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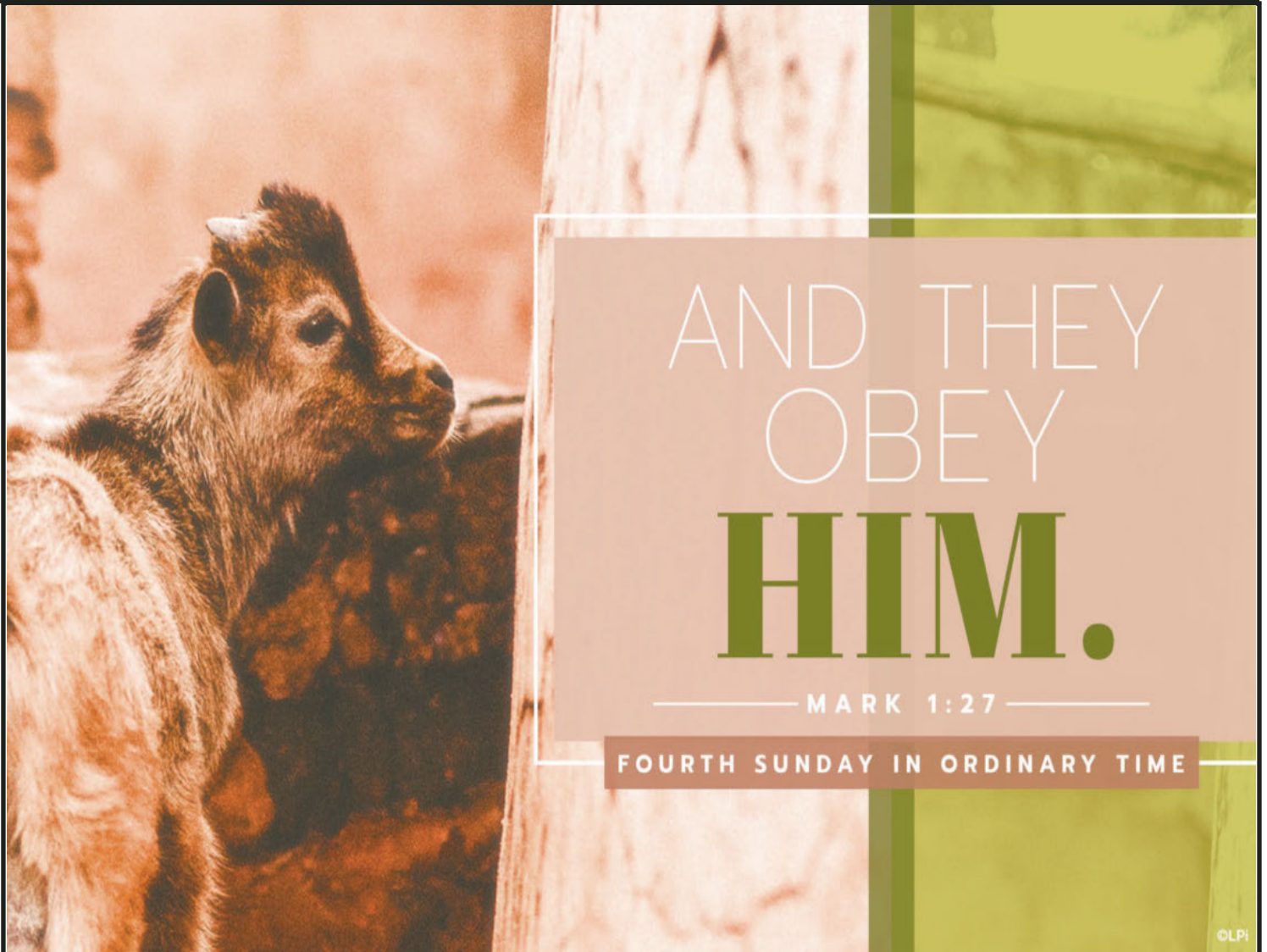
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**January 28, 2024**



