



# St. Theresa Parish & St. Mary Parish

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**February 11, 2024**



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— MARK 1:41 —

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## 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

February 4, 2024

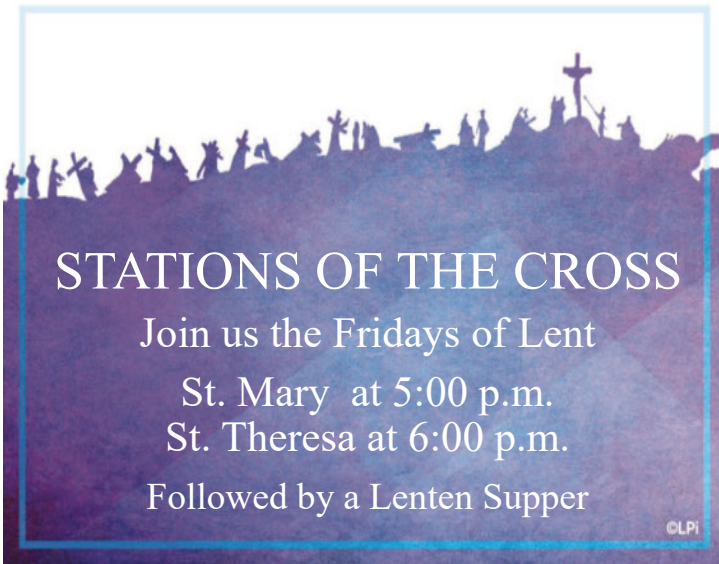
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Diocesan Catholic School Education	\$	220.00

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Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

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**Vigil Hours:** 24/7

**Local Contact:** Beth Gaby, (603) 731- 6454  
[concord40dfl@gmail.com](mailto:concord40dfl@gmail.com)

**Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at our website below!**

<http://40daysforlife.com/concord>

**Note:** You don't need to sign-up to show-up! Prayer is welcome at any time even if you just stop by for a few minutes ... the Lord hears our prayers!

**Jesus, I plead your blood over my sins and the sins of my nation. Lord God Almighty, end abortion and send revival to America. Amen.**

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ST. THERESA



ST. MARY

**Sat. Feb. 10 4:00 p.m.**

- ☼ For our Parishioners and all who live in the towns served by St. Theresa & St. Mary

**Sun. Feb. 11 8:00 a.m.**

- ✙ In memory of Sally Rickards by the Winslow Family

**11:00 a.m.**

- ☼ For our Parishioners and all who live in the towns served by St. Theresa & St. Mary

**Mon. Feb. 12 8:30 a.m.**

- ☼ For the Parishioners of St. Theresa & St. Mary

**Wed. Feb. 14 ASH WEDNESDAY**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Adoration 9:00 a.m.-Noon**

- ✙ In memory of Rev. Mark Rundzio 7:00 p.m.
- ✙ In memory of Alan Chan by Jim & Grace Rock

**Sat. Feb. 17 4:00 p.m.**

- ✙ In memory of Claire P. Gagnon by Richard and
- ✙ In memory of Mary Monaghan by her family

**Sun. Feb. 18 8:00 a.m.**

- ✙ In memory of Rev. Marcel Allard and
- ☼ For our Parishioners and all who live in the towns served by St. Theresa & St. Mary
- 11:00 a.m.**
- ✙ In memory of Shirley Contino by the Lawrence Family

**Sun. Feb. 11 9:30 a.m.**

- ☼ For our Parishioners and all who live in the towns served by St. Theresa & St. Mary

**Tues. Feb. 13 8:30 a.m.**

- ✙ In memory of Rev. Mark Rundzio

**Wed. Feb. 14 ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Noon**

- ☼ For all who have lost a spouse by Jon Rheault

**Thurs. Feb. 15 8:30 a.m.**

- ✙ In memory of Rev. Marcel Allard

**Sun. Feb. 18 9:30 a.m.**

- ✙ In memory of Robert Poutre by the Poutre Family

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

## 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 Shirley Contino**



Feb. 10 Family Formation

Feb. 11 St. Theresa Lunch celebrating Fr. Marcel's 45th Anniversary following 11 a.m. Mass

Feb. 14 **ASH WEDNESDAY**

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

Feb. 24 Family Formation Movie Night 5:00 p.m.

Feb. 25 Divine Mercy Devotion St. Mary at 2:30 p.m.



**St. Theresa**  
February 18  
following 8:00 Mass  
Please, join us!!!!



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!



