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## MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday 8:35 AM

*(Wednesday is an Enhanced-precautions mass-6' spacing and masks are encouraged.)*

### Outdoor Communion Service:

Wednesday 10:00 AM

*(This service is held outdoors. Attendees remain in their car and tune into FM 88.7.)*

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:45 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

*(Enhanced-precautions mass-6' spacing and masks are encouraged.)*

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

*(This mass is outside under the tent/attendees may remain in their vehicle as well.)*

### Confessions:

Until further notice, Confessions are by Appointment only. Typically, Saturday morning between 10am - 12pm. Other times are possible. Email Fr. Hank at [fatherhank@sjmillstone.com](mailto:fatherhank@sjmillstone.com) for an appointment.

### Sacrament of the Sick

In Emergency- Please call 908-874-3141 and press 1 for a priest.

Non-Emergency-Please email [FatherHank@sjmillstone.com](mailto:FatherHank@sjmillstone.com)

## EMERGENCIES

**Crisis Pregnancy Hotline**—732-516-0911

### Suicide Prevention

NJ Lifeline—1-800-273TALK

Teen Crisis Text Hotline—Text 741741

### Emergency Meals

[emergencymeals@stjosephsparish.com](mailto:emergencymeals@stjosephsparish.com)

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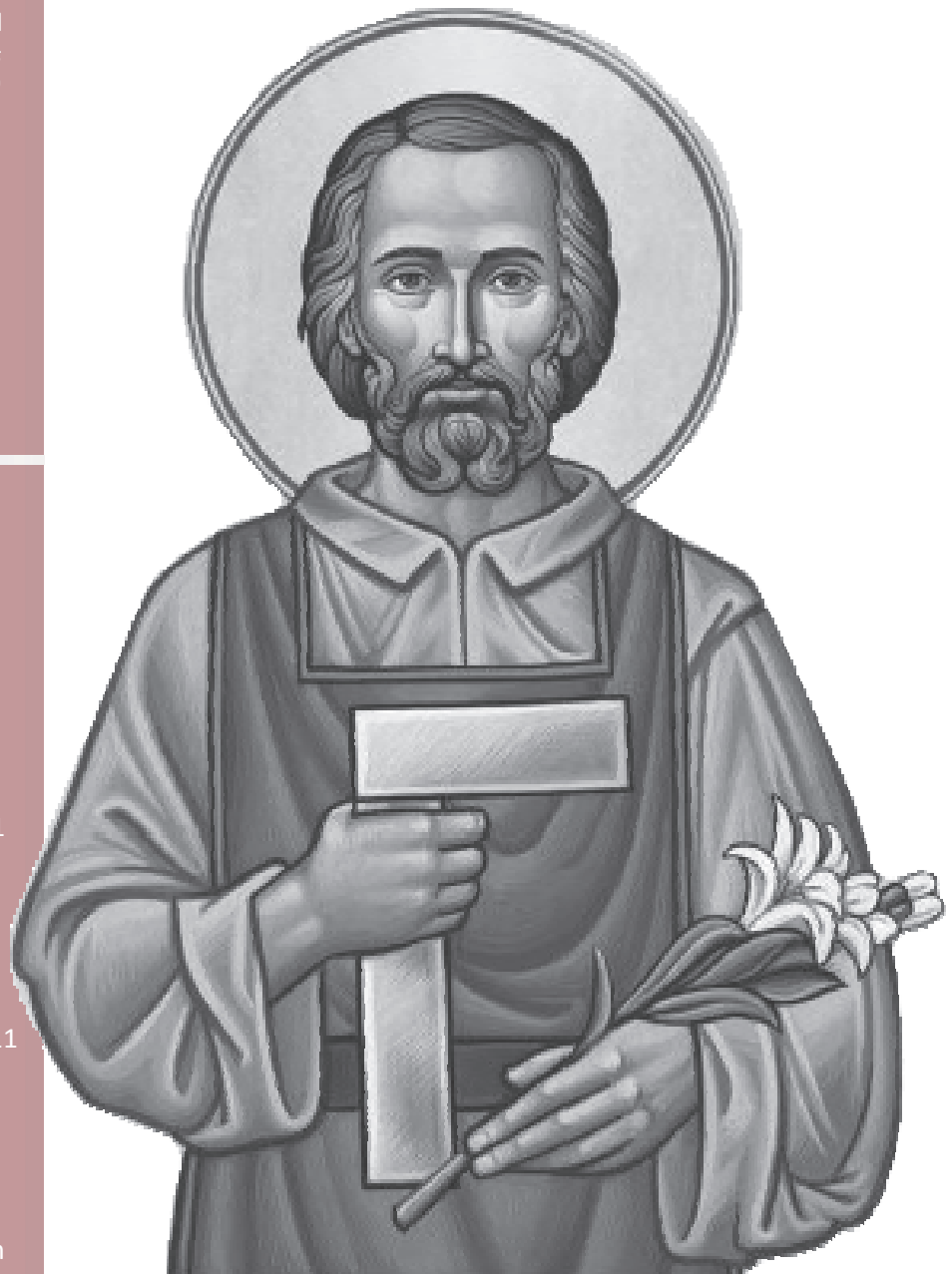
# Saint Joseph

## HILLSBOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

*Priests*

*Prophets*

*Kings*



# January 30, 2022

## INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. 8:35 AM Ramon Fanlo  
R/B Dahlia Wong
- Tue. 8:35 AM Pasquale & Bridget Gagliardi  
R/B Pat Gagliardi
- 8:35AM Mary Urbaniak  
R/B Jo-Ann Delasko
- 8:35AM Frank Meyler  
R/B Sandy Viola & Family
- Wed. 8:35AM Ann Higgins  
R/B Higgins Family
- Thu. 8:35AM Tom Treanor  
R/B Candy Meyer
- Fri. 8:35AM Mary Anne Greene  
R/B Sarah & Tom Greene
- 8:35AM Anthony Gubitosi  
R/B Dottie & George Lukazik
- Sat. 4:45PM Susan Kujawski  
R/B Kujawski Family
- 4:45PM Gianni Incandela (Living)  
R/B Geraci Family
- Sun. 8:00AM Fon K. & James Lee  
R/B James & Lily Jansky
- Sun. 9:30AM Nino D'Amato  
R/B Realbuto Family
- 9:30AM Robert Peters  
R/B Dawn Bondar
- 9:30AM People of the Parish
- 11:30AM Joseph Bercarich  
R/B Walter & Florence Bercarich

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8      1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

### Behind the Scenes of This Week's Readings Today's Gospel- Luke 4:21-30

The poet Dante called Luke "the Scribe of Christ's gentleness." Although all the Gospel writers tell the story of Jesus, Luke's portrait of Jesus is the most gentle and compassionate. In fact, the stories which highlight the overwhelming mercy of God -the Prodigal Son, the Widow of Naim and Zacchaeus- are only found in Luke's Gospel. But in today's Gospel Luke describes another side of Jesus. A Jesus who stands up to a somewhat unruly crowd who are criticizing his sermon in the synagogue and are challenging his authority to do so. Who does he think he is! Jesus uses a proverb to respond to their accusations: "Physician, cure thyself." In other words, "Mind your own business."



*Dear All – Christ's peace!*

*Bundle up! The weather folk are talking about a return to single digit temperatures. The deep freeze will settle in while the church's northside HVAC is under repair. We will keep the south-end system running overtime, but it might be a bit chilly in church. Bring an extra sweater.*

### *This Week in Prayer*

**Communion for People with Mobility Issues** – When in doubt, please stay in your seat. Please let the usher know, as you enter the church, that you want Communion brought to you. Then, at Communion time, please stand or raise your hand to let me and the ministers know you want Communion brought to you. At every Mass, we have traveling Eucharistic Ministers who are there to bring Communion to you. Communion will also be brought to all who sit in section four at the 4:45, 9:30, and 11:30.

**Clarifying the Seating for 4:45, 9:30 and 11:30** – A few weeks before Christmas we tweaked the seating arrangements. Those changes will remain in place for the foreseeable future. At the 4:45, 9:30 and 11:30, sections 1, 6 and 7 are "open seating." There are no expectations concerning masks or distancing. Sections 2, 3 and 5 are "standard precautions" (green triangle) sections. Seating is in every other pew and masks are encouraged but not required. Section 4 is still an "enhanced precautions" (blue square) section. People sit in every third pew and are required to wear masks. At these Masses, Communion is brought to (a) anyone who stands at their seat and (b) everyone sitting in the blue sections.

**The 8:00 Sunday Mass** – There are no changes at this Mass. All seats are "enhanced precautions" (blue squares). If you want Communion brought to you, please stand at Communion time. Thanks!

