

# St. John the Evangelist



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## **WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please introduce yourselves. We hope to know and serve you. We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

### **PASTOR**

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### **SUNDAY MASSES:**

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM  
Saturday 8:00 AM

### **HOLY DAY MASSES:**

See inside bulletin for Holy Day Mass schedule

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 8:30-9:15 AM in the lower chapel

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:30 AM  
Please call for information

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Arranged at least 6 months in advance

### **ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**Bernadette Nadeau**

### **PARISH "NEWS" DEADLINE**

All copy must be submitted in writing no later than Monday noon. (Holiday weeks may require a longer lead time.)

### **ST. JOHN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

For those that need a little help,  
please call: 508-435-3313x207



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

Readings for **NEXT** Sunday, February 6, 2022:  
*Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/ Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/*  
*1Cor 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11*



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 29**

5:00 PM John Fernandes

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM Phyllis Moroney

6:30 PM George Winkler, III

**MONDAY, JANUARY 31**

9:00 AM The Koerner Family (living intention)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

9:00 AM For the conversion of sinners

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

9:00 AM Our Lady of Good Success

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

9:00 AM Luis Morones

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

9:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

8:00 AM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM Tara Sharma

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:00 AM James Riley

6:30 PM For our Confirmation candidates

**Winter Weather Notice:** Please note that if Hopkinton schools are canceled or delayed due to the weather, there will be no morning daily Mass.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

There will be a holy hour of Divine Mercy every Monday from 6:30-7:30PM in the lower church. All are welcome.



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

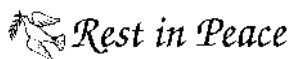
6:30 PM Grades 7 & 8

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

8:45 AM Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4

5:00 PM Grade 10

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated 8:30-9:15AM in the lower church  
**NEXT Saturday, February 5.**



Bunny Siebert

2nd collection **THIS** weekend  
 St. John's Pro-Life Initiative

**MASK MANDATE**

Cardinal Seán has mandated that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate has been extended to March 3, 2022.

**Second Collection THIS Weekend**

**THIS** weekend (January 29-30), a second collection will be taken at all Masses for the St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative. All proceeds will help support birth centers in the area. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Holy Hour for the Conversion of Sinners and Prayers for the Dying**

There is a holy hour here at St. John's parish for the conversion of sinners and prayers for the dying on **Thursdays at 6:30PM in the lower church.**

**First Saturday Devotion**

All are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion **THIS** coming **Saturday at 7:15AM** in the lower chapel. The rosary will be prayed followed by the Fatima prayers and 15 minutes of private meditation, prior to the celebration of Mass at 8AM. Confession will be available following Mass.

**HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

**-Love Lasts Forever-**

**Knowing them...Praying for them...Helping them get to Heaven!**

The holy souls need our help throughout the whole year. The best way to help our brothers and sisters in Purgatory is to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them or devoutly assist at Holy Mass for their relief. Make the stations of the cross for their consolation. Pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy. By gaining indulgences (CCC. 1471-1479). Offering up our pain, self denials and sufferings, Eucharistic adoration, offer up works of mercy, almsgiving and fasting.

**"Enter into Purgatory often, because they need you there."**

—Jesus to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Diary #1738  
**O Holy Souls, I promise never to forget you.**

**HELPING JESUS FIND "THE ONE" WHO IS LOST**

"You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered."

—Divine Mercy of Saint Faustina #1397

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 9AM Mass in the lower church every Friday, beginning with the Litany to our Blessed Mother. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited at 11:45AM followed by Benediction.*

**Please feel free to drop in for a visit.**

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish, please introduce yourself. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents. Please call the Parish Office (435-3313x203) to register.



### St. John's Bible Study

Our Parish Bible Study is now virtual. We meet **every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM** for one hour via Zoom under the direction of Fr. Conrad. Please join us! If you wish to receive the link and be on our participant list, send your email request to [rusoire@aol.com](mailto:rusoire@aol.com).

### Would You Like to be a Cantor?

Do you have the ability to read music? Do you have a lovely singing voice? Then you have the ability to cantor. Contact Berni for more information at [momandberni@gmail.com](mailto:momandberni@gmail.com).



### Please Remember in Prayer

All confined, all in need of healing...Please pray for all deceased and their families...Our servicemen and women, and their families, and all who suffer in embattled countries.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY

On Wednesday evenings at **6PM in the lower chapel**, the rosary will be offered. This will be held every Wednesday evening throughout the year. Please feel free to come on down, and don't be afraid to let your children join in. Rosary booklets will be made available for those who need a refresher in this beautiful Marian devotion.

### MUSTARD SEED CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

The Christmas Giving Tree gave Price Chopper gift cards and many shopping bags full of new gloves, mittens, socks, hats, sweatshirts, coats, and other winter gear to the Mustard Seed. Over one hundred low income families and many homeless folks depend on Catholic Workers' Mustard Seed of Worcester for warm winter clothes and daily nourishing meals. Your generous gifts were very appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and know that you are making these difficult times a little easier.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks the many extremely generous parishioners who donated cash and gift cards over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Due to your generosity, we were able to help 42 families with holiday meals and gifts. During the year we continue to help Hopkintonians (regardless of religious affiliation) with rent, utility payments, auto repair and other financial issues. Again, this is all due to your generosity and willingness to assist those in need. Thank you and God Bless!

