

St. Theresa Parish & St. Mary Parish

IN HENNIKER & HILLSBOROUGH, NH

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March 3, 2024



ZEAL FOR
YOUR HOUSE WILL
CONSUME ME.

— JOHN 2:17 —

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 25, 2024

Offertory	\$	4,003.00
Offertory Online 02/19-02/23/24	\$	1,608.10
Debt/Capital Projects	\$	20.00
Debt/Capital Online 02/19-02/23/24	\$	120.00

Thank You for your Support!!



REMEMBER
in your prayers

St. Theresa
Prayer Chain

G. Blanchard, Nancy Bessette, Priscilla Barbera,
Dan Bailey, Elizabeth & Brian Benoit,
Claudette Bernier, Wayne & Ursula Boutwell,
Brandi, Madelein-Mae Cynthia Brouillard,
Dennis Broussard, Jeanne Campbell, Tyler & Caitlyn
Deschenes & family, Amelia DiBurro, Faith Downs,
Madalyn Grace Downs, Crystal Emerson,
Roy Emerson, Paul & Donna Fanny, Gary Forrester,
Liam Gannon, Marie Gannon, Skye George,
Brittany Guay, Ed Hauser, Stephen Hebert,
Frank Lembree, Linda M., Sue and Kevin McElroy,
Chloe McEvoy, The McPike Family, Allen Meade,
Sheila Miller, Tracy Nylander, Mike & Sharon
Otterson, Francis Page, Jim Patterson, Bonnie Pratt,
Christine Prince, Sandy & Gary Quint, A.J. Ranfos,
Pauline Ranfos, Rodney Richardson, Jacob and
Jaxson Rivera, Grace Rock, Gabriel Rock,
John Rock, Jennifer Schallert & children,
Mary Ellen Schule, Eric Smith, Joseph Tierney,
Drysdan Wallace and Anthony Yarochwicz

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us the Fridays of Lent

St. Mary at 5:00 p.m.

St. Theresa at 6:00 p.m.

Followed by a Lenten Supper
of soup and bread

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February 25, 2024

Offertory	\$	839.50
Offertory Online 02/19-02/23/24	\$	617.11

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in your prayers

St. Mary
Prayer Chain

Peggy Abeln, David Ancil, Peter Beard,
Cynthia Bumford, Lori Carrington,
Tommy Connolly, Mathew Douston,
Monique Fox, Tom Fraser, Charlotte Furo,
Kathy Rysnik Huard, Katie Walter Jeffery,
Jostin & Family, Jocelyne LeBlanc,
Ashley Montgomery, Melissa Morin, Betty Plante,
Lily Plater, Paul Plater, Marilyn Powers,
Dee Sampson, Jackie Sylvia,
Ursula & Walter Radermacher, Michael Wahl
and Bill Wengrowski

**Feature film to tell the story of
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini**



A motion picture has been produced
telling the extraordinary account
of Mother Cabrini, who came from
Italy to the United States in the
19th century to serve poor Italian
immigrants, and many more.
Check out the movie trailer on your
search engine to decide if this might
be worth your while.

The Regal Cinema at 282 Loudon Road in Concord
will be showing this film on Friday, March 8,
at 3 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

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ST. THERESA



ST. MARY

Sat. Mar. 2 4:00 p.m.
 † In memory of Paul Vahey, Jr.
 by Pat & Fred Moreland
 and
 † In memory of Ted Story
 by the Story Family

Sun. Mar. 3 8:00 a.m.
 ☼ For our Parishioners and all who
 live in the towns served by
 St. Theresa & St. Mary
11:00 a.m.
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 live in the towns served by
 St. Theresa & St. Mary

Mon. Mar. 4 8:30 a.m.
 ☼ For all Priest, Deacons & Religious
 of the Diocese

Wed. Mar. 6 8:30 a.m.
Adoration 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
 ☼ For peace in the world & the end
 to homelessness

Sat. Mar. 9 4:00 p.m.
 † In memory of Mary Monaghan
 by her family
 and
 † In memory of Joan & Henry Barbeau
 by Len & Jackie Bienvenue

Sun. Mar. 10 8:00 a.m.
 ☼ Blessings for Rita Murdough
11:00 a.m.
 ☼ For our Parishioners and all who
 live in the towns served by
 St. Theresa & St. Mary

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL RETREAT

Join us for the Eucharistic Revival Retreat with the Sisters of the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love. The retreat will be held on **Saturday, April 13**, from 8:30 am-2:00 pm at Christ the King Parish. \$5 registration fee. A light lunch will be included. Sponsored by Christ the King Parish Women's Ministry. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.christthekingnh.org/retreat>

Sun. Mar. 3 9:30 a.m.
 † In memory of Pauline Rainville
 by Juanita McDonough

Tues. Mar. 5 8:30 a.m.
 ☼ In thanksgiving for successful liver
 transplant for Wayne Boutwell
 by Rita Murdough

Thurs. Mar. 7 8:30 a.m.
Adoration 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
 ☼ For the Parishioners of St. Mary
 & St. Theresa

