

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of St. Joseph, are committed to follow Jesus Christ. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to be good stewards in our lives. We pray for peace, forgiveness, and for one another as Christ loves us!

The Roman Catholic Community of Saint Joseph

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

Daily: Monday and Friday: 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation

7:30 pm Vigil (Evening before)
and 8:00 am on the Holyday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00–3:30 pm
or anytime by appointment

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

SUN 1/31	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
MON 2/01	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
TUE 2/02	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
WED 2/03	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
THR 2/04	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
FRI 2/05	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
SAT 2/06	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
SUN 2/07	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

Sunday:	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday:	The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
Wednesday:	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Friday:	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Sunday:	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?



*Everything and
everyone is won
by the sweetness
of our words
and works.*

— ST. JOHN BOSCO

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021**Monday, February 1, 2021**

+ Joseph Roerich

+ David Lebelt

Priest of the Day – Rev. Juan Salonga

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Priest of the Day– Rev. Leopoldo Salvania

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Priest of the Day– Rev. Charles Scillieri

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Priest of the Day– Rev. Lauro Sedlmayer

Friday, February 5, 2021

8:00 am + Helen & Francis Marcin

+ Jerome Maak

Priest of the Day – Rev. Guy Selvester

Saturday, February 6, 2021

Vigil Mass of The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm + Teresa Perna

+ Mary & Charlie Craig

Priest of the Day – Rev. Thomas Serafin

Sunday, February 7, 2021

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am + Margaret Salek

+ Mr. & Mrs. Frank Prenenski

People of the Parish

Priest of the Day – Rev. Edmund Shallow

Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood for our Diocese, and also for Religious Priests, Brothers and Sisters.

2020 Tax Statements sent by email

All Year End statements will again be delivered to you in your email account. If you require a year end statement for tax purposes-**PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL to parishoffice@sjrاران.ORG** requesting a copy of your year end statement and it will arrive to you by January 31st. If you do not have a computer and printer, then you must send a self addressed envelope:

(#10 envelope) PLEASE with a stamp on it! and we will send you out a copy. Due to privacy laws, we can no longer leave them at the back of the church. Thank you for your weekly contributions to our parish. It is our main source of income to pay our bills. Thank you.

As we continue to adjust our Mass Schedule since reopening the church during the pandemic, **the Sunday 9:00 am Mass will move to 10:00 am starting Sunday, February 21 (the First Sunday of Lent).** Thank you for your cooperation and flexibility as we seek to solidify the schedule.

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**Sanctuary Candle****Blessed Virgin Mary**

+ Deceased McGrath Family

St. Joseph

+ Francis Vrabel

Paschal Candle-2020

In Memory of Minarovich, Mac Math, Peppe Families.

**OUR PARISH PRAYER LIST PLEASE****PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Bill Bizub	Antonia LaCorte
Edna Carter	Ralph Lombardi
Joseph Carter	Steve & Geri Max
Jane Chiesa	Francis M. Mishak, Sr.
Joan Chopay	Betty Phelan
Elizabeth Anne Dwyer	Natasha Polinko
Randy Fisher	Michael Roehrich
Arthur & Maryann Gosenski	Jack & Mary Sullivan
Gary Johnson	Michael Velcheck
Donna Kelly	Richard Wisniewski
Roseanne Kielar	Carolyn Yashinski
Robert J. Kolibas	Al Walulik
Jerry Kovac	Fr. John Morley
Frank Krevis	

Supporting our Parish Mission...Your Stewardship
Offertory Collection Summary

Weekend of January 23 & 24, 2021

Offertory.....	\$1,094.00
Insurance & Assessment.....	\$344.00
Foundations of Catholic Education.....	\$106.00
Together in Charity (Residual).....	\$71.00

Online Giving

Offertory.....	\$170.00
Parish Utilities.....	\$30.00
Insurance & Assessment.....	\$10.00
<i>"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32</i>	

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

**"SPREAD LOVE
EVERYWHERE
YOU GO."**

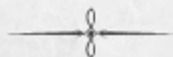
St. Teresa of Calcutta

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



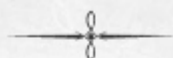
FIRST READING

I will raise up for them a prophet like you
from among their kin,
and will put my words into his mouth;
he shall tell them all that I command him. (Dt 18)



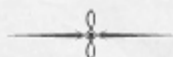
PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts. (Ps 95)



SECOND READING

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious
about the things of the Lord,
so that she may be holy in both body and spirit.
(1 Cor 7:34)



GOSPEL

The people were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one
having authority and not
as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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A Credible Witness of Faith

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call***EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments*Embracing Change in Christ*

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**
Catholic Life Explained:**Question:**

I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

Answer:

The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us "no!" This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life—dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just "re-collect" ourselves. If some worry or concern just won't leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won't come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds.

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All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority.

