

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.

In the first reading Ezra leads what seems like a normal liturgy. He stands at a podium and reads from the Torah. However, the Israelites in this story have just returned from the Babylonian exile to find Jerusalem destroyed. This isn't a normal Sabbath for them; this is a moment to take a deep breath after realizing the destruction that has happened in their homeland. Giving this moment even more weight is the fact that the audience is specifically mentioned, twice: men, women, and children old enough to understand. There's a universal aspect to this narrative, because the writer of this passage went out of the way to describe ages and genders in a scene in which Ezra's shell-shocked community comes together to pray.

"I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you." This opening passage from the Gospel of Luke centers us in the context of this story. Luke informs us that these are stories that go back to the eyewitnesses of Christ. This framing at the beginning of his gospel helps us understand how to approach the "reality" of the life of Christ. Luke tells us this isn't a magnificent fairy tale, but tells, *"I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you."* This week's gospel also gives us a daring scene that could fit in any modern-day film. Jesus goes to his hometown synagogue, where we can assume everyone knows him, walks up to read, is handed the scroll with the exact prophesy of his coming, and then he reads it out loud, to his friends and neighbors. "Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Imagine the wonder that everyone seated must have felt. It reads like a movie script.

Both the first reading and the gospel are moments when a community, gathered in prayer together, receives an unexpected message. In the gospel, Jesus outs himself as the Messiah. In the first reading, Ezra looks at his community of fellow refugees, who've finally returned home, and tells them to stop weeping and start celebrating. Both of these cinematic scenes take place during a religious service. The primacy of delivery is given to this community event, a gathering of faithful. This is where key information is shared.

- Father Emile



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.*

- Lk 4:18

JANUARY 23, 2022 + DIOCESE OF PORTLAND + CLUSTER 11

St. Joseph Parish

Ellsworth, Lakes, and Schoodic Peninsula

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* Summer Missions

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning next weekend, January 29-30, the Mass schedule at St. Joseph Parish is changed as follows:

St. Joseph:

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass - **4:00 pm**
Confessions remain 3:15 to 3:45 pm on Saturday
Sunday Mass - 8:00 am ONLY (**NO 11:00 am Mass**)

Weekday Mass - Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 am
Holy Hour with Benediction after Thursday Mass
No Weekday Masses on Monday, Wednesday or Friday

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.

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. **Fr. Peter Gorham** is honored on January 23, 2022. Donations may be made through the St Joseph Parish Office at 207-667-2342.

Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions

St. Joseph - Ellsworth

Sat	Jan 22	3:15 pm	Confessions	
		4:30 pm	Mass	Susan McDonald (D) by <i>Chris & Joanne Hunt</i>
Sun	Jan 23	8:00 am	Mass	Felix Gerald Conry by <i>Frances Pietz</i>
		9:30 am	Sacramental Prep (in the Church Basement)	
		11:00 am	Mass	K. Haas by <i>Mom & Dad</i>
Mon	Jan 24	9:00 am	Mass	Hoa Nguyen, Seminarian by <i>Lorraine Mooers</i>
Tue	Jan 25	9:00 am	Mass	K. Haas by <i>Mom & Dad</i>
Wed	Jan 26	9:00 am	No Mass	
Thu	Jan 27	9:00 am	Mass	Ann Fitzgerald (D) by <i>Lorraine Mooers</i>
		3:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Fri	Jan 28	9:00 am	Mass	Thanh Pham, Seminarian by <i>Lorraine Mooers</i>
Sat	Jan 29	3:15 pm	Confessions (3:15 - 3:45 pm)	
		4:00 pm	Mass	Ruby Hunt (D) by <i>Chris & Joanne Hunt</i>
		PLEASE NOTE NEW MASS TIME		
Sun	Jan 30	8:00 am	Mass	T. Pietz by <i>Mom & Dad</i>
		9:30 am	Sacramental Prep (in the Church Basement)	
		NO 11:00 am MASS		

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning next weekend, January 29-30, the Mass schedule at Transfiguration Parish is changed as follows:

Holy Redeemer:

- Sunday Mass - 10:00 am (No Change)
- Confessions - Sunday immediately after the 10:00 am Mass
- Weekday Mass - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 am
- Friday Holy Hour after Mass (no change)
- No weekday Mass on Monday or Tuesday

St. Peter:

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass moved to **6:00 pm**

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.

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.

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.

Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions

Holy Redeemer - Bar Harbor

Sun	Jan 23	9:15 am	Confessions
		10:00 am	Mass Donna Gann (D) <i>by Nick & Edith Lyman</i>
		11:00 am	Children's Faith Formation Class
Mon	Jan 24	8:30 am	No Mass
Tue	Jan 25	8:30 am	Mass Carol Krieg (D) <i>by Sandy Seguino</i>
Wed	Jan 26	8:30 am	Mass Avon & Josephine Klotz (D) <i>by David & Therese Marhsall</i>
Thu	Jan 27	8:30 am	Mass Priest's Intentions
		9:00 am	Choir Practice (in the Choir Loft)
Fri	Jan 28	8:30 am	Mass Carol Krieg (D) <i>by the Wentworths</i>
		9:00 am	Hour Holy of Adoration and Exposition
Sun	Jan 30	10:00 am	Mass Elizabeth Houghton (D) <i>by her husband</i>
		11:00 am	Confessions (after Mass)
		11:00 am	Children's Faith Formation Class

St. Peter - Manset

Sat	Jan 22	4:00 pm	Mass Deceased Members of St. Peter Family <i>by Eric & Joanie St. Peter</i>
Sat	Jan 29	6:00 pm	Mass Deceased Members of the Hinders Family <i>by Eric & Joanie St. Peter</i>

