

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

September 4, 2022



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

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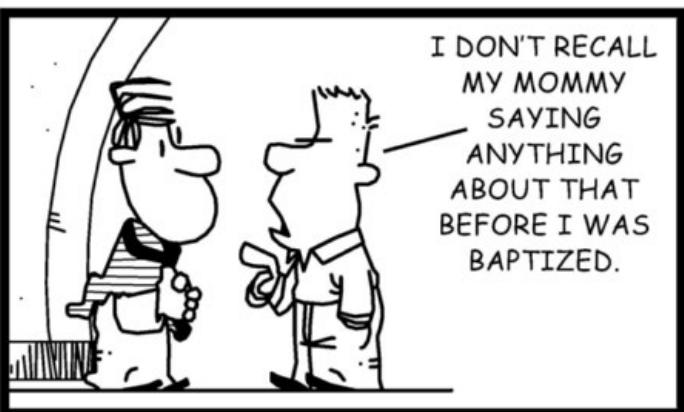
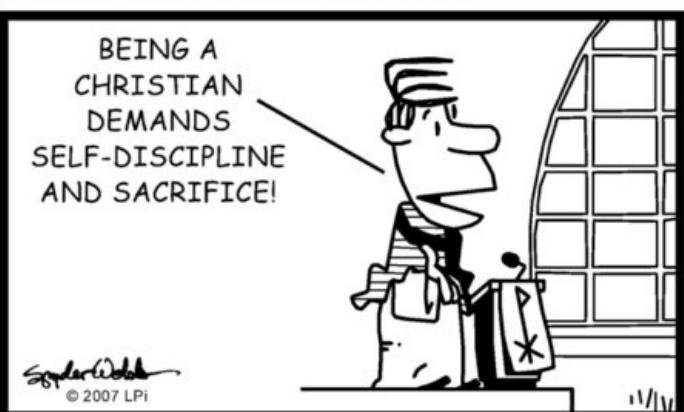
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Mr. David Gocklin—Music Director

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Mass Times

Monday—Thursday: 9:00am

Saturday: 8:00am (First 2 Saturdays of month)
4:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Holy Days: 5:30pm Vigil | 7:00pm

Confession Times

Monday & Wednesday: 6:00pm—7:00pm

Saturday: 2:30pm—3:30pm

Or By Appointment

Baptism

Group Baptisms on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30pm or other days as requested. Parents are required to attend Catechesis prior to the baptism. Godparents are encouraged to participate. **No baptisms during Lent.**

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the office for a priest to come and visit you or your loved one.

Adoration

Wednesdays 9:30am—5:00pm

Hour of Power Holy Hour

Every Sunday evening, join us for an hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 7 to 8pm. A great way to spend some time with Our Lord, end the Lord's Day in Peace, and start the week with God's Grace. Join us in person or on the Livestream.

September 4—No Holy Hour

September 11—Triumph of the Cross

September 18—True Discipleship

September 25—God's Word

Prayer Line

The number to call for prayer requests, or if you wish to pray with us, is 603-622-2094.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 8:00 M/M Louis Israel Martel
Jay & Deb Camirand
4:00 Helen & John McCormack
by Ellen DesRochers
Adrienne Barlow & Dr. Cheri Camacho
by the Camacho & Riccio Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 ~ 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

- 7:30 Eva Tomsic by Mary Ann Tomsic
Stephen Tomsic by Lorraine & Gene Ducas
9:00 Jean Lambert by the family
Conrad Lafond by the family
11:00 Mike Gordon by his wife, Shirley
David Morin by the family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 9:00 Good Health for Sharon Morris
by Ginny Morris
Tina Williams by William Tickler

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 9:00 Our Blessed Mother's Intentions
Mike Arrison by Louise & Jay Lachance

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 9:00 Herb Salls by his wife, Carol
Tina Williams by Sue Vachon

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 9:00 William Mehigan by the Mehigan Trust
Lucille Sullivan Spring by Barbara Raulerson

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 8:00 Officers & Incarcerated at DOC
4:00 Maurice Huppe by Priscilla & George Hiuppe
Paul Bleau by Michele & Roger Bleau

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 ~ 24th Sunday Ordinary Time

- 7:30 Tyler Gregoire by M/M Bertrand Gregoire
Eva Tomsic by Mary Ann Tomsic
9:00 Joseph DeLuca by his wife, Mary
Laurette Bilodeau by Gilles Bilodeau
11:00 Donald Laplante by his sister, Lee (6th Anniv.)
Evelyn Lemire by her daughter, Carolyn



Adult Faith Formation

Luke and Lectio Divine

The Gospel according to Luke is the first part of a two-volume work that continues the biblical history of God's dealings with humanity found in the Old Testament, showing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus and how the salvation promised to Israel and accomplished by Jesus has been extended to the Gentiles. The stated purpose of the two volumes is to provide Theophilus and others like him with certainty—assurance—about earlier instruction they have received ([Lk 1:4](#)) ([usccb.org](#)). This course will combine careful study of the Gospel with prayerful meditation on select passages and small group sharing. Thursday nights at 7pm. **September 8, 15, 22, 29.**

Men of St. Joseph

St. Catherine's Men of St. Joseph will be meeting Saturday, September 10 for 8 am Mass to be followed by the rosary. A full breakfast will follow in the parish hall with Fr. Paul Gousse as guest speaker. Any adult male is invited. For questions, contact Ron Latouche OFS at 603-669-2674.



