

Roman Catholic Churches of Hancock County

++ V. Rev. Emile Dubé, VF, Pastor ++

Bishop Deeley strongly recommends for all persons in Maine Catholic churches to wear masks in church or wherever Mass is being viewed. The Pastor, V. Rev. Emile Dube, VF, also strongly recommends that masks be worn at any gatherings on church property. If you have NOT been vaccinated, a mask must be worn to come to or view Mass. Fr. Emile joins the Bishop in his appeal to continue to pray for all those suffering in any way from the pandemic.

This Sunday we read from the Gospel of Luke, continuing immediately from last week's Gospel. Recall that in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah and announced that this Scripture was now fulfilled. In today's Gospel, we learn that the people of Nazareth are impressed by Jesus' words, and yet they seem surprised. They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know.

This Gospel is about who Jesus is and who people believe him to be. The story of Jesus' preaching and rejection at Nazareth is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels. In Luke's Gospel, this incident is told in a way that foretells Jesus' passion and death and helps explain the inclusion of the Gentiles in the promise of salvation. In Luke's Gospel this incident appears at the beginning of Jesus' ministry; in Matthew and Mark, this event is placed considerably later, after Jesus has preached and taught elsewhere. Only Luke identifies the content of Jesus' teaching in any detail, telling us that Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue. In Mark and Matthew's Gospels, Jesus teaches in the synagogue in Nazareth, and the townspeople take offense because Jesus is only the son of a carpenter. They reject his authority to teach them. In Matthew and Mark, it is only after Jesus is rejected that he observes times when Israel has rejected prophets.

In Luke's Gospel, the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection.

It is helpful to consider the historical context of Luke's Gospel. Luke has witnessed the acceptance of the gospel message among many Gentiles. He endeavors to explain why the Good News of Jesus has not been as well-received by his Jewish contemporaries.

Luke's report interprets the cause of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth in the context of this later Christian history. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many among the people of Israel will not accept the preaching of the gospel.

After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. This differs from the reports found in Mark and Matthew's Gospels, where Jesus is said to be unable to perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all.



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Joseph Parish

Ellsworth, Lakes, and Schoodic Peninsula

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Rev. Roland Berngeh Njoyir

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IMPORTANT CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning **THIS 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 February 3, 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 29	3:15 pm Confessions
		4:00 pm Mass Ruby Hunt (D) <i>by Chris & Joanne Hunt</i>
		PLEASE NOTE NEW MASS TIME
Sun	Jan 30	8:00 am Mass T. Pietz <i>by Mom & Dad</i>
		9:30 am Sacramental Prep (in the Church Basement)
		NO 11:00 am MASS
Mon	Jan 31	9:00 am No Mass
Tue	Feb 1	9:00 am Mass Joseph Miles Jones (D) <i>by Pauline, Bradley & Betsy Jones</i>
Wed	Feb 2	9:00 am No Mass
Thu	Feb 3	9:00 am Mass Andrew Bailey, Seminarian <i>by Lorraine Mooers</i>
		3:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
Fri	Feb 4	9:00 am No Mass
Sat	Feb 5	3:15 pm Confessions (3:15 - 3:45 pm)
		4:00 pm Mass Ray & Susan McDonald (D) <i>by Lewis & Gloria Sirois</i>
Sun	Feb 6	8:00 am Mass Kevin Patrick Conry <i>by Francis & Pietz</i>
		9:30 am Sacramental Prep (in the Church Basement)

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning **THIS 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.

RETIRED MEN'S BREAKFAST - We are a small group of retired gentlemen that meet for a monthly Monday morning breakfast in the Holy Redeemer Church Hall and we invite you to join us. Our next scheduled breakfast will be on Monday, 7 February, 2022 at 8:30 am. Please let me know if you plan to attend so that we know how many to cook for. Leo Doreika 288-5038.

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.**

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP - The Adult Discussion Group reflection and discussion on *The Eucharist: Real Presence and Piety* will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Holy Redeemer Church Hall.

*Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions***Holy Redeemer - Bar Harbor**

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
Mon	Jan 31	8:30 am	No Mass	
Tue	Feb 1	8:30 am	No Mass	
Wed	Feb 2	8:30 am	Mass	Intentions of Joan Bourassa
Thu	Feb 3	8:30 am	Mass	Intentions of Joan Bourassa
		9:00 am		Choir Practice (in the Choir Loft)
Fri	Feb 4	8:30 am	Mass	Baillargeon & Dube Families
		9:00 am		Hour Holy of Adoration and Exposition
Sun	Feb 6	10:00 am	Mass	Genovieve & Francis Minutolo <i>by the Family</i>
		11:00 am		Confessions (after Mass)
		11:00 am		Children's Faith Formation Class

St. Peter - Manset

Sat Jan 29 **6:00 pm** Mass Deceased Members of the Hinders Family *by Eric & Joanie St. Peter*

