

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
24 January 2021

J. Harwood

St. Francis Xavier, Acushnet – Diocese of Fall River

Mass Schedule

(January 23rd - January 31st)

Sat.	Jan 23	3rd Sunday (Vigil) (Gr) <i>Pro Populo</i>
	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	Jan 24	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gr)
	7:00 a.m.	Anibal Aguiar
	9:00 a.m.	Dorothy Mello, Cynthia Rebello & Aldo DeRossi
	11:00 a.m.	Robert Vigeant
Mon.	Jan 25	Conversion of St. Paul (Wh)
	9:00 a.m.	Maria Esteves & Jose Alves
Tues.	Jan 26	Ss. Timothy & Titus; Bishops (Wh)
	9:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Joao Lorencos & Family
Wed.	Jan 27	St. Angela Merici; Virgin (Wh)
	9:00 a.m.	Sister Mary Angela
Thurs.	Jan 28	St. Thomas Aquinas; Priest (Wh)
	9:00 a.m.	Rita Chapdelaine
Fri.	Jan 29	Feria (Gr)
	9:00 a.m.	Amelia Leconte & Roger Allain
Sat.	Jan 30	Blessed Virgin Mary (Wh)
	9:00 a.m.	Eugenia Gomes
Sat.	Jan 30	4th Sunday (Vigil) (Gr) <i>Pro Populo</i>
	4:00 p.m.	
Sun.	Jan 31	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gr)
	7:00 a.m.	Harry A. Booth
	9:00 a.m.	Albertina Correia
	11:00 a.m.	Steven Pepin

Financial Report

Income:

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	\$3775.00
Catholic Communication	\$982.00

Prayers Please

... for all the sick of our parish: those homebound, in the hospital, and nursing facilities; and for all the souls in purgatory.

Sanctuary Lamp

During Eucharistic Adoration please pray for the following person/s for whose intention the Sanctuary Candle burns this week: Anibal V. Tavares

CONFESSION

Monday: 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Saturday: 9:30 to 10:00am
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45pm

From the Pastor's Desk

CELEBRATING THE *REAL LAST DAY* OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

You read that right. While we took down our Christmas decorations and returned to Ordinary Time after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord a couple of weeks ago, the traditional last-Christmas-related-feast is yet to come: the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2 February.

The introduction to this Mass calls to our attention that this day is the 40th after Christmas. It recalls how, 40 days after His birth, Jesus was presented in the Temple by His parents according to Jewish custom.

Our culture continues to associate this day with the change of season, with Groundhog Day. On a more religious note, this day remembers the coming of Christ the light into the world. A poem by Englishman Robert Herrick ties the failure to take down any remaining Christmas decorations with a curse:

CEREMONY UPON CANDLEMAS EVE

*Down with the rosemary, and so
Down with the bays and misletoe;
Down with the holly, ivy, all,
Wherewith ye dress'd the Christmas Hall:
That so the superstitious find
No one least branch there left behind:
For look, how many leaves there be
Neglected, there (maids, trust to me)
So many goblins you shall see.*

Besides removing your last decorations, Mass this day begins with a procession during which candles are blessed. If you would like to have candles blessed but are unable to come to Mass that day, simply leave your candles – **clearly marked with your name and the Mass time you attend** – in the box by the vestry door at Mass **next weekend**. They will be blessed on 2 Feb. and available for you to retrieve the following Sunday. If you can come to the Mass, it will be a wonderful way to mark the true end of the Christmas season. Some of the blessed candles will be used for the blessing of throats the following day, St. Blaise's Day.

Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) – Tues., 2 Feb.

9 a.m. - Procession & Blessing of Candles
followed by Mass

St. Blaise's Day – Weds., 3 Feb.

9 a.m. – Mass & Blessing of Throats

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:30am – 4:00pm

Please make an appointment to meet with
Father Williams to schedule a Baptism or Wedding.

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Religious Education: 508-998-7445
School: 508-995-4313
School Fax: 508-995-0456

ACCESSIBILITY

- Open for Prayer Every Day
- Wheelchair Lift
- Cry-room

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HOLY MASS

Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.

First Friday 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Monday 5:30-6:30 p.m.

(9:30-10:00 a.m. Monday Holidays)

Saturday 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.

First Fridays 6:45-7:15 p.m.

Any Time by Appointment

ADORATION

Monday 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday 6:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Thursday 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Friday 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Saturday 6:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Monday & Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.



Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

-Mark 1:15

Bring your marriage to its fullest on the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Feb 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT and Feb 22-Mar 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY

WANTED...



IF YOU SEE THIS CAGGY CHARACTER HIDING OUT ON A NEARLY EMPTY SHELF IN A GROCERY OR DEPARTMENT STORE, MAKE A CITIZEN'S ARREST AND BRING HIM IN!

WE'LL LOCK HIM UP FOR YOU!

IN NEED OF ONLY DISINFECTANT SPRAY AT THIS TIME!

Mass Intentions: Our Mass Book is open and we are taking Mass intentions for the period of **July 1st to December 31st, 2021**. If you are unable to come to the parish office, please call the office with your requests and we can assist you over the telephone; *by this time many of the Mass dates will be taken but we will help you to find a suitable date*. The Sanctuary Lamp is also available for the intention of a loved one. (Please note that we can still also accommodate Masses offered in Rome for your loved ones during the rest of the year of 2021 from February onward).

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Religious Education Classes resume for all Levels Sun. Jan. 24th.



We are excited to be back to in-person learning this weekend as we move through Ordinary Time into Lent in just a few weeks.

