

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 30

4:00 PM Marie Theresa Buenrostro

Sunday, January 31

9:00 AM Ursula Vincent

11:30 AM Lucy Santoro

5:00 PM For the parishioners

Monday, February 1

12:10 PM George Donovan, Open Hearts
Memorial Guild, and the deceased family
and friends of Paul Ashton

Tuesday, February 2

12:10 PM St. Anthony for the Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 3

12:10 PM In memory of the Marron Family

Thursday, February 4

12:10 PM Thanksgiving for Henry Abou-Hamad
and Family

Friday, February 5, First Friday

12:10 PM Sanctuary Fund

Saturday, February 6

4:00 PM

Sunday, February 7

9:00 AM Ursula Vincent

11:30 AM Angela Kuhns, Month's Mind

5:00 PM For the parishioners

"He said to them, 'Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" - Lk 4:23



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BLESSING OF THE THROATS



In honor of Saint Blaise, throats will be blessed at all Masses this weekend. We know more about the devotion to St. Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. The Council of Oxford, in 1222, prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual St. Blaise blessing for their throats. May God in His goodness Bless us all!

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Did you tune out the second reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians today? If you have been to a lot of weddings, it is likely that you've heard this paean to love again and again. And because of that, the very familiarity of the words can lose their meaning. "'Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous?' Oh, yeah, I know that one; I've heard it all before. No need to listen."

Because of the context in which so often we hear those words (a marriage celebration) we sometimes miss what Paul is really trying to convey. The Corinthians were disputing among themselves what the better gifts of the Spirit were and who had the greater ones. Paul takes them to task, rather harshly, by telling them that all the prophecies and sacrifices are nothing compared to love.

We can feel righteous about many things, and our sense of justice can breed high expectations about equitable treatment and our rights in the world. We expect our "fair share" all the way around. Sometimes our "gift" turns out to be one of self-justification.

Paul turns those expectations on their head. His proclamation that love is the way suddenly put us in a different position. Love does not seek its own interests and it does not brood over injuries. Maybe that's really why we tune out these words sometimes, because they are not easy to put into practice. But love is the essence of our faith - love of God, and love for one another.

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

The letter to the Hebrews tell us, "We become partners of Christ if only we hold the beginning of the reality until the end." A partner is after all one who shares.

In coming to our world Jesus Christ shared His life with us. We have only to read the Gospel accounts of the time spent by Jesus on earth as one of us.

A woman spoke to her child about her husband, "How could God be so kind as to give me your father?" The child was convinced that the father would have the same thought.

We return to the letter referring to partnership with Jesus Christ. How can we even think of becoming a partner of Christ? We might reflect on the Apostles whose lives offered us an example, above all St. Peter.

Jesus told St. Peter that he would be the rock on which Christ would build His Church, yet, when Peter was present at the persecution of Christ, he denied ever knowing Him.

In time Peter repented. We might return to the thought of "partner of Christ." Jesus is most generous in inviting us to be His partner; may we accept.

CORI FORM REMINDER

Thank you to all who have already filled out a Cori form. Cori forms must be filled out by all Lay Ministers. If you have not filled out a form yet please do so before or after Mass. Forms are in the sacristy.

PASCHAL CANDLE



In the past people have purchased the Easter Candle in memory of a loved one. If you would like to do so this year, please call Fran Ryan at the rectory at 617-523-4342.

BABY BOTTLES



Don't forget to pick up a Baby Bottle today! We are asking individuals and families to take the bottles home, fill with their change, and return on the weekend of February 27-28. These funds will help A Woman's Concern continue their life-saving work helping women and couples facing unplanned pregnancies.

PARISH COUNCIL

Our Parish Council met recently. Topics ranged from formation to finance, capital improvements to social activities and outreach. Jesus was at the center of it all. We thank them for their willingness to serve the need of our parish.



Lent is a time for reconciliation. Come together with others to participate in *ARISE Together in Christ* and foster a heart for healing and a spirit of forgiveness. *ARISE* offers the opportunity to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. Small groups are continuing and new ones forming this Lent.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, whether or not you have studied the Bible or are knowledgeable about the Catholic Faith, there are no right or wrong answers. *ARISE* is an invitation to participate, to build community, to learn from each other and to share our gifts. Prayerfully consider joining us as you embark on your Lenten Journey this year.

Look and listen for details on how to get involved in our parish. For more information call the rectory at 617-523-4342.

PROJECT RACHEL

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over a past abortion? **Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. **Project Rachel** will offer three "Come to the Waters" healing retreats this spring: Sunday, February 28; Saturday, March 13; and Saturday, June 5. For more information and registration, contact **Project Rachel** at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

COOKING IN THE PARISH



What favorite family recipes do you want to share with other parishioners? A group will be meeting soon to coordinate a "recipe exchange." We are going to assemble a parish cookbook so that we can share our family favorites. Sausage, sauces or savory treats all will be accepted. Let's open the vaults and share our tasty treats.

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