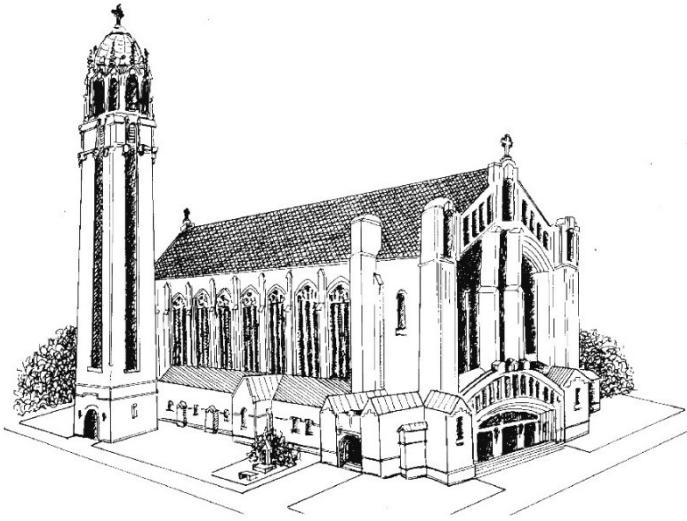


OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

1222 MAIN STREET • WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01603

We, the parish community of Our Lady of the Angels, as part of the universal Catholic Church, are answering the call to love and serve one another in this ever-changing world. Part of our call is to be a welcoming community of faith that is nourished and sustained through the mystery of the Holy Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit. Together, we are called and committed to be active witnesses of God's presence among us by serving others in our parish as well as in the community at large, especially the poor. By continual proclamation of the Gospel and celebration of the Sacraments, we are dedicated to growth in knowledge and faith which will enable us to build a strong foundation for all peoples to experience life to the fullest as Jesus intends.



Pastor

Rev. Charles F. Monroe.....(ext. 10)

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Rev. Terrence Dougherty, O.C.D.

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm
Monday – Friday: 9:00 am
Holy Days: 4:00 pm Vigil, 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays at 3:00 pm or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the rectory to arrange for Baptism Preparation and schedule the Baptism. We also have a process for adults. Contact the rectory.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the rectory as soon as you decide on a date to begin the preparation process.

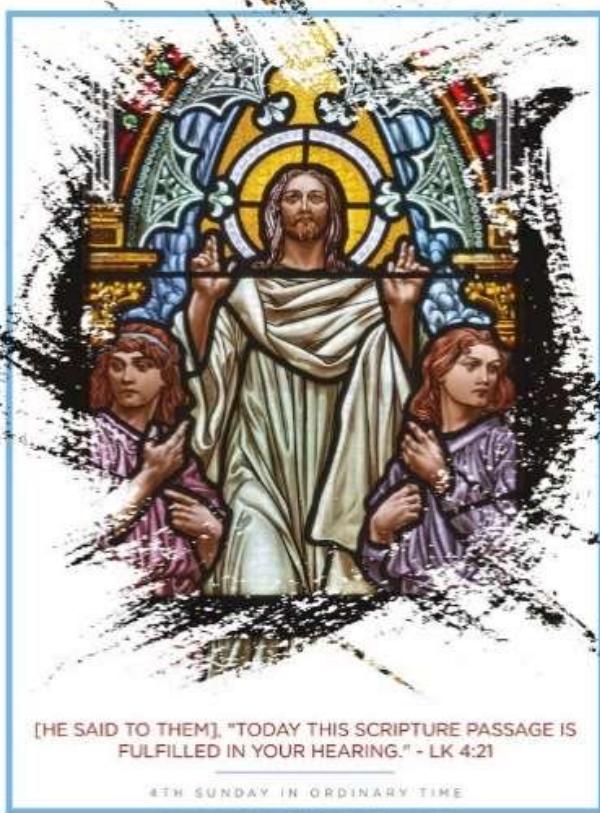
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The pastor should be called whenever someone can benefit for the Sacrament of Healing.

Office for Healing and Prevention of Abuse

Judith Audette, 508-929-4364 or Confidential Line:
508-726-2880 – jaudette@worcsterdiocese.org

*All are welcome to join the parish community.
Please call or come to the rectory to register.*



St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you? ©LPi

FOR THIS WEEKEND’S MASSES

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30):	#592 in <i>Worship</i>
Order of Mass:	Front Page or #202 in <i>Worship</i>
Liturgy of the Word:	#1120 in <i>Worship</i>
Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30):	#208 in <i>Worship</i>
Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30):	#701 in <i>Worship</i>
Acclamations (4,8,10:30)	#368, 369, 370, 382 in <i>Worship</i>
Communion Litany (4,8,10:30)	#596 in <i>Worship</i>

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Sat., 1/29	4:00 pm (Remembrance)	Thomas Leary, by family
Sun., 1/30	8:00 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Fred Vail, 16 th Anniv., by family Parishioners’ Intentions
Mon., 1/31	9:00 am	An Phuoc Le, by family
Tue., 2/1	9:00 am	Joseph Anthony Klundt, by family
Wed., 2/2	9:00 am	James Hughes, 2 nd Anniv., by family
Thu., 2/3	9:00 am	William & Mildred (Tierney) Monroe, 93 rd & 92 nd Birthdays, by Fr. Monroe
Fri., 2/4	9:00 am	Doris Desorcey, by Paul & Patti Verderese
Sat., 2/5	4:00 pm (Remembrance)	Parishioners’ Intentions
Sun., 2/6	8:00 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Robert Sullivan, Birthday, by family Deacon Al Desautels, by his wife Richard Xenos, 9 th Anniv., by family Parishioners’ Intentions
		Albert & Genevieve Boza and Fred & Blanche Baird, by family Parishioners’ Intentions

