



# St. Mary's Catholic Church



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**1/31: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Staci French <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Julie & Gary Howell

**2/1: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Lois Goodheart <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Maynard & Mary LaFond

**2/2: Malta - 8:30 A.M.:** Repose William E O'Neil <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Extension Society

**2/3: Malta - Hi-Line Retirement Center 10:00 AM:** Brenda Rummel <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Julie & Gary Howell

**2/4: Malta—8:30 A.M.** Special Intentions <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Lana Fortin

**2/5: Malta 4:00 P.M.** Dianne Salsbery <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Mary & Maynard LaFond

**2/6: Malta - 10:30 AM:** For all Parishioners;

**Dodson—8:30 AM:** Repose of Gary Plouffe <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Julie & Gary Howell

**Saco - 12:30 PM:** The LaFond families <sup>r</sup>/<sub>b</sub> Darlene & Bruce Cummings

## 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.**

Knights of Columbus  
Council 2124

Parish Council of Catholic  
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

## Daily Scripture Readings

**1/30: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week;** Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalms 71:1-6, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Luke 4:21-30

**1/31: St. John Bosco, Priest;** 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Psalms 3:2-7; Mark 5:1-2;

**2/1: Tuesday in the 4th week of Ordinary time;** 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30—19:3; Psalms 86:1-6; Mark 5:21-43;

**2/2: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life;** Malachi 3:1-4; Psalms 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32;

**2/3: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop;** 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chronicles 29:10-12; Mark 6:7-13

**2/4: Friday in the 4th week of Ordinary time;** Sirach 47:2-11; Psalms 18:31, 47 and 50, 51; Mark 6:14-29

**2/5: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr;** 1 Kings 3:4-13; Psalms 119:9-14; Mark 6:30-34;

**2/6: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs;** Is 6:1-8; Psalms 138:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Luke 5:1-11;

**Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday—Dodson—8:30 a.m.**

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

**Saco—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.

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

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

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

## Please Pray For

Lana Pekovich, Myrtle Hould, Cory LaBrie, Julia Cebulski, Eric Riggs, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Bev Comstock, Leroy Rummel, Howard Rummel, Lyle Cochran, Pat Comstock, Benny Milks, Jason Bednarzyk, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and for comfort and peace for their families.

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

# Everyday Stewardship

## First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

“Love is patient, love is kind ...” As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you’ve probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn’t just for newlyweds. It wasn’t written for married folks. It’s for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It’s for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I’m forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn’t there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing

in our world, and it’s never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that’s an opportunity to “strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.”

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

*By revealing his name God at the same time reveals his faithfulness which is from everlasting to everlasting, valid for the past ("I am the God of your father"), as for the future ("I will be with you"). God, who reveals his name as "I AM", reveals himself as the God who is always there, present to his people in order to save them.*  
CCC 207

## Pope Francis’ Intention

### For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

## Fr. Felix

### SUNDAY IV (C): Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30

Dear brothers and sisters,

The theme of today's readings is that when, in our day-to-day lives in our society, we face hatred and rejection because of our Christian Faith, we should have, and show, the courage of our Christian convictions.

Today's First Reading prepares us to hear and understand the Gospel, where Jesus, in his mission, faces stiff opposition and compares himself to the prophets who had come before him. In today's first reading, Jeremiah, we see one of God's prophets, chosen, consecrated, and sent to his brothers and sisters as an emissary of the Word of God. In his first book, Jeremiah describes how God called him, bolstered up his Faith and courage, and predicted the opposition he would endure. God makes four assertions for Jeremiah: "I formed you" (as a potter forms clay), "I knew you" (referring to the intimate relationship between God and Jeremiah), "I dedicated you" (consecrating Jeremiah to do God's work), and "I appointed you" (to a mission as His prophet to Is-

rael). Yahweh warns the young prophet not to be intimidated by those to whom he prophesies. During his lifetime, Jeremiah was considered a total failure, but in later times he has been recognized as one of Israel's greatest prophets. Jeremiah is a wonderful example of "the triumph of failure."

Today's Second Reading speaks about the manifestations of various gifts of the Holy Spirit among the Christians in Corinth. St. Paul is addressing a community on the verge of self-destruction because of the Corinthians' inability to recognize that Jesus is present in each member of the community. So, he advises them to use their spiritual gifts for the unification of the Church, by humble submission to lawful authorities, avoiding rivalries, and by making efforts toward mutual service. St. Paul also warns them that, without love, even the gifts of tongues, knowledge, Faith, prophecy, and generosity are useless. So he instructs them, and us, to recognize Christ in one another and treat each other with love.