## SPECIAL EDITION OF THE PARISH BULLETIN: PREPARING FOR LENT

- ♦ **Consider starting a small group in your home.**
- ♦ **Consider going on a Cursillo (Short Course) Retreat weekend.**
- ♦ **Attend the Stations of the Cross on Fridays**, and help prepare a soup or chowder for the group.
- ♦ **Become more involved in the parish** Offer to help out in the parish as a greeter, as a Minister of communion to the home-bound, with the music ministry as a singer or instrumentalist, as a kitchen helper for monthly meals.

### Join a small faith-sharing group for Lent

Before the pandemic, our two parishes had a number of small groups spread throughout the towns both parishes serve. Here is a chance to do this again. I will be hosting two small groups. Fridays, starting February 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., we will meet at the Slusser Senior Center in Contoocook to review the biblical readings for the coming Sunday. We will delve into Catholic issues and explore ways of practicing our Catholic faith.

On Monday evenings, I will be hosting a small group at my residence, the parish rectory, at 246 Old West Hopkinton Road in Henniker. This group will explore principles of group spiritual direction. These will be training sessions in leading small Church groups and growing together in our Catholic faith.

How about starting a group in your own home, in a local library or other senior center, or in a local Christian Church? Using the Missalette, reading the biblical readings together, and sharing some insights, and ending the evening with groups of two people praying for one another's needs, is an easy framework to follow. Groups could also become Book clubs, with writings from Matthew Kelly, papal documents, or some other Catholic source. Please notify the parish office of the time and place your group plans to meet in the coming weeks of Lent.

### Have you ever participated in a Catholic retreat weekend? by Father Marcel

Cursillo (pronounced Kur-see-yo) de Christianidad.....Spanish for "Short course in Christianity".....is a Catholic experience that a number of parishioners have attended in past years. I have served as a spiritual director on about 20 such weekends. Father Ray Ball from Concord will be spiritual director for the Men's Cursillo starting on the evening of March 7 through the afternoon of March 10. I will be serving as spiritual director for the Women's Cursillo starting on the evening of April 18 through the afternoon of April 21. For the first time, these Cursillos will take place at a retreat house at Camp Sentinel in Tuftonboro, New Hampshire, on the eastern side of Lake Winnepesaukee.

Men's weekends are led by laymen, with a priest giving a couple of presentations and celebrating the sacraments. Women's weekends are led by laywomen with a priest giving a couple of presentations and celebrating the sacraments. There are talks and small groups. There are meals together, and comfortable sleeping quarters. The retreat house has a modern heating system and full bathroom facilities. There is music and singing. There is laughter and prayer. There is silence and time for personal reflection.

Some people come out of these weekends on fire for their faith. Others gain new insights on how to live an authentic Catholic life. Others still are enriched by what they have learned over the years as they hear the message of the Gospel communicated in a different way. Please consider attending a Cursillo weekend.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading:

"As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." (Lv 13:8)

#### Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

#### Gospel:

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

### Current small groups in our parishes

Every Sunday, a small group, which is actually the size of two or three small groups, meets to review the biblical readings for the next Sunday at both parishes following the early morning Mass. Also, a small group Book Club is gathering weekly at a residence in Hillsborough. Let us know if you need help starting a small group in your home.

### A not-so-small group

Our local council of the Knights of Columbus usually has from 12 to 20 members meeting twice a month to plan service projects, including fundraisers, for community projects. All the men in the parish are encouraged to join the Knights.



### An Amazing Small Group

Almost every week, the Parish Leadership Team meets to pray for one another, and to plan for ways to help our parishes grow. The sound system has improved at St. Theresa. Lectors are being trained anew at both parishes. We reintroduced monthly coffee and donuts after the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Theresa.

Current members are: Idina Auth, Joseph Girad, Florence Osgood, Linda Patterson, and Father Marcel

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 11, 2024

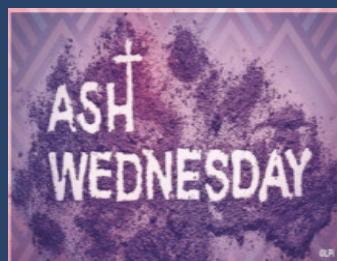


Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "If you will it, you can make me clean." At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "moved with compassion." The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



February 14th

St. Theresa 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary Noon

St. Theresa 7:00 p.m.

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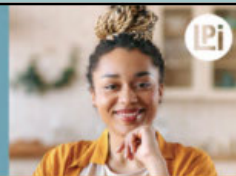


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