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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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Saint Raphael Parish Office Hours

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00am to Noon

And in the afternoons by appointment

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103 Walker Street
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule Mon-Fri 12 Noon

Holy Days 12 Noon and 6:30 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm Sunday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm and by appointment



Winter Weather Policy

Just a reminder that if the Manchester Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions, all parish facilities are closed. The parish office is closed and there is no noontime Mass. Also, you may check WMUR for closing updates.



The annual **Mass for the Cause of Life** will be at St. Joseph Cathedral on January 17, 2025, at 12:10 p.m. Related resources, and information about additional prayer opportunities may be found at www.catholicnh.org/respect-life.

Coming in February... The Saint Raphael Food Pantry has been selected again as a non-profit partner in the **Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program**. The food pantry will receive \$1 for each reusable Fight Hunger bag sold in **February** at the **605 Mast Road Hannaford** store.



Return to Ordinary Time

Ordinary time is called “ordinary” not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to a number in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word order. Thus the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period of time in which we live our lives neither feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is **green** for those days when there is no special feast.

Food Pantry

The food pantry is always looking for volunteers to help out on Monday nights from **5:00 to 6:30pm**. Here is the link to sign up to be a food pantry volunteer:



<https://volunteersignup.org/TH4PL>
Orders also need to be picked up from the **Food Bank** on Mondays. Feel free to sign up for as often as you would like!



Parish Offertory

January 11-12, 2025

Regular Offertory	\$	3,402.00
Stewardship	\$	1,454.00
Holy Days	\$	202.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	872.00
Food Pantry	\$	10.00



Our food pantry served **44 families** on Monday, January 13th. The food pantry will be closed for the holiday on January 20th and open again on January 27th.

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Monday Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Mk 3:7-12
Friday Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18
Sunday Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Claude Morin** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on January 10th. And please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Untiet** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on January 13th. For their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 11~Baptism of the Lord (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Joyceann Fitzgerald-Guill by Linda Beland

Sunday, January 12~Baptism of the Lord

7:30am: Our Parish Family
9:30am: +Laurent Cote by Jeannine Cote
5:00pm: +Dierdre Fitzpatrick by Tom & Yong Me Collins

Monday, January 13~Weekday

12:00pm: +Kevin O'Connor by the family

Tuesday, January 14~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Claire Duclos by the Gunther family

Wednesday, January 15~ Weekday

12:00pm: Vocations

Thursday, January 16~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Pauline St. Jean by Paul St. Jean

Friday, January 17~ St Anthony, Abbot

12:00pm +Robert Blais Jr by the Pereira family

Saturday, January 18~Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Martin Mehron by the family

Sunday, January 12~Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: +Jack Healy by the family
9:30am: +Sister Catherine Poirier by Diane Bolton
5:00pm: +Kevin O'Connor by Colleen Lang

The 9:30 am Sunday Mass Choir is seeking new members. Please consider joining our Choir. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm in the choir loft.

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, January 18

10:30am Book Group (Parish Hall)

Sunday, January 19

Monday, January 20 Parish Office Closed
No Food Pantry

Tuesday, January 21

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church)

Wednesday, January 22

Thursday, January 23

12:45pm The Chosen (Church Conference Room)
7:30pm Choir Practice (Church)

Friday, January 24

Saturday, January 25

Sunday, January 26

Considering a Vocation?

"There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: cmartel@rcbm.org.



The sanctuary candle burns
this week for
+Claude Morin

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2025 Special Occasion Flower Memorials for the Altar

There are several dates throughout the year where we adorn the altar with flowers to celebrate a special liturgical Mass. We are inviting parishioners to cover the cost of the flowers by dedicating them in a loved one's memory. The memorial will be listed in the bulletin for each particular occasion as it occurs. The cost of the flower arrangement is \$110. If you would like to dedicate any flower arrangement for any of the dates listed below, please call the parish office. This is much like booking a mass intention, where one memorial will be intended for the flowers and does not include Easter and Christmas flowers where all parishioners are invited to dedicate Easter lilies and Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. The dates available for 2025 are listed below.

