

SAINT KATHRYN PARISH

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



This week, let us begin our reflection on the beautiful Sacrament of the Eucharist. Our reflections will be based on the recent document published last fall by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops entitled, *“The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church.”* I would encourage you to download the pastoral letter from the USCCB website. It is also posted on our parish website and can be accessed from there. My reflections this week will be focused on the introductory paragraphs 1-7. If you are able, take the time to read those paragraphs to follow along with the reflection. Another item of interest is a free two-hour online course on the Eucharist hosted by Bishop Andrew Cozzens of the Diocese of Crookston, Minnesota. We have also posted a link to this course on our parish website so you can find it easily. I would encourage each of us to take the time to watch this online course as another means to developing our faith in the great gift of the Eucharist.

The first seven paragraphs of the bishops' pastoral letter on the Eucharist focus on two important points: that Jesus Christ is present among us, and that this presence is a GIFT. Having just concluded the Christmas season, we must marvel at the fact that God chose

not to remain in the heavens to redeem us from a distance. Rather, God entered time, and he continues to remain with us really, substantially, and sacramentally. Throughout history since His Ascension, he has allowed His physical presence to be manifested through the various Eucharistic miracles that have occurred in all parts of the world. May this thought sink into the deepest parts of our heart. Jesus Christ is with us, truly with us! He is as close to us as the nearest Tabernacle in the nearest Catholic Church. The bishops so beautifully remind us of the words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, *“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age”* (Mt. 28:20). What Jesus says, He means! His presence is not an abstract reality. His presence is real and living in the Eucharist, and He remains there until He will come again in glory at the end of the ages to judge the living and the dead, when the Sacraments will no longer be needed. The prayer the priest speaks to the Father in the Mass, after the Lord's Prayer, communicates this truth... *“as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.”* The priest is asking the heavenly Father to deliver us from evil as we await the blessed hope of heaven, of seeing Him face to face, when Jesus, who was just made present and who is now before us on the altar in the Eucharist, comes again in glory.” This is pure GIFT. Jesus does not have to remain. He chooses to remain on our altars and in our Tabernacles because He loves us! Blessed Alexandrina da Costa, to whom I have a great devotion, once prayed, *“Seeing my ingratitude and the ingratitude of the world, I said, ‘O Jesus, I don't know why you have not already abandoned the Tabernacles and flown to heaven leaving us alone on earth...At least I might be able to make reparation for everything!’”*

As with any gift, it can be taken for granted. However, the Eucharistic presence of Jesus beckons us to renew our love for Him and not to take this presence for granted, but to thank Him often that He is with us and just at the apostles could sit at His feet and be with Him, so too can we. Jesus is the Prisoner of Love, par excellence! How we should long for Him and love Him. The other aspect of a gift is that it beckons us to reciprocate; not that we could ever return to Jesus all that He has done for us, but as the bishops remind us, *“At this particular moment for the Church in the United States, with its many challenges, we would like to reflect on Christ's **GIFT** of himself in the Eucharist and our **response** to that gift.* How is Jesus calling me to respond more deeply to the gift of Himself? In the words of that endearing short story by O. Henri, The Gift of the Magi, Della exclaims to her beloved husband Jim, *“Maybe the hairs of my head were numbered, but nobody ever could count my love for you!”* Indeed, Christ's love could never be measured. May our love for Him be the same!

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

VIGIL (THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

4:00PM—+Leo Routhier (6th Anniversary), *by his family*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 (THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:30AM—+Arthur Lemoine, Jr., *by his brother, Bernie*

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—+William Souza (22nd Anniversary), *by Bob and Denny Maffia*

MONDAY, JANUARY 17 (SAINT ANTHONY)

8:30AM—+Sydney Marcotte, *by Gayle and Deacon Ray*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 (WEEKDAY)

8:30AM—+Matt Leva, *by Gayle and Deacon Ray*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 (WEEKDAY)

6:30PM—+Anthony Francis Adams, *by John, Ginny, and Cecile Adams*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 (SAINT AGNES)

8:30AM—Intentions of Betty Jane McKenna, *by Gayle and Deacon Ray*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 (DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN)

8:30A—+Anne L. Haumann, *by Gayle and Deacon Ray*

VIGIL (THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

4:00PM—+Marybeth Florczak, *by Paul and Claudette Roy*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 (THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:30AM—+Marybeth Florczak, *by Gayle and Deacon Ray*

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—+Lisa Dube, *by Cecile Adams*

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH

Parish Office and Store Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

K of C 4th Degree Planning Meeting/RM 3 (7:00-10:00P)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18TH