PLEASE NOTE NEW MASS TIME

Transfiguration Parish

Mount Desert Island & Little Cranberry Island

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*Bucksport, Castine,
and Stonington*

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St. Mary Star of the Sea

8 Granite Street
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Our Lady of Holy Hope

137 Perkins Street
Castine, ME 04421

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning next weekend, January 29-30, the Mass schedule at Stella Maris Parish is changed as follows:

St. Vincent de Paul:

Sunday Mass - 11:00 am (No Change)

Confessions - 10:15 - 10:45 am (No Change)

Weekday Mass - Monday, 8:30 am (**No Thursday Mass**)

St. Mary Star of the Sea:

Sunday Mass - 8:00 am (No Change)

Weekday Mass - Tuesday, 8:30 am (No Change)

Our Lady of Holy Hope:

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass - 4:00 pm (No Change)

Weekday Mass - **Friday, 8:30 am** (No longer on Wednesday)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - SVDP - The K of C Fish Fry is on 3rd Saturday of each month. The next Fish Fry is Saturday, February 19 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 Sunday, February 20.

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 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.

Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions

St. Vincent de Paul - Bucksport

Sun Jan 23 10:15 am Confessions (10:15 - 10:45 am)
11:00 am Mass Holly & William Bayle (D) *by Jean Tassinari*

Mon Jan 24 8:30 am Mass Martin Smith (D) *by Jim & Arlene Sohns*
6:00 pm Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction

Thu Jan 27 8:30 am Mass Liliane Duzois (D) *by Dennis & Suzanne Castonguay*

Sun Jan 30 10:15 am Confessions (10:15 - 10:45 am)
11:00 am Mass Roland Martin (D) *by Jean Tassinari*

St. Mary Star of the Sea - Stonington

Sun Jan 23 8:00 am Mass Priest's Intentions

Tue Jan 25 8:30 am Mass Priest's Intentions

Sun Jan 30 8:00 am Mass Edward Blackmoore (D) *by Curt & Sally Haskell*

Our Lady of Holy Hope - Castine

Sat Jan 22 4:00 pm Mass Priest's Intentions

Wed Jan 26 8:30 am Mass Priest's Intentions

Sat Jan 29 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 Bernegh 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>

"I proposed setting aside "a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people" - Pope Francis, Misericordia et Misera, 7.

The Catechism states: *"Through all the words of Sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word, his one Utterance in whom he expresses himself completely."* (CCC 102)

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>
- Consider this 10-part Bible Study – *"Lectio Series: Evangelization"* with Dr. Mary Healy

WORD on FIRE: <https://hc-catholics.org/word-on-fire>.
See the Word on Fire program, *"The Mass", Episode 3 – "God Speaks our Story"*

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.

*Stewardship by Parish (January 8-9)***St. Joseph**

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Transfiguration

Offertory: \$ N/A
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Offertory: \$1,241.00
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Special: \$62.00

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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

Please speak with a priest; call your parish office; or go to formed.org to watch, listen and read.

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FR. ANTHANSIUS SABBATICAL - We give Fr. Anthanasius our Blessings and prayers as he begins his sabbatical at St. Mary's in Baltimore, Maryland. We are grateful for the loving care he gave us and look forward to his return! Thank you, Fr. Anthanasius, and study hard!

FR. EMILE SHARES - Bishop Deeley wrote to congratulate "the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish for reaching your financial goal for the annual Catholic Appeal....please extend my gratitude and sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish for their generosity and their commitment to the work of the church. It is in our working together and walking daily with the Lord that the mission of the church is carried out."

LOAVES AND FISHES (ELLSWORTH) - Thank you to everyone who signed up to volunteer at Loaves & Fishes this month. We had a great response! There are still some slots available. If you are interested in helping out, there will be a signup sheet in the entry way of the church. We'd love to see you at the pantry this month.

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!

VOCATIONS - "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it." Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Greg Dube, Director of Vocations, at 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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

for the week of January 23, 2022

- Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday: *Sts. Papius and Maurus, Soldiers & Martyrs (RM)*
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(RM) - Roman Martyrology

RECOMMENDED READING - *Life of Christ* by Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Widely proclaimed a classic work of Christian faith, *Life of Christ* has been hailed as the most eloquent of Fulton J. Sheen's many books. The fruit of many years of reflection, prayer, and research, it is a dramatic and moving recounting of the birth, life, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Christ, and a passionate portrait of the God-Man, the teacher, the healer, and most of all the Savior, whose promise has sustained humanity for two millennia. With his customary insight and reverence, Sheen interprets the scripture and describes Christ, not only in historical perspective, but also in exciting and contemporary terms, seeing in Christ's life both modern parallels and timeless lessons. His thoughtful, probing analysis provides new insight into well-known Gospel events.


Note: Many of Archbishop Sheen's television programs are available for viewing on YouTube.

Fulton Sheen Tidbit: At the 1952 Emmy Awards, Sheen defeated Edward R. Murrow, Lucille Ball and Arthur Godfrey for the title of Most Outstanding Television Personality. *(Note: If you are too young to know who these people were and what a big deal this was, then ask an older parishioner.)* Upon accepting his award, he said, "I wish to thank my four writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John."

"Christianity, unlike any other religion in the world, begins with catastrophe and defeat. Sunshine religions and psychological inspirations collapse in calamity and wither in adversity. But the Life of the Founder of Christianity, having begun with the Cross, ends with the empty tomb and victory."

"Head knowledge is worthless, unless accompanied by submission of the will and right action."

"Charity is to be measured, not by what one has given away, but by what one has left."




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