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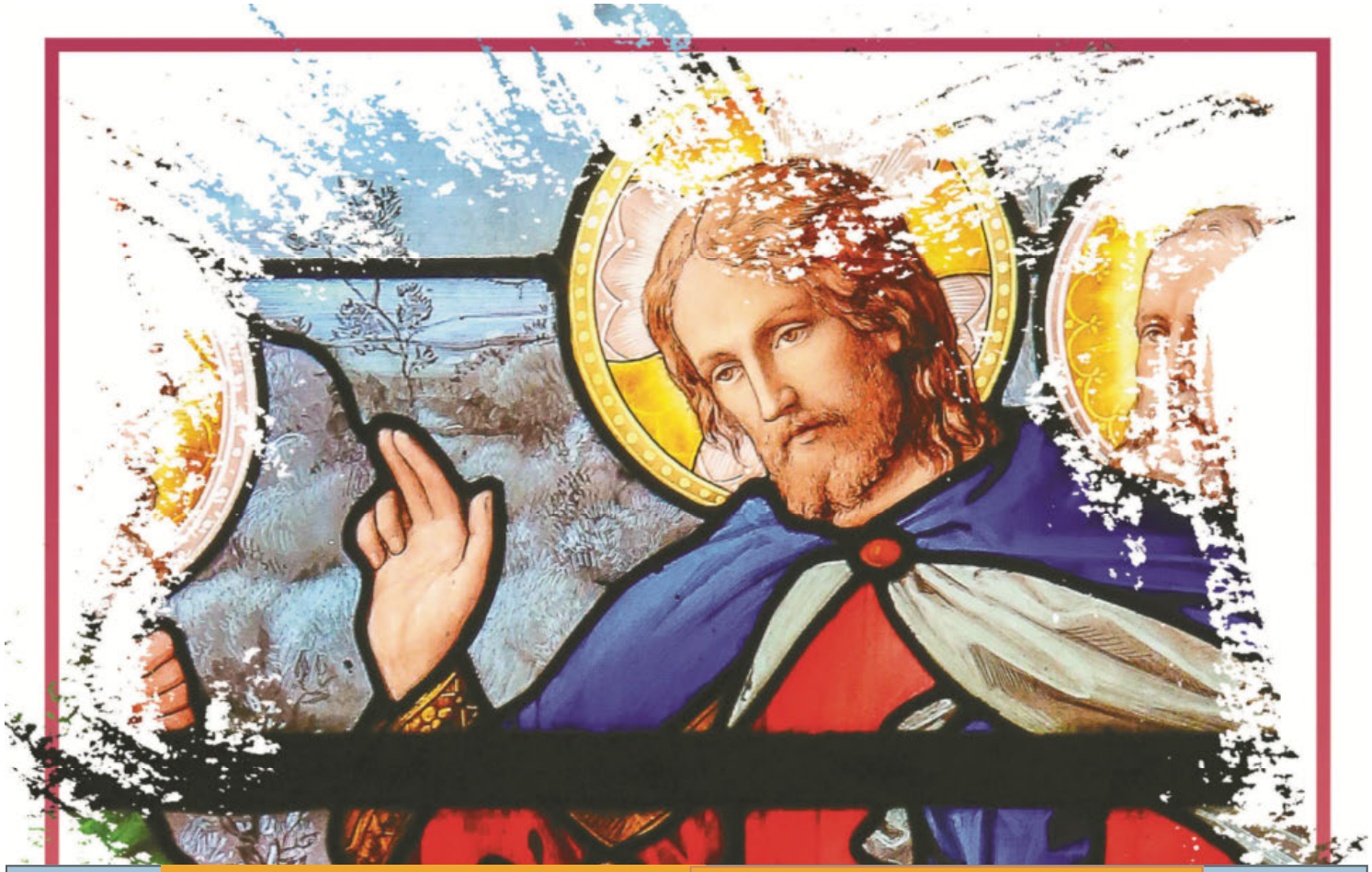

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 6:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00 AM

Daily

Mass (Tuesday & Friday): 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 10:00-11:00 AM
(At St. Augustine 3:00-3:45 PM)

Holy Day Masses

As announced

Priests' Residence

St. Mary Rectory
77 Mendon Street
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508-278-2226

If you are a visitor or if you are new to our parish, we welcome you. If you would like to become a member of our parish, you may call the parish office, contact us by e-mail or return this form by mail or by placing it in the offertory collection. This form may also be used for change of address or to request a call from a member of our staff.

Name _____

Address _____

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___ New parishioner ___Change of address ___ Please contact me

Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 19
6:00 PM Joseph Lavigne by Marie Heslin

Sunday, February 20
9:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd

Tuesday, February 22

9:00 AM Sheila Curran

Friday, Febuary 25

9:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd

Saturday, February 26
6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd

Sunday, February 27
9:00 AM Florence & Joseph White
by Jeannette White & family

Liturgical Roles February 26 & 27

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
6:00 PM M. Destrempes, L. Roberts
9:00 AM C. Guertin, M. Landry

Lectors
6:00 PM T. Geeza
9:00 AM S. Desjourdy

Altar Servers
6:00 PM V. Jordan
9:00 AM S. Favela, E. Michalewski

Ushers/Greeters
6:00 PM P. & K. Jordan
9:00 AM D. & MB Guertin

The office will be closed Monday, February 21 in honor of Presidents' Day

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2

9:00 AM Good Shepherd

7:00 PM St. Augustine

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 20	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Mass **NO** Religious Ed. (OLV school)
Tuesday, February 22	9:00 AM	Mass
Friday, February 25	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, February 26	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Confessions Mass
Sunday, February 27	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Mass Religious Ed. OLV School

Readings for the week of February 20, 2022

Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday:	Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday:	Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/ Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/ Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday:	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/ 1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

FEBRUARY

Mitu Mission

This weekend February 19 & 20 is our monthly collection in support of the Diocese of MITU, Colombia. Please make sure to add your donation to the collection basket, using the special MITU envelope or another envelope with MITU on the front. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!

WINTER DAILY MASS

Just a reminder that in the event of inclement weather during the winter months, if there is **no school** or a **two hour delay in Uxbridge,** there will be **no Mass.** If there is a **one hour delay**, Mass **will be celebrated**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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February 27 10:15 AM Religious Ed.
(OLV School)

Students in our HS CHOSEN programs have class on the above date from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Here at Good Shepherd, we follow the guidelines of the national charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Worcester Diocese in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. For questions, information or help please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester at 508-929-4363 (direct line and confidential voicemail is available).

Star of Bethlehem—Maysoon Khair will be at our church **March 5 & 6** representing over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

Due to the bad situation in the Holy Land and the interruption of the tourist trade that is happening with our Christian families in Bethlehem, they must seek alternative ways to earn a living.
After all masses there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved items; such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and many other beautiful religious statues.

Please stop by and look over the carvings that are available and help support this self-help project to keep the children and the Christians living in the Holy Land.

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FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Amount needed to meet operating expenses $3,680.00

Weekend of February 12 & 13

Regular $1948; Electronic $768; Candles $20;
Parish Savings $222; Catholic Free Press $157;
Catholic Home Missions $180

Total Envelopes: 68

(The participation of all is very important and is appreciated by the whole community)

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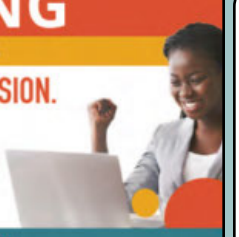
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