**Memorial Mass for Emily Murillo** – If your schedule allows, please join other parishioners and the family of Emily Murillo for a Memorial Mass to mark the first anniversary of Emily's death. The Mass will be NEXT Saturday morning, January 29, at 10 am. Emily took her own life last January 29. A brilliantly chatty girl and a great protector of animals, Emily lived with bipolar disorder, had some intellectual challenges, and withstood heart-breaking bullying for much of her life. After Mass, Emily's mom, Erin Popolo, will eulogize Emmy and make some suggestions about what any of us can do to stop bullying. Your presence at Mass would be a gift to Emily's family and a statement about your opposition to bullying.

### HEALING PRAYER IN PERSON RETURNS TO CHURCH

Next dates are February 12 & 13  
Immediately after the 4:45 PM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM  
Masses

# January 30, 2022

## *This Week in Service*

**This Week's Poor Box** – The poor boxes at the church's main doors will, each week, be devoted to a particular cause. You will be told about that cause in "This Week" and in the parish announcements. The poor box contributions for next week, February 6 will be used to support *The Catholic Spirit*, our Diocesan Newspaper. This publication is a stellar resource which keeps Catholics, and beyond, informed of Diocesan news while proclaiming the Word and evangelizing in a myriad of ways.

## *This Week in Community*

**Contribution Letters** – Monica McDevitt, our parish Business Manager, is now preparing contribution statements for mailing. Anyone who has donated \$100 or more will receive a printed statement. If you would rather receive your statement by email, please email Monica at [mmcdevitt@stjosephsparish.com](mailto:mmcdevitt@stjosephsparish.com) or call her at 908-874-3141 x226. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

**Respect Life Ministry** — Our parish's Respect Life Ministry devotes itself to making life better for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters — unborn people, elderly people, people in poor health, and all people who dwell on the margins. Members of the ministry encourage all to respect life from conception to natural death, and pray and work to bring about meaningful change. One of the ministry's most recent concerns arises from the new legislation in New Jersey that allows abortion up to the moment of delivery. If you would like to learn more about the ministry, email Carl Panzera at [carl.panzera@gmail.com](mailto:carl.panzera@gmail.com).

**Let there be (even better) Music** – As we look a few months down the road and anticipate warmer weather and less Covid, it is time to start thinking about renewal of our music programs. The requirements for all choirs at all Masses are the same. You must be a Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass or Instrumentalist. You must have experience singing, humming, or whistling either in public (e.g., choirs or performances) or in private (e.g., cars and showers). Finally, you must derive satisfaction from knowing you are helping others to pray and experience Christ's peace. Possible? Email Matt Viola at [mviola@stjosephsparish.com](mailto:mviola@stjosephsparish.com)

**Announcing All Babies** – We will soon be sharing the news of the births of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of parishioners. Stay tuned for more information about how to share your brilliant news with the rest of the parish.

*With great gratitude, best blessings, and very warm wishes for all of you,*

**Father Hank**

## **NEW ADVENTURES IN SOCIAL MINISTRY**

Learn more about the upcoming service-immersion trips for parish adults. The schedule currently calls for four trips. Two are for weekends and the other two are for a longer period of time. Get all the details at an

**Information Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 PM**  
**in the Parish Hall.**

Trips scheduled include

April 22-24 (weekend), Saint Francis Inn, Philadelphia (Soup Kitchen and Outreach)

June 11-18 (weeklong), Wayne County Workcamp, West Virginia (Home building)

September 16-18 (weekend), Saint Francis Inn, Philadelphia (Soup Kitchen and Outreach)

December 14-18 (part of a week), Dunlow, West Virginia (distributing parish Christmas gifts)

To learn more information about the Saint Francis Inn and Appalachia, go to our parish webpage and click on Social Concerns.

Jeanine Cavanagh, Director of Social Ministries  
[jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com](mailto:jcavanagh@sjmillstone.com)

*"Love Makes the World Go 'Round."*



## **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS**

**Sunday, February 13**

**11:30 Mass**

Calling All Married Couples!