PLEASE NOTE NEW MASS TIME

Sat Feb 5 **6:00 pm** Mass Intentions of Joan Bourassa

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

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Stonington, ME 04681

Our Lady of Holy Hope

137 Perkins Street
Castine, ME 04421

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning **THIS 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	30	10:15 am	Confessions (10:15 - 10:45 am)
			11:00 am	Mass Roland Martin (D) <i>by Jean Tassinari</i>
Mon	Jan	31	8:30 am	Mass Dana Wardwell (D) <i>by Niles & Pauline Madsen</i>
			6:00 pm	Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction
Thu	Jan	3	8:30 am	No Mass
Sun	Feb	6	10:15 am	Confessions (10:15 - 10:45 am)
			11:00 am	Mass Carol Krieg (D) <i>by The Women's Council of SVDP</i>

St. Mary Star of the Sea - Stonington

Sun	Jan	30	8:00 am	Mass Edward Blackmoore (D) <i>by Curt & Sally Haskell</i>
Tue	Feb	1	8:30 am	Mass Priest's Intentions
Sun	Feb	6	8:00 am	Mass Joseph Bruno (D) <i>by Pete & Val Jandreau</i>

Our Lady of Holy Hope - Castine

Sat	Jan	29	4:00 pm	Mass Priest's Intentions
Wed	Feb	2		No Mass
Fri	Feb	4	8:30 am	Mass Priest's Intentions
Sat	Feb	5	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.

Here are 2 gems we think you might like in honor of the Memorial of St. John Bosco – 31 January 2022.

Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth

Ben Gazzara stars in this classic film about St. John Bosco, the beloved nineteenth century Italian priest who sought out the homeless youth of Turin to help them have a better life. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/don-bosco-the-true-story-of-the-apostle-of-youth>

Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

"Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John (Don) Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth from the tough streets of Turin, Italy. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that Don Bosco had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order, the Salesians." <https://watch.formed.org/saint-john-bosco-mission-to-love>

WORD on FIRE: <https://hc-catholics.org/word-on-fire>

See the Word on Fire program, "The Mass", Episode 3 – "God Speaks our Story"

"Imitation of Christ" Book Study with Fr. Dan Greenleaf (Prince of Peace Parish, Lewiston) January 17-February 28, 2022 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM – it's not too late to join. Join Online: <https://www.princeofpeace.me/imitation-of-christ>. Download the e-book free from the FORMED website: <https://watch.formed.org/the-imitation-of-christ-by-thomas-a-kempis>

"Echoing God's Word" Reflections on the Sunday readings from the Lectionary by Rev. Clement D. Thibodeau (1932-2017) <https://portlanddiocese.org/echoing-gods-word-reflections>

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.

CHANGE OF BULLETIN EDITOR - Many thanks to Paul for serving as our Bulletin editor. He is now moving on, so please send all your future bulletin notices to Monica at the Cluster Office beginning with the February 5/6 bulletin. Monica.giordano@portlanddiocese.org and 667-2342.

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Stewardship by Parish (January 15-16)

St. Joseph

Offertory: \$2,213.00
WeShare: \$1,120.68
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Offertory: \$742.00
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Special: \$3,110.00

Stella Maris

Offertory: \$2,331.00
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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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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 and we hope to see you back soon!

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.

ST. JOSEPH - BAKERS NEEDED - 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.

CHANGES TO MASS INTENTIONS - Due to the changing Mass schedule, many Mass Intentions will need to be moved. Your patience during this process is much appreciated.

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, Pauline Bradley, and Nancy Gordon.

ROSARIES FOR THE MISSIONS - Three hundred rosaries were sent to a missionary who requested them just one week before Christmas. Thank you for these handmade rosaries assembled by our parishioners. One prays the Scriptures while meditating the Life of Christ. We get mail from priests, sisters, and catechists who use the rosary as a teaching tool for studying the Bible.

Yesterday I had a phone call from a dear friend in our church whose daughter suffered a heart attack and severe stroke early that morning. She was asking me to pray the rosary and today we spoke again. Her daughter is hospitalized in Bangor and my friend cannot visit her yet. How comforted she felt knowing as she prayed the mysteries of the rosary that I was not alone praying with her but I had joined a weekly zoom call and many women across the nation were praying together for all of our intentions. I learned many decades ago in Catholic school more graces are received when we join together to pray. When one is terribly worried about a loved one, focusing attention is just about impossible. Yet holding onto those beads one at a time relaxes the body and comforts the soul.

Let us remember to spread the devotion of praying the rosary to Our Blessed Mother who is so compassionate as she herself is called Our Mother of Sorrows. She knows how to mother us. May she continue to console my friend.

"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying." - Pope Leo XIII

"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." - Saint Francis de Sales

"The Rosary is my favorite prayer." - St. Pope John Paul II



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