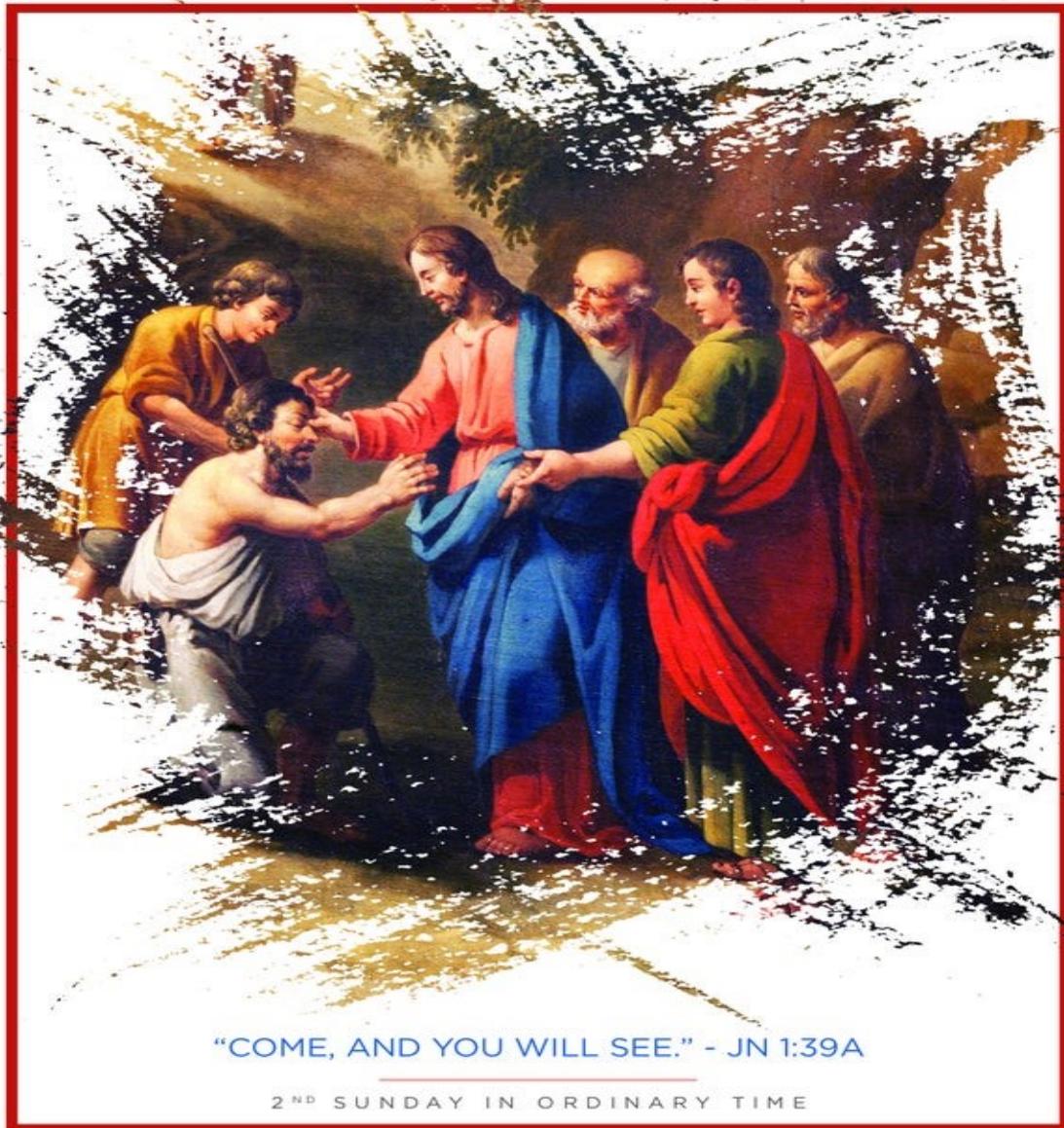




# St. Mary's Catholic Church



"COME, AND YOU WILL SEE." - JN 1:39A

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**1/18: Malta - To Be Announced**

**1/19: Malta - 5:30 PM:** Robin Peterson <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Joyce Wright

**1/20: Malta - 8:30 AM: Repose** Dave Broadbrooks <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Julie & Gary Howell

