

# Saint Kathryn Parish



## 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Vigil (The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM—+Richard and Jeanne Brunelle,  
by brother-in-law and family

### Sunday, August 16 (The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM—+Lorraine and Norbert Simoneau  
(Anniversary Remembrance), by the  
Simoneau Family

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—The Rondeau and Bernier Families, by the  
family

### Monday, August 17 (Weekday)

8:30AM—+Dagny Elizabeth Thompson, by the  
Bean Family

### Wednesday, August 19 (Saint John Eudes)

8:30AM—+Millie Smith, by Deacon Ray

### Thursday, August 20 (Saint Bernard)

6:30PM—+Joseph Tru Do, by his family

### Friday, August 21 (Saint Pius X)

8:30AM—+Angelo DeRosa and Henry Paquette  
(Birthday Remembrance), by Diane and  
Dick DeRosa

### Saturday, August 22 (The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:30AM—+Joseph Tru Do, by his family

### Vigil (The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM—+Mary Gleason, by her daughter, Terri

### Sunday, August 23 (The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM—+Omer Ouellet, by his wife and family

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—+Rick Wickham, by his wife, Bernadette,  
and family

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**PERSONAL MISSALS** For Coronavirus prevention and to keep our faith community safe and healthy, we're inviting parishioners to have their own personal copies of our parish's missals (reusable cover not included). These can be used when worshipping from home or in the church. For an \$8.00 donation, please call the office at 603.882.7793 and we will place your reserved missal(s) on a table in the church for pickup at your convenience during the church's open hours.

## THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

### Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

K of C 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting/RM 1 (7:00P)

### Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

Adoration/Church (5:30-8:15A and 9:15A-6:00P)

K of C Planning Meeting/Parish Hall (7:00-10:00P)

### Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Church (5:30-6:15P)

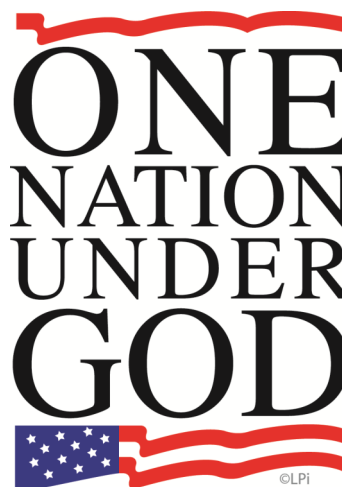
### Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Rosary/Church (8:00A)

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Church (9:15-10:00A  
and 3:00-3:45P)

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## PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY



O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time we entrust our country to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people.

Open our minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and the breakdown of family life.

Grant us the wisdom to know and proclaim that this nation was founded on God's law and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights and freedoms. Guide and protect this land from every evil and from the attacks of the powers of darkness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death, and the strength to build a new culture of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. John Paul II, pray for us!



## THE CHALLENGE OF STEWARDSHIP

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word “no” used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say “yes.” We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS



As we mentioned in our last post here in the bulletin we are in fact beginning to place orders for new merchandise from many vendors and will be doing so regularly from now right up to Christmas, so do come in and browse.

And as usual we once again give some insights into some of our latest books from a multitude of vendors, and one new “twist” we think everyone in our parish family should be aware of. For anyone who participated in and/or signed up for any of the Formed classes (you know how spectacular they were!), they have now begun to offer free participation in a Formed book club. The books are changed regularly. It’s all available online and you can listen to podcast discussions or view the discussions in video about the “book of the month,” and the discussions are by some of the most insightful Catholics that are writing today discussing tons of important and timely topics.

The information is all on the Formed website, [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org).

One of our latest books is titled *Counterfeit Christs* (*Finding the Real Jesus Among the Impostors*) by Trent Horn. Mr. Horn looks at 18 phony versions of Jesus that we encounter today. “Read *Counterfeit Christs*, and then be able to recognize the fakes, explain why they’re phony, and make a case for the full truth and beauty

of who Jesus is: the Christ, son of the living God (Matt. 16:16).

We also ordered multiple copies of *Jesus Our Eucharistic Love* by Fr. Stefano M. Manelli. To say that this book is a guide to the Eucharist, its significance, its saving Grace, and its unimaginable power does not do it justice.