## The Vision for St. Theresa Parish and St. Mary Parish

To grow the presence of the Catholic Church in the towns of the  
Contoocook River Valley and on the New England College Campus

### Our Mission:

- ❖ To welcome individuals, couples and families
- ❖ To form disciples
- ❖ To train for service
- ❖ To learn to share our faith
- ❖ To go deeper into scripture and prayer

**ST. THERESA**



**ST. MARY**

**January 14, 2024**

Offertory	\$	3,572.00
Offertory Online 01/08-01/12/24	\$	1,757.80
Debt/Capital Projects	\$	217.50
Debt/Capital Online 01/08-01/12/24	\$	225.83

**January 21, 2024**

Offertory	\$	3,046.00
Offertory Online 01/15-1/19/24	\$	1,521.83
Debt/Capital Projects	\$	195.00
Debt/Capital Online 01/15-1/19/24	\$	90.00

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**January 14, 2024**

Offertory	\$	1,148.00
Offertory Online 01/08-01/12/24	\$	466.31

**January 21, 2024**

Offertory	\$	1,184.00
Offertory Online 01/15-1/19/24	\$	1,291.51

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**St. Mary  
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Throughout Lent we invite you to drop off your can  
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All proceeds will benefit our local  
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ST. THERESA



ST. MARY

**Sat. Jan. 27 4:00 p.m.**  
 ☼ For peace in the world  
 and an end to homelessness

**Sun. Jan. 28 8:00 a.m.**  
 ☼ For our Parishioners and all who  
 live in the towns served by  
 St. Theresa & St. Mary  
**11:00 a.m.**  
 ☼ For our Parishioners and all who  
 live in the towns served by  
 St. Theresa & St. Mary

**Mon. Jan. 29 8:30 a.m.**  
 † In memory of Christopher Michael Arms  
 by Richard Arms

**Wed. Jan. 31 8:30 a.m.**  
 ☼ For the Parishioners of St. Theresa  
 and St. Mary

**Sat. Feb. 3 4:00 p.m.**  
 ☼ For our Parishioners and all who  
 live in the towns served by  
 St. Theresa & St. Mary

**Sun. Feb. 4 8:00 a.m.**  
 † In memory of William Gurney  
 by the Story Family  
 and  
 † In memory of Raymond Damour  
 by Denise  
**11:00 a.m.**  
 ☼ For our Parishioners and all who  
 live in the towns served by  
 St. Theresa & St. Mary

**If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention  
 at St. Mary or St. Theresa,  
 please contact the Parish Office.  
 Mass cards are available.**

**Sun. Jan. 28 9:30 a.m.**  
 † In memory of Mary Lima  
 by the Poutre Family

**Tues. Jan. 30 8:30 a.m.**  
 ☼ For the Parishioners of St. Mary  
 and St. Theresa

**Thurs. Feb. 1 8:30 a.m.**  
 ☼ For the Parishioners of St. Mary  
 and St. Theresa

**Sun. Feb. 4 9:30 a.m.**  
 † In memory of Curt Osgood  
 by Florence  
 and  
 † In memory of Pauline Beard  
 by Pam McLaughlin

### Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

The Sanctuary Lamp is the candle burning near  
 the tabernacle which signals Jesus' Eucharistic  
 presence in the tabernacle. The Sanctuary Lamp  
 burns constantly, 24 hours a day!

**This week at St. Theresa  
 the lamp is burning in memory  
 of Hector Lopez & Julia Romero**



## JANUARY

Jan. 27 Family Formation Movie Night 5:00 p.m.  
 Jan. 29 St. Mary Finance Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 Jan. 31 St. Mary Social Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.