**1/21: Malta - 8:30 AM:** Special Intentions <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Lana Fortin

**1/22: Malta - 8:30 AM:** Repose of Margaret DePuydt <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Helen DePuydt

**1/23: Malta - 4:00 PM:** Repose D.A. DePuydt <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Helen DePuydt

**1/24: Saco - 8:30 AM:** Repose of Chip Pewett <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Julie & Gary Howell

**Malta - 10:30 AM:** For all Parishioners;

**Dodson—12:30 PM:** Roy Riggs <sup>r/</sup><sub>b</sub> Sue Kron

## Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00,**  
**Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

## Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every **Friday from 9 to 10 AM** after Daily Mass.



**Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.**



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Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

## Daily Scripture Readings

**1/17: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time;** 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42

**1/18: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Martin Luther King Day;** Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalms 110:1-4; Mark 2:18-22

**1/19: Tuesday in the 2nd week of ordinary time;** Hebrew 6:10-20; Psalms 111:1-2, 4-5, 9-10; Mark 2:23-28

**1/20: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr;** Hebrew 7:1-3, 15-17; Psalms 110:1-4; Mark 3:1-6

**1/21: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr;** Hebrew 7:25—8:6; Psalms 40:7-10, 17; Mark 3:7-12

**1/22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children;** Hebrews 8:6-13; Psalms 85:8, 10, 11-14; Mark 3:13-19

**1/23: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM;** Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9; Mark 3:20-21

**1/24: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;** John 3:1-5, 10; Psalms 25:4-9; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

### **NOTICE: MASS TIME CHANGES—STARTING JANUARY 3RD 2021**

**Saturday Evening 4:00 p.m. No Change**

**Sunday—Saco—8:30 a.m.**

**Malta - 10:30 a.m.**

**Dodson—12:30 p.m.**

## New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

## Sacraments

**Confessions:** See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

**Marriages:** Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

## Please Pray For

Sarine Venerble, Dallas Green, Missy Boos, Corrine Hould, Ann Clouse, Chayten Pippin, Jim Niebur, Hi-Line Retirement Center, Terry Idler, Marshal Kline, Paul LaBrie, Jacob LaBrie, and those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Dale Bruckner, David Broadbrooks, Jack Lind, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 or Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

# Everyday Stewardship

## Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Thank you for all your prayers and financial support! Although we're not "passing the basket", we still need your generous donations. You can drop off your donations at the baskets in the front of the church, mail them to Box 70, Malta, MT 59538.**

**\*There is no longer online giving. Direct deposits from your account into your parishes account is available at Bank of Malta and FSB . Please contact Mariah or Brenda for routing numbers\* 301-0936, 654-1311**

## Pope Francis' Intention

### For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

## Fr. Felix

### II SUNDAY (B): 1Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, today's theme is Divine vocation. Everyone is called by God to be something, to do something for others with one's own life and with one's own unique gift.

Today's first reading describes how Yahweh called Samuel to His service. The boy's duties included attendance during the night near "the Ark of God," a most sacred cult object and a place of unique Divine presence among the people. In one night God called Samuel twice, twice Samuel went to Eli and twice Eli told him to go back to sleep. The third time God called, and Samuel went to Eli, the old priest realized what was going on, and told Samuel, "Next time, say, 'Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening.'" The threefold repetition of God's call indicates genuine experience rather than vision. Though Eli had served God faithfully, it was Samuel whom God called. Samuel became an illustrious figure, ranking with Moses and David as a man of God. The lesson for us is that God often calls ordinary people, including the young, to serve within the community. Consequently, we need guidance in discerning and responding to His will. Listening to the call of God is to hear, understand, and accept it in word and action.

In the second reading, as we listen to St. Paul, he boldly spoke to Corinthians against prostitution. Corinth was a difficult place for St. Paul to preach a new doctrine and a new morality, but he dared to preach both, provoking intense controversy. The pagan Corinthians believed that the soul of man was the important part and the body a mere piece of matter. They looked on the body as a matter of instincts to be fulfilled, including the sex instinct. Some of the Corinthian Christians had picked up these pagan ideas. So St. Paul reminded them that they were "sanctified and called to be holy" like all who call on the name of Jesus. Just

as God called Samuel and Jesus called his apostles, the Corinthian Christians were called to lead a life of holiness. Paul's argument runs like this: since God's Spirit dwells in us, we have become temples of God and consequently our bodies are sacred. Hence, a man's body is not his own to do with as he likes; it is Christ's, and a man must use it, not for the satisfaction of his lusts, but for the glory of Christ.