Please remember to contact the Rel. Ed. Office if your child will not be at class and will be completing work online. Thank you for remaining diligent in the process of staying home if anyone in the household is sick or not feeling well. We are committed in keeping everyone as safe as possible.

Please remember to check your emails or view the Parish Master Calendar for weekly updates on our website at www.sfxparish.com.

If you have any questions or concerns please email Mrs. Hammarquist at jlh@sfxparish.com

For cancellations please watch channel 7 news, go to www.whdh.com for free mobile app or check parish master calendar for updates www.sfxparish.com If classes are cancelled due to the weather there will be no assignments to complete.

Stay Safe, Healthy and Holy
God Bless, Mrs. Hammarquist



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
PRESCHOOL - GRADE 8



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS

As we enter into this last week of January, we remain ever so grateful for the blessings that Our Good and Gracious God continues to bestow upon our school community! With His help, guidance and ever watchful eye, we confidently "press on" in the midst of somewhat uncertain times. The power of daily prayer, and quality time spent Adoring Our Lord in the school grotto are essential to our ability to persevere! The entire SFX faculty is truly committed to providing a safe, healthy, and happy learning environment for our students. Our teachers are absolutely incredible, working around the clock to provide meaningful and solid instruction for both in person and remote learners. Catholic Schools Week will kick off next weekend, giving us an opportunity to truly celebrate our school, our students and our faculty! Thank you for your continued prayers for our school community, and please spread the word that open enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year will begin in February.

...God Bless Michelle Russo/Principal



The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew (1308-1311) Duccio di Buoninsegna

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:16-17

2020 Tax Report s: If you would like a printout of a report of your annual offerings to the parish for your 2020 tax filing, please call the parish office. When you call please specify if you would like us to email you the form or if you will pick it up.

Grocery Cards: During this time we continue to limit close gatherings and blocked passageways in the church, so we are continuing to **not** sell grocery cards for Stop & Shop, Trucchi's and Shaw's after the weekend Masses. Still, **if you would like to purchase these you may still do so through the parish center office** (the church receives 5% of every purchase). Please send an email to office@sfxparish.com or call the office at 508-995-7600 to request the store of preference and the denomination amounts. These cards come in \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. You can purchase these for your own shopping or for charitable gift giving.



Thank You Again: from the St. Vincent de Paul Society to the parish for the ongoing support for the poor and those in need. We are not accepting food at this time but cash and gift card donations can be placed in the poor box or dropped off at the Parish office. We are also accepting new gloves and hats for the homeless which can be dropped off in a basket at the back of the church.

"Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

-James 4:7

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"Resist the devil and he will flee from you."
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Today's Reflection:

Anytime we are serious about our relationship with God, we can be certain that Satan will try to dissuade us in every way possible. He will taunt us, tempt us, and try us in an effort to make us give up and give in. What are your biggest distractions? How is God calling you to remain faithful to your time of prayer?

Holy Communion to the Homebound: If you know of any parishioner who has not been able to attend Church due to a medical condition and the inability to leave the home and that this person would like to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, please call the parish office to speak to Father Williams or Deacon Dave. We have received permission from the bishop some weeks ago that the priest and deacon may visit homes and distribute Holy Communion. The reception of the Blessed Sacrament at home will not be at this time a weekly thing as it once was due to the fact that our many number of lay extraordinary Eucharistic ministers are still not bringing Holy Communion into the community. However, Father and Deacon are attempting to fit in all our homebound parishioners into a reasonable rotating schedule. Thanks for your assistance and understanding.

Upcoming Second & Special Collections

- January 24th - Diocesan Assessment
- February 7th - Home Missions
- February 14th - Building Fund

SFX PRAYER LINE

Please call 508-850-6649 between 8am & 8pm
Or email your prayer request to:
sfxprayerline@gmail.com

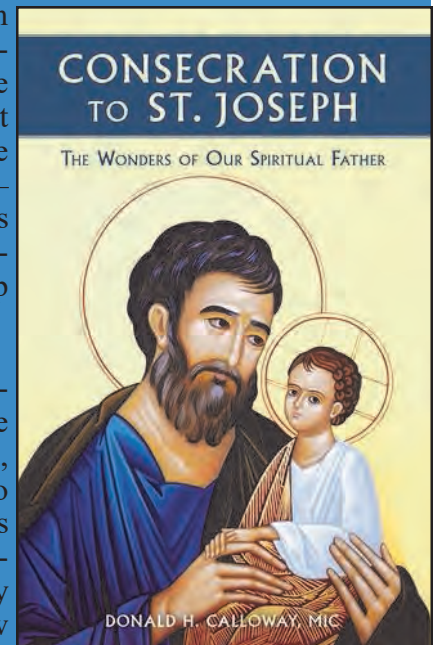
Readings for Week of January 24, 2021

- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
- Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Consecration to St. Joseph

In this year as a parish when we are reflecting on how we live our faith – being not just hearers of the Word but also doers – St. Joseph provides one of the best examples of discipleship that we can have!

This book will be provided free as a service to our parishioners, though donations to defray the cost of this program will be gratefully accepted. Simply fill out the slip below and put in the collection basket or send to the office.



The preparation for consecration begins on Monday, 15 February, leading up to the Feast of St. Joseph on Friday, 19 March. The deadline to request a book is 31 January.

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH
PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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THE SACRED LITURGY FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 24 JANUARY 2021

ProceSSIONAL Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne. Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion, thunder like a mighty flood, Jesus out of every nation. Hath redeemed us by His blood.

1st Reading: Jhn. 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Responsorial Psalm: *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Gospel Reading: Mrk. 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fisherman. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Offertory Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, walking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Communion Hymn: The King of Love

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Recessional Hymn: Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night; till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.