

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 PM	January 22 For the Poor Souls in Purgatory through the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	January 23 Special Intention Family Mass Parishioners
Monday 12:10 PM	January 24 Al Ferrard
Tuesday 12:10 PM	January 25 Special Intention
Wednesday 12:10 PM	January 26 Ralph Austing
Thursday 12:10 PM	January 27 George Buckley, Month's Mind
Friday 12:10 PM	January 28 Special Intention
Saturday 4:00 PM	January 29 Those serving in the Armed Forces
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	January 30 Joanna Dominguez Ralph Randlett Parishioners

Parish Support

Offertory **January 16** **\$2,105**



PLEASE NOTE! PLEASE NOTE! PLEASE NOTE!
Due to an envelope misprint the collection for the Church in Latin America, originally scheduled for January 23, 2011, will be taken up on **September 11, 2011.**

CATHOLICS COME HOME
THE WORK OF EVANGELIZATION

This week's second collection will support the Archdiocese of Boston's evangelization and outreach initiative *Catholics Come Home*. All proceeds will fund the purchase of television and radio advertisements to welcome home to our Catholic family those who have been away for any reason. The *Catholic Come Home* campaigns in other dioceses have been extremely effective at inviting and bringing Catholics to renewed participation in parish life. Please visit the Archdiocese web page BostonCatholic.org for more information.

THE ONLY SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK WILL BE THE EVANGELIZATION COLLECTION.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

After reading today's Gospel, I found myself wondering what would be the kind of call for which I would leave at once what I was doing, as Simon Peter and Andrew did. I know if my next-door neighbor with a disabled daughter would call for help, I would run over right away. The same goes if I got a phone call for help from my ninety-three-year-old mother. If there were an accident in front of my house, I would run out right away. And if someone important called—the president, the mayor, the bishop (all unlikely probabilities), my boss—I would respond. I tried to think for whom I would get up from my work and leave immediately, and I was hard-pressed to come up with an answer.



All this leads me to wonder about the Gospel. Did Peter and Andrew already know Jesus? Were James and John familiar with his teaching? Matthew doesn't give us much to go on other than the fact that Jesus had started preaching a message of repentance and the advent of the kingdom of heaven. So what made them get up at once and go?

Certainly the spontaneous response of these four fishermen to Jesus involved the action of God's grace. Maybe they had already considered getting out of the business. Or possibly they were mesmerized by this charismatic preacher. For whatever reason, Peter and Andrew, James and John chose to cooperate with God's grace by responding to the call that Jesus gave to them. Their response changed their lives forever. We know they still did fishing, even after the Resurrection (see Jn 21), but they became apostles and spread the good news of Jesus throughout the world. God's call to each of us may not be as dramatic as someone walking up to us in the workplace and saying, "Follow me." But the call comes just the same. Are we ready to cooperate with God's grace?

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

The words were very few: "It's my Mass too." The negative is absent. We don't come to be at Church, we come to be with Jesus Christ.

The lives of people are limited by presence, space and time. The life of Jesus ceased visibly when He returned to Heaven. However, in reality He is always with us.

Vandalism and theft have forced the closing of many churches apart from Mass and other services. There are still some exceptions. One elderly man was able to extend them. His reason was: "I come to talk to God and He talks to me."

The Franciscan Fathers in union with the late Cardinal Cushing have been a great help for people in prayer life and Mass in the Shrine in Boston.

Good habits can develop. There are people who have in the past, and may in the present, begin their days with prayer, sometimes briefly, but always definitely, "I've grown accustomed to greet Him."



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION NEWS**

OUR PRE-SCHOOL DROP-IN PROGRAM,

AGES 2-5

"SING PRAISE, PLAY MUSIC",

BEGINS NEXT WEEK,

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30.

ACTIVITY STATIONS WILL BE SET UP FROM 9:00AM TO 11:30AM IN THE PARISH HALL. COME AND WORK THROUGH THE VARIOUS ACTIVITY STATIONS WITH YOUR CHILDREN. SPEND TIME AS YOU'D LIKE.



Thank you to everyone who contributed Old Christmas Cards. Our piles are wonderful and these will help us explain Christmas to the younger ones and give us great material for our Christmas projects next year. The Box in the Kids Corner will stay through the end of January! Thank you!

Altar Servers

Anyone wishing to become an Altar Server, ALL AGES ARE WELCOME, please see Pat Harris after Mass next weekend, January 29-30. An informational packet will be available.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

A Holy Hour is spending time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament, as taught by Our Lord to Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673. A Holy Hour is a treasured Catholic devotion; it is a beautiful Eucharistic opportunity which helps us to keep Jesus at the center of our lives.



Come to Pray For Life

Please join us on this Sunday January 23, 2011 at 3:30pm as our parish joins with thousands of others in the Archdiocese of Boston Holy Hour for Life. The Holy Hour for Life will unite the Archdiocese of Boston in prayer, asking forgiveness and peace, on behalf of all people, for sins against the dignity of the human person in the many ways in which human lives are taken for granted, hurt or even destroyed. Please join us. All are welcome!

OUR GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

We are pleased to report a total of \$53,885 in pledges and donations, to our Grand Annual Appeal to date, 72% of our goal of \$75,000. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the back of the church. Thank you for your faith, love and generous support! Through your kindness Jesus' work continues.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Thank you to the members of the finance council who met this past week for their quarterly review of our fiscal 'good health'! We appreciate their time and effort, the talent they are willing to share for all our sakes. Thanks! Our 150' Anniversary is in the offing.

2010 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our Parish raised \$34,870 from 53 households, reaching 114% of our parish goal of \$30,500. We could not have done it without each of you! THANK YOU!

PART TIME COOK

St. Joseph Retreat Center in Cohasset is owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston (a community separate from our parish). There is an immediate opening for an experienced cook with flexible hours (lunch and dinner shifts). Please call 781-383-6024 and ask for Maria, or E-mail your resume to retreat.center@csjboston.org.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PASTORAL VISITORS

The Pastoral Visitor Project and the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life invite all pastoral visitors and Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and homebound to attend a Day of Prayer, "**Blessed Are They Who Believe**" to be held Saturday, **February 12**, from 10:00 to 12:00 noon at St. John's in West Roxbury. There is no fee for the Day. For more information or to register, call the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at 617-779-3648.

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