Cub Scouts/Parish Hall (6:00-7:00P)

Boy Scouts/Parish Hall (7:00-8:00P)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH

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

Homeschool Lego Robotics Group/RMs 1-4 and Parish Hall (3:00-5:00P)

Vespers and Benediction/Church (6:30P)

K of C Planning Meeting (Audit)/RM 3 (7:00-10:00P)

Choir Rehearsal/Church (7:15P)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND

Rosary/Church (8:00A)

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

Natural Family Planning Class/RM 1 (7:00-9:00P)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD

Coffee and Donuts/Parish Hall (9:30A)

Religious Education, Group 2 and Grades 7-8/Parish Hall and RMs 1-6 (10:00A-noon)

First Penance Parents Meeting/Parish Hall (12:15P)

MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL

Dear Parish Family,

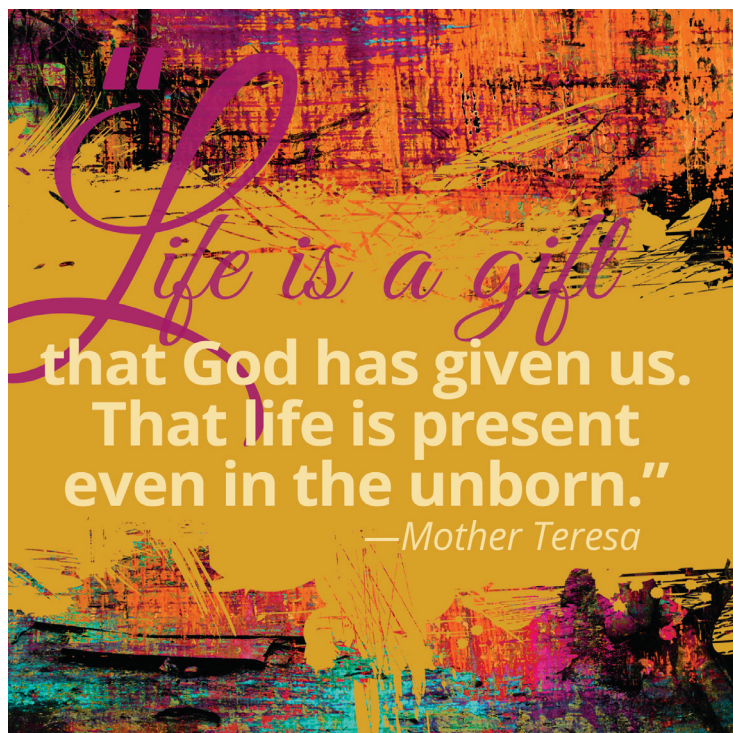
I pray that everyone had a wonderful Christmas season, and as we enter a new year, I pray too that you will know the many blessings of our dear Lord and His holy mother. Let us ask her to intercede greatly for us as a Christian people and as a nation. I will be away from my desk for my winter break through Tuesday, January 25th. Both Father Tony DiRusso and Father Gerry Dion will be with you to offer Mass while I am away. As I always do, I will carry you in my heart and present you and your intentions to our Lord, especially when I offer the Holy Sacrifice.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

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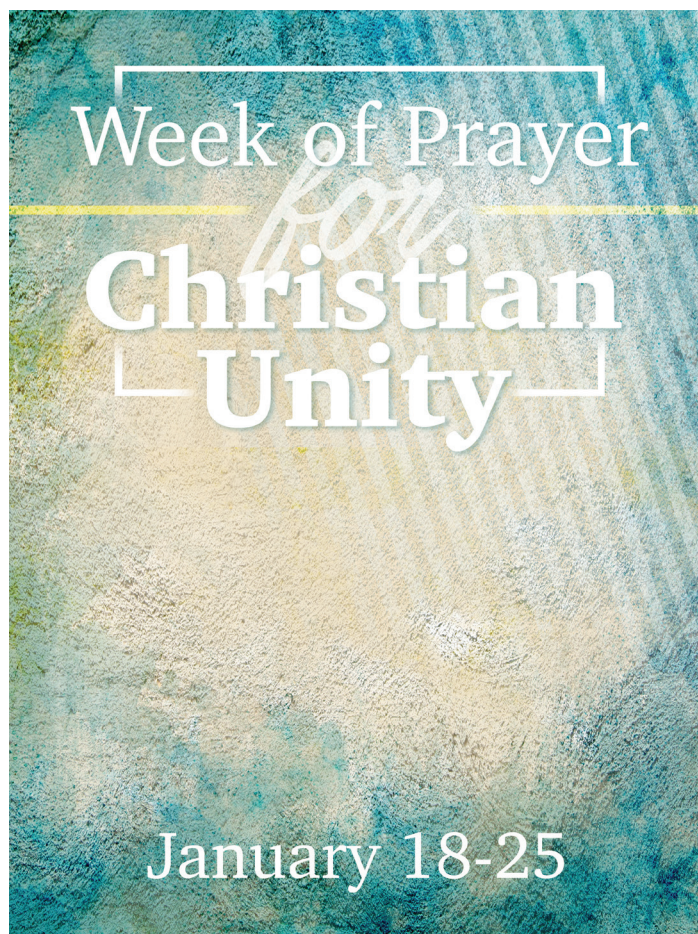


CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH: "HOW TO DEAL WITH DEMENTIA" SUPPORT GROUP

Is your family member or friend struggling with memory loss? You are not alone, and Catholic Charities NH is here to support you. Its newest online support group, "How to Deal with Dementia," is a five-week program starting on February 24, providing an understanding of dementia, its impact on those affected and resources you can use to best support your loved one. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org. There is no cost to participate.

PRESENTATION OF MARY ACADEMY

Presentation of Mary Academy offers a Catholic education that prepares your child for Academic, Spiritual and Social Success! Now accepting students for the 2022-23 academic year in Grades Pre-k through Junior High. Call to schedule a private tour of the school and the new ATHLETIC AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. Visit our web site www.pmaschool.org and click on the inquiry link. For more information, please contact Kim Flint at 603-889-6054.



SPECIAL COLLECTION



This weekend we take up the collection for the Diocesan Seminarian Fund. This collection funds the education and formation of men discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester. Your contribution helps promote vocations to the priesthood.

NEIGHBOR NEEDS

Are you able to donate a gently used electric washer and dryer to a huge family in urgent need? Or a loveseat with chair, a kitchen table for 4-6 people, or a TV stand for other local families? If you can help, please call Jarretta at 603.820.0365. Thank you!

REAL OPTIONS BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Our annual baby bottle drive for Real Options, the crisis pregnancy center in Nashua, is underway. Please take a baby bottle, fill it with change or a check, and return it to church no later than January 31st. Thank you!

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

Christmas Flowers:	\$ 1,335.00
Christmas:	\$11,340.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 794.00
In Church 1/1-1/2, General Offertory:	\$ 3,731.39
Online:	\$ 7,824.00
Mail:	\$ 718.00
Total:	\$ 12,273.39
In Church 1/8-1/9, General Offertory:	\$ 3,635.50
Online:	\$ 6,351.00
Mail:	\$ 3,290.00
Total:	\$ 13,276.50

Our weekly parish budget is \$11,500.00.

Thank you for giving, whether online (sign up for automatic giving at stkathryns.org/donate), in the offertory basket, or mailed to 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH 03051!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2022

Due to staffing and shipping issues with our envelope printing company (and seemingly every company!), offertory envelopes for 2022 did not arrive for November distribution. When the envelopes do arrive, they will be on tables in the back of church as usual. In the meantime, **please simply use any envelope you have handy and write your envelope number and/or name on it for the collection basket.** And there's always the option to sign up for online giving! Thank you.

EPIPHANY COLORING CONTEST

Calling all children of the parish! As we have just celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, and in honor of the Nativity of our Lord, let's keep the spirit and the fun of the Christmas season going through the whole month of January with our annual coloring contest! Pick up your coloring page in the back of the church, at Religious Ed. Class, or on our website. There are two pages to choose from, one for grades 3 and under and one for grades 4-6. One winner will be chosen from each grade 1-6, and another for ages 5 and under, and prize bags will be awarded! Please write your name, grade, and phone number on the back of your contest entry, so judges do not see names. Please have all entries in to your teacher or the office by January 31, 2022. All entries will be displayed in the Parish Hall, and the names of all winners will be announced in the bulletin.

UPDATED ONLINE GIVING SYSTEM

Parishsoft continues to work on the upgrade to our online giving system. Due to staffing issues that many companies are experiencing, there have been delays with the migration of online giving history from the old system to the new one. The record of any donations made since the system transition began in November are accessible to you through your online giving account. Donations made prior to the upgrade will also be available online soon as the upgrade progresses, likely in January according to Parishsoft.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin to find out when the transition to the new system is complete and learn about some convenient new features. If you have any questions about online giving, please call the parish office.

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IT TAKES ALL KINDS

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're

getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as

we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!



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Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Closed Friday/Weekends

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

603.595.4463

Our religious goods store is located in the back of the parish office building and has its own parking.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 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.

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. - 7:00 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!