Sign up on our parish website for the celebration of marriage on World Marriage Day. We will bless your marriage, invite you to renew your vows, give you the makings of some great date nights and honor couples celebrating 25th and 50th anniversaries. We will also give a shout-out to those celebrating 60, 65, and 70 years. The 11:30 Mass allows you to celebrate in the church or in your car. If you stay in the car, you can listen to Mass on the radio and we will bring Communion to you. Last thing – decorate your cars – whether you are inside or outside. This adds much to the day! Excessive decoration is good decoration.

## **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Please send info for the bulletin no later than Friday, 8 days prior to the weekend you want the article to appear, directly to [stjoebulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stjoebulletin@yahoo.com).

Questions? Contact Dorothy at [stjoebulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stjoebulletin@yahoo.com). Thank You.

# January 30, 2022

## POSTPONED

### Synod 2023 - Listening Sessions Online Questionnaire Now Available

Due to ongoing concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic, the Synod 2023 Listening Sessions have been postponed. More information and the new date(s) for the Listening Sessions will be announced in the coming weeks. In the meantime, you are invited to visit the Diocese of Metuchen's website, [diometuchen.org/synod2023](http://diometuchen.org/synod2023), to share your feedback by completing the online questionnaire.



### GENTLY USED COLLECTION CLOTHING- WORKING BICYCLES STROLLERS-CAR SEATS (with base) HOUSEHOLD ITEMS-TOYS

The Hillsborough High School Band/Guard will be holding their FOURTH gently used collection for this school year for clothing, working bikes and scooters, strollers, car seats (with base), household items, toys, stuffed animals. The collection will be on

**Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 10AM- 12 Noon**  
at the Hillsborough High School main entrance,  
466 Raider Blvd, Hillsborough, NJ.

Proceeds will be used to enhance all aspects of the Band/Guard programs and will provide members with opportunities to learn musicianship, teamwork, and leadership. Donations may be tax deductible and a donation receipt will be available upon request. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Questions: please contact Paula Obenauer, (908) 230-2398, [pcobenauer@gmail.com](mailto:pcobenauer@gmail.com).



### CELEBRATE THE SUPER BOWL WITH DELICIOUS CHILI

Pick up some Super Bowl Chili and get the Recipe at either of the Avalon locations. Your name will be entered in a raffle for a ShopRite Gift Card at the time of pick up -

**Friday, February 11, 1-2 PM**

**RSVP by February 9 to Hillsborough 908-904-6122**

Or Bridgewater 908- 927-0306, x703.



### 2021 Christmas Flower Offerings: Part IV

**John & Mariasz, Zenon A. Pidhajecky**  
from Renee Pidhajecky

**Deceased members of the Bakale and Manzella  
Family** from Alice Manzella

**Frank Thomson, Justine Thomson, John Polites**  
from Carlene Thomson

**Colleen Boris, Nicholas Boris, James Keating**  
from James & Joan Murphy

**Marguerite Smith, Joseph Smith, Katherine McCann,  
Thomas McCann** from M/M Tom McCann

**Crispino Family, Polito Family, Mugavero Family**  
from Mr. & Mrs. Peter Crispino

**Frank Kimball, Andrew Kimball** from Susan Kimball  
**Carl Santostefano, Margaret Santostefano,  
Joan Gulick, Christine Mades**  
from Michael Santostefano

**Ray & Linda Iarkowski** from Marge Iarkowski  
**Eileen Cinquemane** from Charles & Eileen Trapp

**Edith & John Brostek, Mary & Myron Galanowsky,  
Gloria Galanowsky, Zenta Bury** from Karen  
Galanowsky

**Mildred Molon, Ronald Cooke, Sarah Young, John J.  
Young** from Susan Young

**All animals of the world** from the Stuebben family  
**Onofrio & Grace LoFaso, Natale & Frances Figorotta**  
from Frank & Lia Figorotta

**The Spsychalski Family** from Tom Spsychalski  
**Thomas Fitzgerald, Winifred Fitzgerald, Harold  
Mahlstedt, Mary Mahlstedt** from Patricia Mahlstedt