Sun. Mar. 10 9:30 a.m.
 † In memory of Genevieve Ann Ginn
 by the Downey Family

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
 Edward & Mary Monaghan**



MARCH

Mar. 3 St. Mary Coffee & Donuts following Mass
 Mar. 6 Adoration St. Theresa 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Mar. 6 St. Mary Social Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.
 Mar. 7 Adoration St. Mary 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Mar. 8 Stations of the Cross St. Mary 5:00 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross St. Theresa 6:00 p.m.
 Mar. 9 Family Formation
 Mar. 12 St. Mary Cemetery Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
 Mar. 13 Knights Meeting at St. Mary 7:00 p.m.
 Mar. 15 Stations of the Cross St. Mary 5:00 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross St. Theresa 6:00 p.m.
 Mar. 16 Family Formation Sacrament Prep 10:00 - 12:00
 Mar. 16 St. Patrick's Dinner hosted by the Knights
 Mar. 17 St. Theresa Coffee & Donuts
 Mar. 17 Reconciliation Service St. Theresa 1:30 p.m.
 Mar. 18 St. Mary Liturgy Meeting 1:30 p.m.
 Mar. 22 Blood Drive hosted by the Knights
 Mar. 22 Stations of the Cross St. Mary 5:00 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross St. Theresa 6:00 p.m.
 Mar. 23 Family Formation Movie Night 5:00 p.m.



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!

It is not too late to join a small group

Mondays, 11:00 am to 12:30 p.m. (2/19-3/25)

St. Theresa Church meeting room. Celebrate Spirituality-12 step. Led by Beth Ann Sondles, there is much we can all learn from 12 step spirituality.

Mondays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

St. Theresa Rectory. An interactive study of the principles of group spiritual direction, to prepare to lead groups like Alpha and the Prayer Course that were offered this past year.

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Washington Congregational Church

Fridays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Slusser Senior Center Contoocook. Reviewing the upcoming Sunday Bible readings, and discussing current moral and religious issues with Father Marcel

Sunday morning, 9:15 a.m.

Bible Discussion Group, St. Theresa Church Hall.
Read and discuss the Gospel for the following Sunday.

Sunday morning, 10:30 a.m.

Bible Discussion Group, St. Mary Church Hall. Read and discuss the Gospel for the following Sunday.

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday, March 3 at 2:30 p.m.

The Concord Deanery Reconciliation Service this year, with several priests/confessors, will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Loudon Road in Concord.

Sunday, March 17 at 1:30 p.m.

A brief Reconciliation Service followed by confessions will be held at St. Theresa's in Henniker

Confessions are heard at St. Theresa's every Saturday from 3 to 3:45 p.m.,
and at St. Mary's every Sunday, upon request, following the 9:30 am. Mass.

Respect Life - *Imago Dei*

Join in prayer with 40 Days for Life in Concord:

Divine Mercy Vigil Hour— March 6, 3 - 4 PM

(Stations of the Cross written by the National Divine Mercy Shrine)

Sunset Vigil Hour—March 13, 7 - 8 PM

We'll begin at the Equality Health Center and end with Adoration at Christ the King

Eucharistic Procession to EHC -March 21, 6 PM

following 5:30 PM Mass at Christ the King.

Led by Fr. Rich Roberge

Candlelight Vigil—March 24, 11 PM - midnight

to close 40 DFL Vigil, Led by the

Knights of Columbus

All prayer gatherings to be held outside Equality Health Center (EHC), 38 S. Main St, Concord, NH.

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.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER**



Please join the Knights of Columbus for the annual St. Patrick's dinner on

Saturday March 16th 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Tickets to this fun-filled event will be sold after all Masses the weekends of: March 2nd & 3rd & March 9th & 10th. Invite friends and family for a great meal and fellowship!

\$15 per person \$45 per family

Father Marcel donated \$450 from gifts received marking his 45th anniversary of ordination to the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund.



Humanitarian aid is being provided to victims of the ongoing war against Russian invaders.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me." (Ex 20:1-3)

Second Reading:

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor 1:23-24)

Gospel:

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Can you recite the Ten Commandments by heart?

Several years ago a national US survey found more people could identify the ingredients in a Big Mac and name the children in the Brady Bunch television show than recite the Ten Commandments. Of course, being able to recite them is not nearly as important as living a life in harmony with them. However, if we simply live to not break them then we are only living out half of our discipleship.

Every commandment calls us to action beyond the simplicity of its words. We are not to kill, but we are also called to support life. We are not to steal, but we are also to share what we have freely. We are to have no other Gods before our God, but we also need to actively praise and glorify Him.

To live a moral life is to do more than follow rules and laws. It is to actively live in a way that gives witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This way of living is stewardship. As we focus more on the penitential message of Lent, we need to not just reflect on what we have done wrong, but equally what we have failed to do.

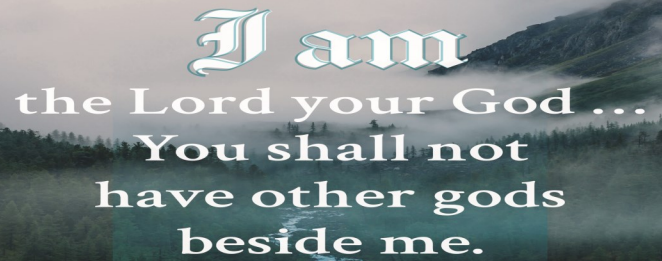
To be given so much by a loving God and not share those things with God and His people is wrong as well.

Perhaps as we reflect on these things we might find ourselves adding something to our lives that will last for many Lenten seasons to come.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 3, 2024



I am
the Lord your God ...
You shall not
have other gods
beside me.

EX 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to **"have no other gods besides me."** This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