He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

- Mk 1:27-28

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

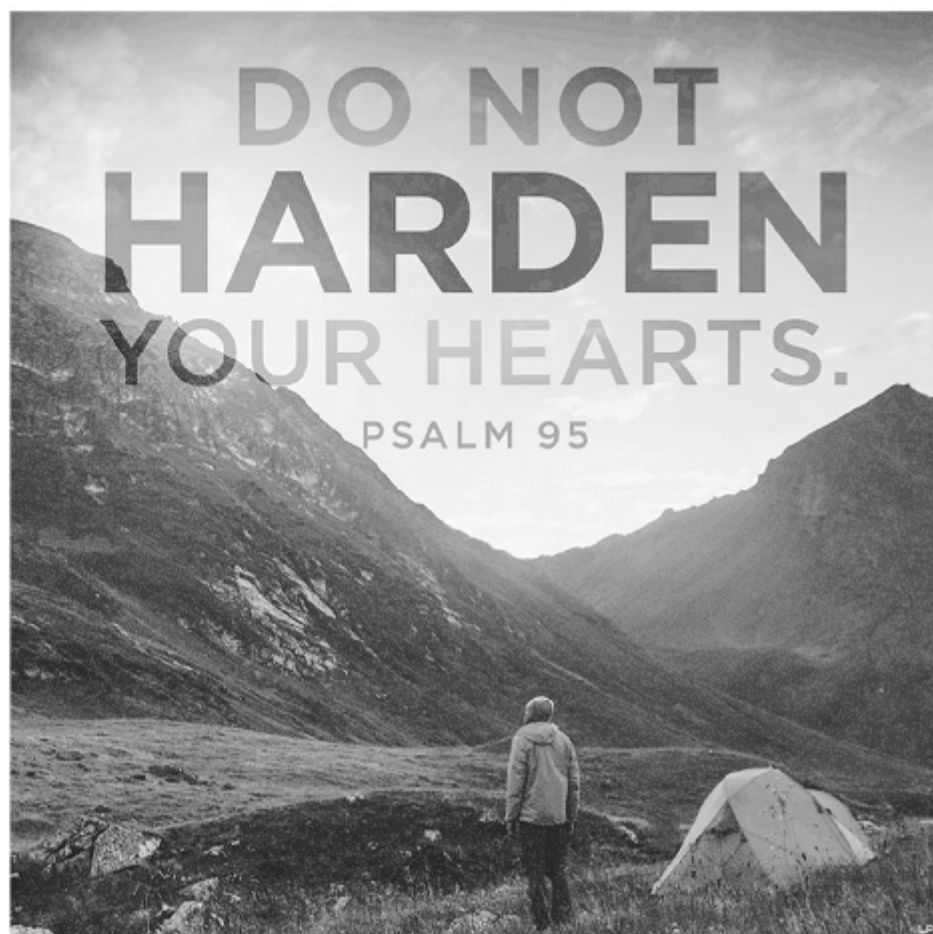
Moses taught the Israelites that God would send prophets to assist them in knowing His will. Why do you think people so often reject the prophetic message?

Second Reading

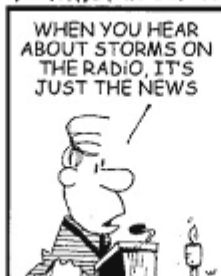
Paul speaks of the inevitability of anxiety in life. How does your faith assist you in handling what makes you anxious?

Gospel Reading

In the story of the healing of a demon-possessed man, Mark reports how the demons knew Jesus' true identity as "the Holy One of God." What does this reveal about the unseen order?



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Grass stains. Tomato sauce. Brightly colored fruit drinks. When these nasty stains stick to your clothes, it is tough to get them out. Regular soap won't work. You need something stronger.

Jesus is really strong, too. In today's Gospel, a nasty evil spirit screamed when it saw Jesus. Jesus was so powerful, he cleaned that evil spirit right out.

PRAYER

God, you are much stronger than evil. Nothing is too hard for you to clean.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Make a new label for your family's stain pre-treatment bottle. Trace around the bottle, write Mark 1:21-28 in big letters, and decorate your label with a picture of Jesus.

Tape your new label to the bottle so you and your parents remember how strong Jesus is.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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January 31 - February 5 is the annual observance of Catholic Schools Week. We at St. Ann Classical Academy have been richly blessed to have a school where our children can pursue Goodness, Beauty, and Truth and know the name of the one who is the perfect incarnation of those three attributes: Jesus Christ. While the school provides a rigorous academic curriculum, our ultimate goal is to lead our children into the life of virtue so that they may become saints. While the current pandemic has caused us to forego our usual Catholic School Week activities, we are providing opportunities for interested parents to tour the school. Please contact Mrs. Kelly Albright in the school office to arrange your tour of SACA (kalbright@stannparsh.com). Also, please check out our new website www.StAnnClassical.org. Come and see what a Catholic classical education can offer!

KIDS CORNER

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

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