**Maureen O'Brien, Pam Key**  
from Charles & Colleen O'Brien

**Florence Kincel, Joseph Kincel,  
Robert Santostefano, Christine Madej**  
from Michael Santostefano

**John Getty** from Ann Getty

**Edward Wagner, Mary Wagner, Allen, Jerry Allen,  
Guisseppe D'Angelo, Carmela D'Angelo**  
from Joanne D'Angelo

**Deceased members of the Durante & Tranzillo  
families** from Mary Jane Tranzillo

**John Barbella Sr., Rudy Zuccarello**  
from Natalie & Phil Zuccarello

**Stephen Matras, Al Maier, Gerry Maier**  
from Carol Matras

*To Be Continued*



# January 30, 2022

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From the Office of Our Bishop  
January 20, 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we begin a new calendar year, we always make time to recognize our Catholic schools. Unfortunately, again this year we are challenged to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (January 30 – February 5, 2022) in the midst of rising COVID numbers and the disruption that has resulted. But, as always, our schools will rise to the challenge. I was very proud that our schools were able to offer in-person education last year to those families that wanted to have their children in school. In addition, for those families that preferred to have their students remain at home, a very successful virtual learning opportunity existed in every school. It was a great blessing to be able to serve our families, and I am so grateful to the pastors, principals and teachers that made it happen. The students were most cooperative too. Without a doubt, being able to keep our schools open during that challenging time was certainly a blessing.

While we all had hoped that this school year would be a bit easier, that has not proven to be the case. Once again, our schools have adapted to the needs of the school community. They are providing virtual learning to those that must quarantine, being attentive to health and safety requirements, and enjoying as many school activities as possible. There are school Masses celebrated, plays being performed, school clubs have resumed and outreach to others remains a hallmark of a Catholic school.

In my recent Pastoral Letter on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Metuchen, I asked that we embrace three priorities that will enable us to answer the Lord's call even more effectively: increased prayer, works of mercy and vocations. During this anniversary year, I am looking forward to learning how these priorities will be met in the schools. There are many liturgical celebrations during the year in every school, Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, special devotions, and daily prayer.

This year, there will be an increased focus on prayer, the quiet time that our students need to be with God. The campus ministry programs at our high schools have many good activities taking place. Recently, given the number of young priests we have ordained, we are blessed to again have some young priests assigned full time to our high schools as Directors of Catholic Identity and as teachers, who I hope and pray are able to foster the prayer lives of our students and faculties. Our schools are such an important part of our evangelization efforts, as they assist our students in not only learning about Jesus and the Church but in deepening their friendship with Him. I hear from our school parents how grateful they are as our schools not only offer a great education for their children but also enable our families to live Gospel values proudly at a time when that is becoming more and more challenging.

I am always so impressed, too, by the outreach and acts of mercy that our school communities do within their school and parish, but also for others. From Appalachia to

Haiti and beyond, students and their families are encouraged to reach out and act in the name of Jesus. This year, I am asking that our students, just like everyone else in the diocese, perform 40 acts of mercy in honor of our anniversary year. So often when students participate in outreach of any kind, the entire family becomes involved, and that is such a blessing.

The third priority we are embracing during this anniversary year is the need for vocations. We must constantly pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It is difficult in today's noisy and fast paced world to create a culture that allows young men and women to be able to even hear God's call. Our Catholic schools must be such places. I was delighted to hear that each of our schools has "adopted" one of our seminarians. In some schools, the seminarian has visited, either virtually or in person, to discuss his spiritual journey and vocation with the students. It is good to know that there are so many prayers coming from our students in support of our seminarians and praying for more young men and women to answer God's call to serve as priests and religious.

As a product of Catholic schools, I know what a blessing they are, and am so grateful to my parents for having always sent me to Catholic schools. I was not as aware then of all the significant sacrifices people make for our Catholic schools but have certainly learned that, so I want to thank all those who make our schools possible. We here in the Diocese of Metuchen are blessed by the leadership of Ellen Ayoub who serves as our Secretary for Schools. Her love of our Lord and His Church is evident, and she knows well the value of what our schools do. We are grateful for her dedication to our school families. I am grateful, too, for all our religious sisters and brothers who have taught with our dedicated lay teachers, our principals, administrators and staff and I truly appreciate all the dedicated supporters of our schools.

I am very thankful that quite a few of our pastors have told me that in these past two years more people are choosing to send their children to our Catholic schools. I know from my own experience and from what I see, they will not regret it.

While I have the great privilege of learning about our school communities through by visits to them, even now as we are being more careful, I invite you to visit the Office of Catholic Schools' website to learn more about our wonderful schools. Check our social media, too, to see what is happening in the schools.

So, as we journey into a new year, please join me in praying for our youth as well as our schools and all who make them possible. Know of my love and prayers for you always and may all of you have a Blessed 2022.