*“St. Leonard of Port Maurice did not tire of exhorting the crowds, ‘O you deluded people, what are you doing? Why do you not hasten to the churches to hear as many Masses as you can? Why do you not imitate the angels, who, when a Holy Mass is celebrated come down in myriads from Paradise to take their stations about our altars in adoration to intercede for us?’”*

*“Our Lord told St. Gertrude, ‘You may be sure that to someone who devoutly assists at the Holy Mass, I will send as many of My saints to comfort him and protect him during the last moments of life as there will have been Masses which he heard well.’ How consoling.”*

*“St. Peter Julian Eymard exhorted, ‘Know, O Christian, that the Mass is the holiest act of religion. You cannot do anything to glorify God more, not profit your soul more, than by devoutly assisting at it, and assisting as often as possible.’”*

Come browse these new titles and more. See you soon!

**CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH** We need to turn to God the Father, His Son Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Mother Mary, Saint Joseph, and all the Saints. We should aspire to pray, fast, and reach out to our fellow man to turn around all the attempts of evil forces and his demons to stop their attempts to destroy our society.



Specifically, now is the time for Saint Joseph. By turning to Saint Joseph, we must make him our Spiritual Father. As our Spiritual Father, we must turn to God and increase our holiness by praying and fasting. Saint Joseph will facilitate the graces of God to elevate morals and principles according to Jesus Christ. In our times, we have seen a steady decline of spiritual and moral nourishment. We need Saint Joseph back on the battlefield to become the TERROR OF DEMONS to stop this spiritual and moral decline. As our Spiritual Father, with his constant intercession for his spiritual children, our Church can be restored as a light to all his children. We can head off evil forces' advances by consecrating our selves to Saint Joseph. We need Saint Joseph's intercessions to conquer and defeat all the madness occurring in our society. And this consecration generates winning souls for Jesus Christ,

and as a defense against all the evil one's dangers. Please read the next bulletin for information on the upcoming preparation programs for Consecration to Saint Joseph coordinated by the Men of Saint Joseph beginning this September.



**VETERANS COUNT BIKE RIDE** The St. Kathryn Parish Veterans Committee is sponsoring a bicycle racing team in this year's Veterans Count Bike Ride on September 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 9AM from Holman Stadium, Nashua. The event raises money for veterans services through the Easter Seals Military and Veterans Services. Anyone wishing to ride with our team, the "Holy Rollers," should contact Kelly Fraser at [kfraser@litchfieldsd.org](mailto:kfraser@litchfieldsd.org). Last year's event raised over \$110,000 for veterans. Anyone wishing to donate should go to [veteranscount.org/nh/events/veterans-count-ride](https://veteranscount.org/nh/events/veterans-count-ride). Select the donate button and donate to any member of the Holy Rollers team. Thank you for supporting our veterans.

**GAS DRYER NEEDED** A local family of nine currently has no dryer for their copious laundry needs. There is a gas hookup for a dryer in their living space. If you are able to donate a gas dryer to this family, please contact Jaretta, our friend from the Tolles Street Mission, at 603.820.0365. Thank you!

## RESCHEDULED FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION DATES

We received the rescheduled dates for our religious education students who had planned to make their First Communion and/or Confirmation during the height of the pandemic several months ago. Students will receive the sacraments in September. Parents have been contacted via email and asked to RSVP by calling the parish office. We may only have 30 families in attendance for the First Communion and/or Confirmation Masses due to social distancing requirements. If your child completed preparation for the sacraments with us and you have not yet called with your RSVP including your preference of date and your child's name, or if you have any questions, please contact Tina at 603.882.7793, ext. 11 as soon as possible.

Thank you, and let us continue to pray for our young people as they approach their long awaited sacraments of initiation!

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATES** Events and information in this bulletin may be outdated by the time of distribution. Please visit [stkathryns.org](https://stkathryns.org) and sign up for our email announcements and/or find us on Facebook at Saint Kathryn's Church for the very latest information regarding events and procedures in the time of coronavirus.



## EMAIL SCAM WARNING

Dear Parish Family,

Although the following situation is not unique to our parish or organization as a church, I am writing to let you know that there is an email scam that is being circulated, as several members of our parish have reported receiving these false emails.