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$ 2,975.00
-- Christmas Envelope:	\$ 5.00
-- January 1 st Holy Day:	\$ 10.00
-- Free Press Subscription:	\$ 30.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 70.00
-- Maintenance Memorial:	\$ 75.00
-- Catholic University:	\$ 25.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$ 1,410.39
-- Baptism Donation:	\$ 100.00
-- Charitable Ministries:	\$ 30.00
-- Holy Day:	\$ 25.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 105.00
-- Unrestricted Donation:	\$ 50.00

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Fr. Rinaldo Damian** and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/1 Cor 15:54-58
Lk 6:39-45

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17

2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

FIRST COMMUNION

We will begin preparation classes next Sunday for the children who will make First Communion this year. There will be seven classes from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on Sundays February 6, 13, 27 and March 6, 13, 20 and 27 in the school.

There will also be one final session on Saturday, April 2 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am with rehearsal in the church at the end of the session. Please note this last session is different than what the schedule you received at the beginning of the year had listed. The First Communion Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 23 at 10:30 am.

FUEL COSTS

During fiscal year September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021, the heating bills for the three parish buildings totaled \$31,430.53 (church gas - \$23,783.56, Rieger Hall gas - \$2,122.97 and rectory oil - \$5,524.00). We received fuel donations that totaled \$3,572.79 to help defray some of that cost. There is an envelope in contribution packets for Fuel Donations that is dated February 20. We will take a second collection that weekend but feel free to make your offering whenever it might be convenient for you.

CATHOLIC FREE PRESS MONTH

February is renewal time for subscribers for home delivery of our diocesan newspaper. The cost for 52 weeks is \$30 just 58 cents per week. The Catholic Free Press was established to inform Catholics about local, national and international events in the Catholic Church and provide educational and spiritual renewal articles to help us grow in understanding and practicing our faith. Those who receive contribution packets in the mail have an envelope for this purpose in the current packet. There are also white envelopes in the trays at the church entrances for anyone who would like to renew or set up a new subscription.

The annual **Communication Assessment** for our parish is \$4,859. This money is used for the publication of the Free Press, daily TV Mass ministry and many other diocesan uses of modern communication media.

Please consider subscribing for home delivery of the **Free Press** — or making a donation of some amount to help defray the cost of our communications assessment.

You can use the Free Press envelope for your donation. If it is a general donation and you do not wish to receive the newspaper, simply write "Do not send the Free Press on the envelope."

PRIESTLY VOCATION DINNER

The next Vianney dinner is **Tuesday, Feb. 1** at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies. Please note the change of date. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. They are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as their schedule allows:

6:05 pm Mass, 6:30 pm dinner and 7:00 pm social.

An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food. Go to director@worcestervocations.com to register or get more information.

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, February 6	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, February 7	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

<u>Sun., January 30 – Fourth Ordinal Sunday</u>	
8:00 am	Lord's Day Mass
9:00 am	Grades 1-9 Religious Education
10:30 am	Lord's Day Mass
2-4 pm	Throne of God Worship Service
6:00 pm	Lord's Day Mass
<u>Mon., January 31 – St. John Bosco</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Tue., February 2 – Presentation of the Lord in the Temple</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Wed., February 3 – St. Blaise</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Thu., February 4 – Thursday of the 4th Ordinal Week</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Fri., February 5 – St. Agatha</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Sat., February 6 – St. Paul Miki and Companions</u>	
4:00 pm	Lord's Day Vigil Mass

THE CHURCH PRAYS WITH ATTENTION

It begins when we say that we are lifting our hearts to the Lord. It ends when we say Amen, then prepare to pray the Lord's Prayer together. In between these are maybe four or five minutes. What happens during this time is the **eucharistic prayer**.

What is it that is to take place after we say we'll lift up our hearts to the Lord? Most of us would answer: "The consecration — when the presider says 'This is my body' and 'This is my blood.'" And that is right, but **only part of what happens**. Why are we to lift up *our* hearts and to give God thanks and praise? Why involve all of us?

The name of this time in the Mass says it all. This is the eucharistic prayer. "Eucharist" becomes a name for the consecrated bread and wine only because it first means something else. It is a Greek word that needs several English words to translate it. It is blessing. **It is giving thanks. It is praise.**

So, in the eucharistic prayer, these are the things that the church is to do — and more besides. The priest is within the church to pronounce this prayer, to lead this prayer. **The whole church is there to enter into the prayer, to acclaim all the blessing, thanks and praise that the priest speaks.**

What we know from the New Testament about our eucharistic prayer is that Jesus would take bread or take wine and give thanks to God. Now we do it in memory of Jesus. What persons have you loved? When you remember them, don't you give thanks?

So, the eucharistic prayer is filled with thanks for all God's saving deeds, but especially the passion and death and resurrection of Jesus. In it we name our saints, our pope and our bishop, our dead. All the memories come together when we surround the table and pray that these gifts of bread and wine will become for us the body and the blood of Jesus. If we then call the bread and wine "the eucharist" it is because we have prayed this eucharist to God over them.

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