## FEBRUARY

Feb. 3/4 Blessing of the Throats following all Masses  
 Feb. 4 St. Mary Coffee & Donuts following Mass  
 Feb. 6 St. Mary Liturgy Committee Meeting 1:30 p.m.  
 Feb. 7 St. Mary Social Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.  
 Feb. 10 Family Formation  
 Feb. 11 St. Theresa Lunch celebrating Fr. Marcel's  
 45th Anniversary following 11 a.m. Mass  
 Feb. 14 Knights Meeting at St. Theresa 7:00 p.m.  
 Feb. 18 St. Mary Brunch celebrating Fr. Marcel's  
 45th Anniversary following 9:30 a.m. Mass  
 Feb. 18 St. Theresa Coffee & Donuts following 8 Mass

### Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids 2023

Thanks to all our parishioners in St Mary's and  
 St Theresa's for your generous donations this drive  
 we collect \$5268.00.  
 We provide 182 coats to kids. We distribute coats to  
 20 schools within our area.  
 The school nurses were happy with our coat drive.



## ST. THERESA AND ST. MARY PARISHES



If you are new to our parish, please contact the parish office for a registration form or complete our online registration form available on the Parish Website.

Visitors, we are glad that you joined us today!

### Respect Life – *Imago Dei*

Pope Francis called surrogacy “deplorable” in a speech to the world’s ambassadors on Monday, calling for a universal ban on the “despicable” practice. “The path to peace calls for respect for life, for every human life, starting with the life of the unborn child in the mother’s womb, which cannot be suppressed or turned into an object of trafficking. In this regard, I deem deplorable the practice of so-called surrogate motherhood, which represents a grave violation of the dignity of the woman and the child, based on the exploitation of situations of the mother’s material needs. A child is always a gift and never the basis of a commercial contract.” Surrogate motherhood has taken off in Eastern Europe and Asia, where impoverished women are renting their wombs to **make enough money** to provide for their families.



Blessing of the Throats  
after Masses on  
February 3rd and 4th



### WELCOMING MINISTRY

Volunteers needed! We are looking for outgoing parishioners with warm smiles, a basic knowledge of our parishes, and a willingness to make parishioners and guests feel welcome and ready to celebrate the mass.

If you are interested or have questions about our Welcoming Ministry, please contact the parish office.

### ALL GREETERS, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, & ALTAR SERVERS AT ST. THERESA & ST. MARY

At this time, we are working on the ministry assignments for the months of  
**March, April and May.**

Your reply is needed before **February 5th**

PLEASE contact the office by email at [parish.office@tds.net](mailto:parish.office@tds.net). If you are unable to email, call us at 428-3325.

### Family Promise News

Thank you to the 44 members of our Family Promise - Henniker team (St. Theresa Parish, St. Mary Parish and Henniker Congregational Church) for giving of your precious time and treasure on the very busy week before Christmas, this season.

Whether you helped set up beds and rooms, cooked meals, served and hosted families, slept overnight, broke down beds and cleaned up, transferred beds and move to the next church, did laundry, and/or contributed with gas and gift cards, and maybe even just asked if there was anything you could do to help, you are greatly appreciated.

Our next turn to shelter families in our church is June 16-23, 2024. We really hope many of the team can join us, and make it an easy job for all of us.

If you would like to join our Henniker team in doing God’s work, at a really local level, or for any other questions, please contact:

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Please note: a background check and short training video are required to work with children. So, please allow at least 4 weeks for processing.



### SAVE THE DATE

Join our parish family to celebrate the blessings of the priesthood.

It's Father Marcel's 45th Ordination Anniversary!

Either Sunday, February 11th luncheon—St. Theresa at noon  
or Sunday, February 18th brunch— St. Mary at 10:30

Enjoy music, food and fellowship. Father requests no gifts please.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 28, 2024

### First Reading:

“I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.” (Dt 18:18)

### Second Reading:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

### Gospel:

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: “What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?”

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: “I know who you are!”

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it.

As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “**What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?**” Notice the plural, *us*.

The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “**Quiet! Come out of him!**” Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — *him* — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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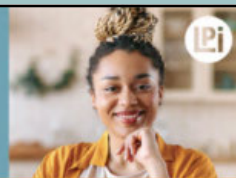
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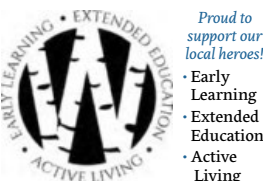
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