An email will be received in a person's inbox, supposedly from me, asking for a favor. The favor requests monetary assistance in the form of gift cards, which are supposed to be scanned and emailed back to me, to help someone in need.

PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THESE EMAILS. DELETE THEM IMMEDIATELY. Upon closer inspection, even though the email may have my name attached to it, it is not my email address.

Emails such as this have been circulating throughout our Diocese and throughout Dioceses in the United States.

Please know that I will never email anyone asking for a favor or monetary assistance in any form whatsoever.

It is unfortunate that there are individuals who would take advantage of the goodness of other people for criminal purposes.

However, I wish you to be on guard concerning any communication that might appear to come from me.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

### REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

Offertory from Masses 8/8-8/9:	\$ 2,727.00
Online:	\$ 5,868.00
Mailed/Delivered to Office:	\$ 2,323.30
Total:	\$ 10,918.30

Our weekly parish budget is \$11,900.00. Signing up for online giving at [stkathryns.org/donate](https://stkathryns.org/donate) helps us to provide services and meet our financial obligations during the summer months even while you may be away on vacation or unable to attend Mass for health reasons. Thank you!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** This weekend, we take up the collection for NH Missionaries Abroad and Migrant and Refugee Ministry in NH. This collection supports The Good Samaritan Home in Colombia, run by Claire Aucoin. In addition, a portion of this collection supports the diocesan ministries to migrants and refugees throughout the state of New Hampshire. Thank you for your prayerful donation.

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** *Are you thinking about becoming Catholic?*

**Responding to God's Call** No matter when you begin to consider Catholicism, rest assured that God is present from the first moment of your spiritual journey. There are many reasons you may yearn to deepen your relationship with God.

**The Search for Meaning** We live in a secular culture that constantly bombards us with subtle messages that tell us we aren't good enough, we don't have enough, and we need something new to make us happy.

**The Search for God** The search for God almost always involves a struggle with the image of God that was instilled in us as children.

**The Search for Belonging** We live in a technological world, but despite our capacity for instant communication, we often feel alone.

**The Search for Truth** The quest for truth solely through history, philosophy, literature, or theology often brings to light misconceptions about Catholic beliefs that have no basis of reality.

**The Search for Family Unity** Many find that as they discover more about the Catholic faith, their initial desire based on family unity becomes a deep, personal desire to enter into the community as a disciple of Jesus.

**Deciding to find out more?** Contact Deacon Ray Marcotte at [deacon.ray@stkathryns.org](mailto:deacon.ray@stkathryns.org).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Religious education registration forms for grades 1-10 for school year 2020-2021 are available online at <https://www.stkathryns.org/religious-education-grades-1-10> and in the back of the church. Tuition is \$50/child and \$100/family maximum. Confirmation this year will be for grades 3, 6, and 7. It's late to register as we've already placed our book order, so please get your registrations in as soon as possible for the best chance of having your children be placed in the group you select for the convenience of your schedule.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that



must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct

us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

*And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me."*

- Mt 15:22, 24-25

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### SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Saturday 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Friday and Sunday Closed

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. (also livestreamed on our website); 6:30 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday: 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Saturday: 9:15-10:00 a.m. and 3:00-3:45 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Catechesis takes place with the parents prior to scheduling a date for the baptism. For more information, please contact Deacon Ray in the parish office.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of the proposed date of the wedding. Please refer to the marriage policy as found on the parish website.

### SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Arrangements may be made for Communion to the Homebound or for the Sacrament of the Sick by calling the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should be celebrated at the outset of an illness or when there is a change in the person's condition. The Sacrament should also be received prior to surgery.

### PROTECTION OF CHILDREN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The diocesan policies are available by calling the parish office or by consulting the diocesan website at [www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org).

### OPEN FOR YOU!

We invite you to use our church, the transept chapel, or the Emmaus Chapel (in the office building) for personal prayer. Our sacred spaces are open daily from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (closed Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass).

**Welcome!** If you are new to our community, we hope you have felt welcome! If you are a visitor - occasional or frequent - we're glad you joined us! If you're considering parish membership introduce yourself to the pastor after Holy Mass to get the process underway!

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