### Religious Education Reminders

**Tuesday, February 1, 6:30 PM:** Grades 7 & 8

**Sunday, February 6, 5:15 PM:** Grade 10

**Monday, February 7, 7PM:** Grade 9

**Grade 10 Confirmation retreat:** Rescheduled for **Sunday, March 13, 1-4PM**, St. John's Parish Center.

### MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**ST. JOHN'S AND ST. CECILIA'S MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS, PARENTS, AND PARISHIONERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**St. John's/St. Cecilia's middle schoolers:** come make "Blessing Bags" of hats, gloves, socks, snacks, drinks, sandwiches and prayer cards at St. John's parish hall on Friday, **February 11, 2:30-3:30PM**.

**St. John's/St. Cecilia's high schoolers:** come bring the "Blessing Bags" to the homeless and food insecure of Boston on Saturday, **February 12**. (Time TBD)

**St. John's/St. Cecilia's parents:** Please help chaperone the middle school Blessing Bag making service project on **Friday, February 11 from 2:30-3:30PM** at St. John's Parish Hall or the Blessing Bag distribution on Saturday, **February 12**. Volunteer parents must be CORI cleared by February 1<sup>st</sup>. See any St. John's or St. Cecilia's staff member in person to complete the CORI form.

**St. John's/St. Cecilia's Parishioners:** Please donate Blessing Bag items or money for purchases of items

**All signups and donations can be found at:**

[https://m.signupgenius.com/#/!](https://m.signupgenius.com/#/!/)

[showSignUp/8050a44a9ac2ca31-stjohns](https://m.signupgenius.com/#/!/)

If you have any questions, please contact [gaughan1family@gmail.com](mailto:gaughan1family@gmail.com).

### St. John's Safe Environment Request

The Archdiocese of Boston requires that all staff and volunteers complete a CORI (criminal record check) form **each year**. This form applies to all volunteers 18 years of age and older ministering to children, youth, elderly, and the disabled serving within various ministries. The requirement is that each individual completing the CORI request form come to the parish office or parish hall to have their CORI Request form **verified in person** with a government issued picture ID. Please do your part to ensure that we continue to create a safe environment at St. John's. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Fitzgerald, Parish Center Manager at 508-435-3313 x210 or [parishhall-stjn@gmail.com](mailto:parishhall-stjn@gmail.com).

### St. John the Evangelist Pro-Life Initiative

**At the Second Collection today help us support "Problem Pregnancy"**. "If you're facing an unplanned pregnancy and want help with your next step, visit Problem Pregnancy. Problem Pregnancy ([problempregnancy.org](http://problempregnancy.org)) provides free pregnancy tests, limited ultrasound, and abortion consultations. Contact us to talk with someone about your situation and learn about all of your options. All of our services are free and confidential." 34 locations in MA including Framingham, Milford, and Bellingham. "No pressure, nice people. They knew what they were talking about. They didn't judge me."—Kitty H.

**JANUARY 30, 2022**

**CROSS ROADS**

**By Deacon Tony**

**Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 71: 1-6, 15, 17;  
1 Corinthians 12:31---13:13; Luke 4:21-30**

Last Sunday's gospel ended with Jesus saying, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus spoke those words at the synagogue in Nazareth, shortly after his baptism and anointing by the Spirit, and after his time in the desert praying and being subjected to temptation. It is worth repeating the scripture passage to which Jesus was referring: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." There is no reference to temporal power or riches. What would be the reaction of the people? Today's gospel begins with the same words that ended last week's gospel. Everyone in that synagogue was familiar with the Scripture passage and knew that it was a reference to the Messiah. Jesus claiming that the passage was fulfilled in their hearing was a claim to be the Messiah. The people were amazed at his gracious words, but they also grumbled about his just being the son of Joseph, a simple carpenter. Jesus responded by reminding the people that in the Scriptures, in times of great need, neither Elijah nor Elisha was sent to the Jews, but rather to Gentiles. The mood of those in the synagogue went from awe, to doubt, to rage. Their rejection foreshadowed the ultimate rejection of Christ and his crucifixion.

The people did not understand that the Messiah was not going to return Israel to temporal power. The Christ was sent to establish the Kingdom of God as a way of life for justice, freedom, relief for the needy and the oppressed, and freedom from captivity to sin. Jesus, himself rejected temporal power and its abuses in the desert when he was subjected to temptation. He was sent for the good of all humanity. Christ's reference to Elijah and Elisha would become an Old Testament justification for the later apostolic outreach to the Gentiles. God's kingdom is one of faith, hope and love, the greatest of which is love, because all human beings are created in the image and likeness of God who **IS** love. As such we are to emulate God's love as demonstrated by Jesus. Saint Paul's dissertation on love today is eloquent and profound. To summarize, the kind of love we are called to live by is much more than a feeling. It is a decision to love sacrificially, selflessly, patiently, mercifully, a decision to put the good of the beloved (our fellow human beings) before ourselves, a love that loves and forgives even our enemies, Christ's love, which gives meaning to everything that we do, and which endures into eternity!

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