With renewed best wishes, I remain  
Yours in Christ  
Most Reverend James F. Checchio,  
JCD, MBA,  
Bishop of Metuchen

## Sunday, Jan 30, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Children should be seen, heard—and guided

It's been a tough two years on everyone, but especially on the kids. Childhood was upended by the pandemic. Schooling has been a heroic effort, and peer interactions have been stifled. This generation of young ones will have a special burden in trying to make up for lost time, missed opportunities, and natural social interactions. They've also learned unexpected lessons about global interconnectedness, the rich advantages of technology, and the bitter realities of social inequity. Today begins Catholic Schools Week, with the theme "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service," to remind us that our schools enable children to put what they learn in the context of gospel values. Support faith-based education!

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke 4:21-30 (72). *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you."*

## Monday, Jan 31, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN BOSCO

### Celebrating a lovely education

Saint John Bosco, a 19th-century Italian priest, was an educator ahead of his time. He understood the power of positive reinforcement long before modern psychology came along—and he applied this theory to teaching poor kids who had rough lives. His method? Quite simply, love. Rather than punish kids, he was kind. During Catholic Schools Week, offer a prayer of thanks for the educators who nurtured you through your formative years. Whether you went to Catholic schools or not, those special teachers were reflecting Christ's love back to you. Remember how their good works shaped the Christian you are today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20 (323). *"Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you."*

## Tuesday, Feb 01, 2022

### Catholic education for a better world

On this Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week, the focus is on the student. The National Catholic Education Association encourages schools to today recognize students' accomplishments—but also have them embrace the "grounding in faith, knowledge, and service" a Catholic education provides. In a June 2021 address to Latin American Catholic schools, Pope Francis expands this vision even more. He urges "welcoming schools" that "do not retreat into a selfish elitism, but that learn to live together with everyone . . . knowing that everything is connected." His wish? That "schools have conscience and create conscience." Pray for all Catholic students today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mark 5:21-43 (324). *"The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded."*

## Wednesday, Feb 02, 2022

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### Comfort food for the soul

Mexican American neighborhoods will be filled with the sweet aroma of warm tamales today, served because of a special connection this day has to January 6, the Epiphany. On Epiphany, *La Rosca*, a cake in the shape of a crown, is shared by family and

friends in honor of the Magi, a.k.a., the three kings. The person who finds a small figure of Jesus hidden in their slice of cake is tasked with throwing a tamale party today, the day the infant Jesus is presented at the Temple. Welcome Jesus to your table today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524). *"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."*

## Thursday, Feb 03, 2022

### Lift up her voice

Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, O.S.P., died on this day in 1882. Born into a well-educated family of means in the Caribbean, she immigrated to Baltimore in the early 1800s as a free black woman in a slave state. Seeing the need for education among her fellow Caribbean immigrants, she taught out of her home, opened a school in 1828, took first religious vows a year later, and founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Mary Elizabeth and her fellow sisters devoted themselves to works of mercy and social reform, working with communities of color facing poverty, racism, and the degradations of slavery. Nearly 200 years later, the order's work continues strong, as does the canonization process for this remarkable woman. Let Mary Elizabeth's example inspire you to respond to injustice with courageous compassion.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13 (326). *"The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them."*

## Friday, Feb 04, 2022

### Invest your humanity

On this Friday of Catholic Schools Week, Pope Francis offers supportive words for Catholic educators. "To educate is an act of love, it is to give life. And love is demanding, it calls for the best resources, for a reawakening of the passion to begin this path patiently with young people. The educator in Catholic schools must be, first and foremost, competent and qualified but, at the same time, someone who is rich in humanity" and able to promote spiritual growth. For this, Francis said in 2014, "it is necessary to invest." How can you help support Catholic educators today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29 (327). *"He added beauty to the feasts and solemnized the seasons of each year."*

## Saturday, Feb 05, 2022

### Be careful what you ask for

The wisest thing Solomon ever did was to ask for wisdom. Given the chance to ask for anything, he didn't go the route of wealth, fame, immortality, but rather chose the road less traveled. For, as one biblical commentator put it, wisdom is "a bountiful crop with a meager harvest." Often personified in biblical testimony as the feminine face of the Divine, Proverbs tells us that she "cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?'" We are Solomon, and the choice is ours to make. What will you choose?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34 (328). *"The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. . . . 'In addition, I give you what you have not asked for.' "*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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