April 17-Holy Thursday

May 29-Ascension of the Lord

June 22-Corpus Christi

November 1-All Saints/All Souls

November 23-Christ the King

2025 Calendars

We have been notified by Catholic Extension, the company that produces our calendars, that there has been a delay in their production system and they are not able to inform us when to expect delivery of the 2025 calendars. Hopefully the calendars will be arriving soon!



Mass Intentions 2025

The **2025 Mass Intention** book is open for requesting Masses for loved ones. It is a common practice among the faithful to arrange Masses to be said for deceased loved ones on the anniversary of their passing or on other significant anniversary dates. We encourage you to contact the parish office early so that any specific dates that you want may be reserved. The customary offering is \$10 for each request.

St Benedict Academy

Saint Benedict Academy (Pre-K-6)

85 Third Street, Manchester, NH

Principal: Tanya Paiva

Contact: (603) 669-3932

Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

January 20 No School—Martin Luther King Jr Day
SBA is hiring! Saint Benedict Academy seeks a part time Grade Three through Six Classroom Aide and Afterschool Program Lead Teacher to work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please call the school for more information. 603.669.3932



Register Today! Catholics (ages 13 +) who have been baptized, received First Communion and are practicing their faith but have not celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation** are invited to participate in our formation program designed specifically for individuals in this situation. Through presentations, reflections, prayer and discussion, an overview of our Catholic faith is presented. For more information or to register: Contact: Kate McGrath at kate.mcgrath@st-raphael-parish.org or 603-623-2604.

PARISH PRAYER LIST All sick and/or medically fragile in our parish family and throughout our communities, our health care personnel, for first responders and essential workers: Sean O'Donnell, Paul Bedard, Jocelyn Ducharme, Richard Fudala, Jenna Harrington, Cindy Kenny, Amy Lesniak, Fr. Tom McGann, Jake Richards, Kitty B. Rene, Lillie Duquette, and Jacob Rivera. **If you would like a name placed on the prayer list or removed from the prayer list, please call the office at (603) 623-2604 or e-mail SRP@st-raphael-parish.org. Call each month to renew the listing.**

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Ordinary Time

Catholic Saints & Feasts

Saturday, January 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul

Today the Church observes the conversion of St. Paul. The Lord calls Saul after “a light from the sky” flashes suddenly around him. Saul is temporarily physically blinded, symbolizing his religious blindness. Though the conversion of other around us may not be as sudden as St. Paul’s, let us celebrate today by reflecting on the strength it takes to return to the Lord. Say a prayer for those who persecute followers of Christ: may their eyes be opened and may they have the courage to say yes to following the way of the Lord. Today’s readings: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Psalm 117: 1bc, 2; Mark 16:15-18.

Sunday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also known as Candlemas Day. Candles might be blessed during a liturgy to symbolize Christ, the light of the world. Light a candle and say a prayer in gratitude for your faith. Since Jesus is fully human, he knows well our joys and struggles, and is thus “able to help those who are being tested.” Rest in peace today knowing that the Lord deeply understands all you are experiencing and is holding it with you. *Today’s readings: Malachi 3:1–4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–40.*

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Thursday, February 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions

Jesuit brother Paul Miki, born into a noble Japanese family, and his companions were martyred by crucifixion in Nagasaki in 1597. The group consisted of Franciscan and Jesuit missionaries and Japanese lay people who were offered freedom if they renounced Christianity. They courageously declined. In today’s Gospel, we hear that Jesus sent the apostles out in twos to evangelize. Like the group martyred with St. Paul Miki, the work of brave evangelization can be done in community. Reach out to someone who inspires your faith. How can you preach the Good News together? *Today’s readings: Hebrews 12:18–19, 21–24; Psalm 48:2–3ab, 3cd–4, 9, 10–11; Mark 6:7–13.*

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Saturday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter

Jesus says Peter is the rock upon which the Church will be built. He was called to carry forth the mission of the Church so it could be passed down to future generations. The pope serves as the successor of St. Peter. Spend time learning something new about the pope and his apostolic mission today. Say a prayer in gratitude for those who have passed your faith on to you. *Today’s readings: 1 Peter 5:1–4; Psalm 23:1–3a, 4, 5, 6; Matthew 16:13–19.*

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