to participate virtually will be available beginning at 12:20 – click the ZOOM Link from the Cluster website: <https://hc-catholics.org/upcoming-events> or directly from this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81743287214>

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>.

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.

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!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - *Loving Father, you sent your Son so that all might come to know the truth and be saved. With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you continue his work through the Church. Your Son reminded his disciples that the harvest was indeed plentiful but the laborers few. Following his instructions, we beg you to call many to ordained ministry and religious life. Grant them the grace to hear you and to respond wholeheartedly. May Mary Immaculate the mother of your Son, and the patroness of our diocese, intercede for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Contact Fr. Greg Dube, Director of Vocations, 207-773-6471 or vocations@portlanddiocese.org

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, Arn, John Conroy, Tom Conroy, Roger Greene, Warren, Melissa, Terri & Eric Lanpher, Terry, and Pauline Bradley.

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BULLETIN ANNOUCEMENTS

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

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

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WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S TEACHING ON CONSCIENCE? -

The Catholic understanding of conscience – that is, the true understanding of conscience – is very simple and very straightforward. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) addresses the correct use of conscience in §1776-1802.

Six facts must be remembered about conscience:

1. Everybody has a conscience and his right to act in accordance with it must be respected. "Man has the right to act in conscience... He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience..." (CCC §1782)
2. Conscience includes the simple logical deduction wherein one applies the universal and objective mandatory tenets of the moral law to the concrete particulars of one's life, but it is not only that. Conscience is, rather, much more: it is the very voice of God speaking directly to the heart (Gaudium et Spes, §16, CCC §1776). It is "a messenger of him, who, both in nature and in grace, speaks to us behind a veil ... Conscience is the aboriginal Vicar of Christ" – St. John Henry Newman. (CCC §1778)
3. Conscience must be obeyed ("In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right... by the judgment of his conscience..." CCC §1778) "In every temporal affair [Christians] are to be guided by a Christian conscience, since no human activity, even of the temporal order, can be withdrawn from God's dominion." (CCC §912)
4. Conscience has no right to dispense one from the requirements of Catholic Faith and Morals; it can only validly operate from the foundation of orthodox Catholic teaching. (CCC §1706, Veritatis Splendor §32-34) *Note: It is, sadly, this fact that is too often ignored, forgotten, or rejected by many Catholics in an attempt to approve of or justify certain infallibly-taught moral doctrines the Church considers intrinsically and gravely sinful: artificial contraception, in-vitro fertilization, abortion, euthanasia, adultery, fornication, homosexual acts.*
5. Conscience has every right to require that one follow a more demanding course of action than the one permitted by Catholic teaching (this is an inescapable corollary to point 3 above and point 6 below). "A human being must always obey the certain judgment of his conscience" (CCC §1800), not only in those cases wherein such obedience enjoys the additional dignity of being confirmed by some express Catholic doctrine. *(continued on page 7)*

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Special: \$

Stella Maris

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6. We have a duty to form our consciences as best we can (CCC §1783, 1798) – in accordance with the Truth. That is, we must form our conscience under the Holy Spirit’s guiding influence which leads us to all truth (cf. John 16:13); not only those truths explicitly contained within the infallible contents of Catholic Faith and Morals, but also all judgments “according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator.” (CCC§1783). If we culpably neglect this duty for too long, we may find ourselves in a truly horrible position wherein we seem to be following the immediate dictates of conscience but are still acting unjustly because we’ve essentially chosen to pretend that ignorance is bliss and we have thus neutered our conscience.

In summarizing its teachings on Conscience, the Catechism emphasizes three rules that apply in every case –


- One may never do evil so that good may result from it;
- the Golden Rule: "Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them."
- charity always proceeds by way of respect for one's neighbor and his conscience: "Thus sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience . . . you sin against Christ." Therefore "it is right not to . . . do anything that makes your brother stumble."

(article by Daniel O'Connor)

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