Today's Gospel is presenting his own people's reaction to Jesus' "Inaugural Address." The passage shows us how Jesus faced skepticism and criticism with prophetic courage. The first reaction of the people of Nazareth to Jesus' words was astonishment. They were amazed that one of their fellow-villagers could speak with such eloquence and authority. Jesus came to his hometown people as a prophet with healing in his hands, mercy in his heart, and salvation for all in his words. Jesus called people to relinquish their sinfulness and believe in the kingdom of God. Jesus explained their attitude by saying "No prophet is accepted in his native place." In response to his townsmen's skepticism, Jesus reminded them of the Gentile widow of Zarephath. The Prophet Elijah stayed with her and her son. Because of her kindness to the prophet, and the Faith her willingness

to take him in as God's messenger demonstrated, the widow's small jar of flour and tiny jug of oil were never empty. Later, when the widow's son died, Elijah's prayers revived him from the dead. No Israelite received such a blessing. Thus, the passage challenges us to have faith like that widow, Amen.



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# Gospel Meditation

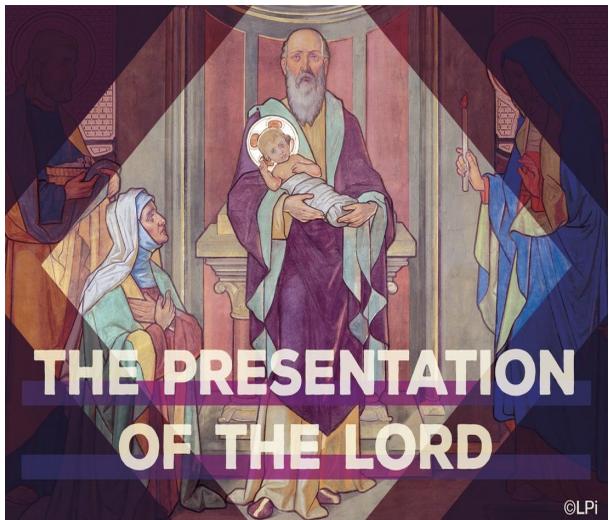
## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 jet-

tioned. 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 minimized. 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?



## 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.



## Sacrificial Giving for 1-23

	<b>1-23</b>	<b>Direct Deposit</b>
Malta:	\$2,825.50	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$1,125	\$0.00
Saco:	\$155.00	\$50.00

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# Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

## The Pope on Life

Every child who is born brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care, always and at every moment. God entrusts every child who is born to his parents: so how important is the family founded on marriage, the cradle of life and

love! The House of Nazareth where the Holy Family lived is the model and school of simplicity, patience and harmony for all Christian families. I pray the Lord that your families too may be welcoming places where these little ones can not only grow in good health but also in faith and love for God. -- Pope Benedict XVI, January 7, 2007

## Announcements

- Wednesday February 9th will be Family Bingo night at 6:30 p.m.. This is being hosted by the High School Youth Group. A meal will be provided. This will be an evening of fun and prizes for the whole family.
- Worship and Liturgy Commission – all parish invite (St. Mary's, St. Frances and Sacred Heart) LET'S WORK TOGETHER! All interested are invited to join in person or online. 5-6PM Thursday, February 10, 2022 St. Mary's Church basement or via zoom by clicking on the following link
- Dianne Salsbery will be leading a class on Wisdom by Jeff Cavins. Starting date is Tuesday, February 22nd at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. Contact Dianne at 654-4675 for more information or to order books.
- The end of year statements will be delayed due to technical difficulties.

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# 2022 ANNUAL RAFFLE

**TICKETS: \$20 EACH**

- GRAND PRIZE: 2022 Keystone Hideout Camper or \$15,000 Cash (winner's choice)**  
**SECOND PRIZE: 2022 Honda Pioneer Side By Side or \$10,000 Cash (winner's choice)**  
**THIRD PRIZE: Traeger/PermaFrost BBQ Package with \$500 Gift Card**  
**FOURTH PRIZE: Kayaks for Two Package**  
**FIFTH PRIZE: Outdoor Movie Theatre Package**

**Plus - EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS for \$1,000 (Nov), \$500 (Dec), \$250 (Jan) and \$250 (Feb).  
If your ticket is drawn for an Early Bird Prize - the ticket is still eligible for the top 5 prizes.**



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LUKE 4:21