In today's Gospel, John points out to his disciples that the One who is passing by is the "Lamb of God." Two of his disciples follow Jesus who turns and asks them what they are seeking. They want to see his dwelling place. Jesus invites them to go and see it. For each of us, belief in Jesus develops in stages, which John appears to be describing. First, we respond to testimony given by others. Then, having "seen" where Jesus dwells - within believers, as individuals and as community - we move to commitment based on our own experience of the risen Lord. Finally, our conversion is completed when we become witnesses for Jesus. In Andrew's case, his conversion reveals his belief in Jesus as the Messiah. He then brings his brother Peter to Christ. Jesus looks at Simon and says, "You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called 'Cephas' or 'Peter.' The change of name means the beginning of a new life—a new purpose—a new relationship with God. We, too, must find Jesus the Lamb and follow him. It sums up the love, the sacrifice of Christ. By his life of love, sacrifice and the triumph, we believe and affirm that he is the one who came and continues to come into a broken world to take our sins upon himself, Amen.

Mary LaFond is willing to offer a bible study Walking Toward Eternity - Engaging the Struggles of your Heart. Many of us participated in Walking to Eternity - Daring to Walk the Walk by the same authors Jeff & Emily Cavins earlier this year and can attest, it is good and Mary is the best leader!

The course is 8 weeks and the cost of each book is \$17. If you would like to participate - please let either Mary or Anne know ASAP (you can respond here also) She will offer it twice a week - please let us know which one is best for you and we will confirm.

A: Mondays at 9:30AM

B: Thursdays at 9:30AM

C: Tuesday evenings at 6:30PM

Thank you - please respond ASAP - this is open to any parish or community member. Consider a "date night" or inviting someone who might like to rekindle their faith.

You can learn more about the bible study here - <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/walking-toward-eternity-the-struggles-of-your-heart>

## Live the Liturgy

We carry a greater depth of self—confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Jesus’ baptism provides him with exactly what he

needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God, He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptism give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and will to answer the call?

### 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# Gospel Meditation

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us

like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

**Join us in praying the Rosary before Mass.**

**Tuesdays at 5:10 p.m.**

**Wednesday—Friday at 8:10 a.m.**

**Saturday—3:40 p.m. K of C**

**Sunday— 10:10 a.m. Volunteers**

## Dates to Remember

**January 24th:** Youth Mass

Ask a friend to Mass

PCCW Brunch

**February 17th:** Ash Wednesday

## Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.



	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>Past Due</b>
<b>Malta:</b>	\$15,520.00	\$3790.00	92,305.91
<b>Dodson:</b>	\$3,204.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Saco:</b>	\$2,525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

## Sacrificial Giving for 1-10-2021

	<b>1-10</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Direct Deposit</b>
Malta:	\$1,556.00	\$3,879.78	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$215.00	\$416.18	\$0.00
Saco:	\$325.00	\$470.96	\$0.00

## Finance Council

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## Word of Life from the USCCB

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent

human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.”

## Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

"I am Norma McCorvey. I became known as Jane Roe on January 22, 1973, when the U.S. Supreme Court released the Roe v. Wade decision, which created a woman's "right to abortion". I am now a child of God, a new creature in Christ; I am forgiven and redeemed. Today, I publicly recant my involvement in the tragedy of abortion. I humbly ask forgiveness of

the millions of women and unborn babies who have experienced the violence of abortion. In this place of healing, the National Memorial for the Unborn, I stand with those who honor the worth of every unborn child as created in the image of God. I will strive, in the name of Jesus, to end this holocaust."

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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - MALTA

# WELCOME

With Youth Ministers and Choir

*Sunday*

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 24th, 2021

Mass @ 10:30AM followed by free brunch hosted by PCCW in the church basement.

We have ample space for social distancing, please join us!

[www.SaintMarysMalta.org](http://www.SaintMarysMalta.org) [www/facebook.com/SaintMarysMalta](https://www.facebook.com/SaintMarysMalta) (Masses in Malta are livestreamed, check website for Mass Schedules.)



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