Holy Cross Family Learning Center

We're starting our 13th year of helping adult immigrants to learn English and progress toward citizenship. Are you a retired teacher who would like to volunteer two mornings a week? Call Janet Valeri at 603-966-6307, or email janetvaleri@HCLearningCenter.org if interested.

Recent Deaths

We remember those who died recently, especially Brendan Ouellette, Leonard Emond, Louis V. Hebert, and Ellen Wickham. May they be rewarded with eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.



Everyday Stewardship

Where's the Sacrifice?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to *want* to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. *Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?*

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

By — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

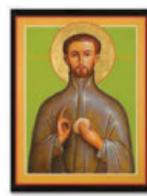
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Weekly Readings

Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b / 10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33	Phlm 9-
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/ Lk 6:6-11	
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11 / Lk6:12-19	
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31 / Lk 6:20-26	
Thursday:	Mt 5:1-4a or Romv8:28-30 / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23	
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 / Lk 6:39-42	
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22 / Lk6:43-49	
Next Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tim 1:12-17 / Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10	

Saint of the Week

St. Peter Claver



Born in Catalonia Spain in 1580, Saint Peter Claver studied at first at the University of Barcelona and then joined the Jesuits. He became friends with fellow brother Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez who encouraged him to be a missionary in the New World. Accordingly, Saint Peter went to Cartagena, a city in present-day Columbia where he was ordained in 1615. Cartagena was a center for the slave trade, and the young missionary knew where he could best serve God. He proclaimed himself, "the slave of the Negroes forever." As ships would arrive with their human cargo, Saint Peter and a group of interpreters would rush into the hold with food and medicines. When the slaves were moved to pens to await sale, the saint continued to work among them, communicating God's love with acts of generosity and teaching the Catholic faith.

Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. He was canonized with his friend Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez in 1888, by Pope Leo XIII. He is the worldwide patron saint of African Americans and of enslaved peoples.

Contemporary Music Group

Our Music Director, Dave Gocklin, is forming a contemporary music group. Singers and those who play guitar and/or other instruments (violin, cello, flute, oboe, drums) are welcome. If you are interested, please talk with Dave after any of the Masses or email him at dgocklin@mansd.org for more information. High school ages on up are encouraged to participate.



Stewardship

Weekly Offering

AUGUST 27/28 2022

Checks:	\$ 3,764.48
Cash:	\$ 1,959.00
e-Give:	<u>\$ 1,566.00</u>
Total:	\$ 7,289.48

Average July Weekly Collection: \$9,715.75

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$9,710.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to our parish

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

Thank you for all those who have contributed to the Bishop's NHCA. If you have not had the opportunity to donate yet, please log onto www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Our parish goal is \$54,089. Currently, our parish has raised \$47,931, which is 88% of goal. Thank you again for your generosity.

Planning Your Will

Remember St. Catherine of Siena

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries. For more information, questions, or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for St. Catherine of Siena Church, give us a call at the office.

Q & A

Lighting Candles in Church

Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

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Traveling? Mass Times

Nationwide Mass times and locations may be found online at www.Masstimes.org or by calling 1-800-627-7846.

Parenting/Grandparenting in 2022

On Saturday, **September 24** from 6:30-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish in Nashua invites you to join nationally acclaimed speaker and author Danielle Bean for an evening of inspiration, encouragement, humor, and advice for raising authentically Catholic kids of all ages in 2022.

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 14:25-33



DRAW

Draw a picture of you sharing your teddy bear with your best friend.



GOSPEL

Love God more than yourself. This means you will give up something you dearly love for him. When you have only one candy bar, God wants you to share it with your sister. When you have two pencils and two notebooks, God wants you to share with a student who has none. If your grandmother and grandfather play games and read to you, God wants you to share them with children who have no grandparents.

PRAYER

Lord, help me share the things I prize most.



PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the first one. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will share part of the money I have with the poor.



KEEP KIDS SAFE

Sadly, in the United States, 1 in 10 males and 2 in 10 females report having been sexually abused as a child. Praying for victims of child abuse is something we all can do to support those who were abused. If your parish or school prayer group or Eucharistic Adoration ministry is interested in praying for victims of abuse through the diocesan *Cry to Heaven* prayer program, please contact the Director of the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care at jnaff@rcbm.org or (603) 669-3100 x110 for further information.

For more resources to assist victims of abuse, visit www.catholicnh.org/healing

Faster Family Support Group

(Families Advocating for Substance Treatment, Education, and Recovery) for adults with a loved one dealing with substance use. You don't have to face this alone. Call Susan or Patrick 603-668-4859 for more information.

Choir Members Wanted

Have you ever thought about joining the choir? You know, those people with smiling faces and the spirit of the Lord as they sing. Well, Dave Gocklin, our choir director, is looking for a few good men and women to join and become members. One big advantage to being a member is that you're always guaranteed a seat! No more standing or having to scour the church to find one during those crowded Christmas and Easter liturgies. The choir's first rehearsal is on Wednesday, **September 7** at 7pm. There are no auditions, and we are looking for high school ages on up. If you're interested, please talk with Dave after any of the Masses or email him at dgocklin@mansd.org.



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