

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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— JOHN 1:36 —



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

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Saint Raphael Parish Office Hours

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

9:00am to Noon & 12:30 to 2:00 pm

And by appointment

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Vigil)

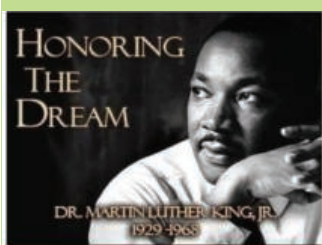
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 5:00 pm

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



Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr Holiday. We will be open again on January 16th.

Concord March for Life - January 27th

Announcing the annual NH March for Life, Concord Sat Jan 27- theme is "Empowering Pregnant Women to Keep Their Babies".

All are welcome to participate in any or all of these events

9:00am Memorial Service and Prayer at Concord Landfill
77 Old Turnpike Rd, Concord

10:00am Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church on So Main St,
Concord

11:30am Rally at Eagle Square
(behind the big clock across street from statehouse)

Noon March down Main St back to Christ the King

1:00pm Light lunch and speakers at church hall
Sponsored by NH Right To Life. For more information, go to nhrtl.org

Parish Offertory

January 6-7, 2024

Regular Offertory	\$	2,270.00
Stewardship	\$	80.00
Holy Day	\$	892.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	3,377.00
Christmas	\$	5.00
Food Pantry	\$	35.00



Food Pantry

Our current food pantry needs are for **canned goods** for our neighbors. Please drop off donations either in the entryway of the Church or at the Rectorry during office hours.



The Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. The food pantry will be open again on Monday, January 22nd.

Christmas Flowers

An additional contribution to our Christmas Flower display was made by Donald Leclerc in memory of Esther Leclerc and Donald J.

Leclerc. Brenda Hume made a donation in memory of Robert LaPointe, Sr. and Connie Raymond also made a donation for Christmas flowers.



January Book Discussion: Please join the Parish Book Discussion Group in reading *This Other Eden* by Paul Harding. We'll meet on **Saturday, January 20, 2024**, at 10:30 downstairs in the parish hall.



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Monday, January 15, 2024 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18, 2024 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 19, 2024 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20, 2024 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 21, 2024 Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, January 13 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Claire L. Rousseau by Cynthia Hobbs

Sunday, January 14 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: +Carmeline Healy by the Family

9:30am: Our Parish Family

5:00pm: +Charles Quinby by Brent Maynard

Monday, January 15 ~ Weekday

12:00pm: The Intentions of Peter Pereire by Grandma

Tuesday, January 16 ~ Weekday

12:00pm: +John & Helen Zygmunt by Kathy Gunther

Wednesday, January 17 ~ Saint Anthony, Abbot

12:00pm: +Christine McMillan by Eileen Smith

Thursday, January 18 ~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Barry Lord by Walt & Johanne Lord

Friday, January 19 ~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Gerard & Madeleine Morin by the Family

Saturday, January 20 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Margaret & Edward Powers by Chris & Kevin Powers

Sunday, January 21 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: +Jack Healy by the Family

9:30am: +Jane & Walter Hebert by Dorene & Tony Turner

5:00pm: Our Parish Family

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, January 13

9:00am Benedictine Oblates (Chapel)

Sunday, January 14

Monday, January 15 *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

No Food Pantry (MLK Holiday)

Tuesday, January 16

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church Conference Room)

Wednesday, January 17

6:00pm Young Peoples AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Thursday, January 18

7:00pm NH Pipes & Drum (Gym)

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

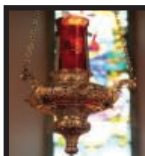
Friday, January 19

Saturday, January 20

10:30am SRP Book Group (Parish Hall)

Considering a Vocation?

"Come, and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



The sanctuary candle burns this week for
+Ronald DiStasio
by Mary Ann & Mary Beth DiStasio

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2024 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 poinsettias in memory or in honor of loved ones. The dates still available for 2024 are listed below.

March 30-Easter Vigil
May 26-Trinity Sunday

May 9-Ascension
June 2-Corpus Christi
November 1-All Saints/All Souls

May 19-Pentecost
August 15-The Assumption
November 24-Christ the King

December 8- Immaculate Conception



2024 Mass Intentions

The **2024 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.

SRP Parish Directory

We are in the process of updating the parish records and directory to get current information for our parishioners and visitors. Some of the existing information we have contains outdated phone numbers, addresses, etc. Please take the time to get us any updated information you may have. Thank you!



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.



Saint Benedict Academy

Catholic Schools

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85 Third Street, Manchester, NH

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Contact: (603) 669-3932

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January 15th No School –Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday

January 27th 9:30 Family Mass & Coffee & Donuts with the Parish

January 28-February 5th Catholic Schools Week

January 30 6pm- SBA Open House

February 3rd- Spaghetti Supper with the Parish



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, Al Heidenreich, Cindy Kenny, Amy Lesniak, Fr. Tom McGann, Claude Morin, 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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Mass for the Cause of Life

A special Mass for the **Cause of Life** will be celebrated at **St. Joseph Cathedral at 12:10 pm on Friday, January 19, 2024** – the same day that the National March for Life will take place in Washington, D.C. In the post-Roe v. Wade era, there continue to be challenges on the state and local levels. And the most important work of all is ongoing – converting hearts and minds to build a culture of life in the United States. Please consider joining us at St. Joseph Cathedral for this important event that the U.S. bishops called our “preeminent priority.”

Sanctuary Candle

Have you noticed that the **Sanctuary Candle** burns each week for deceased loved ones or for parishioners intentions? If you would like the candle to burn for someone special, please contact the parish office. There is an offering of \$10 for each request.



Special Thanks!

Thank all of you for the beautiful cards, generous gifts, baked goods, soups, cookies and candy. They are greatly appreciated and enjoyed.
-Fr. Anselm, OSB



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.

Attention Lectors!

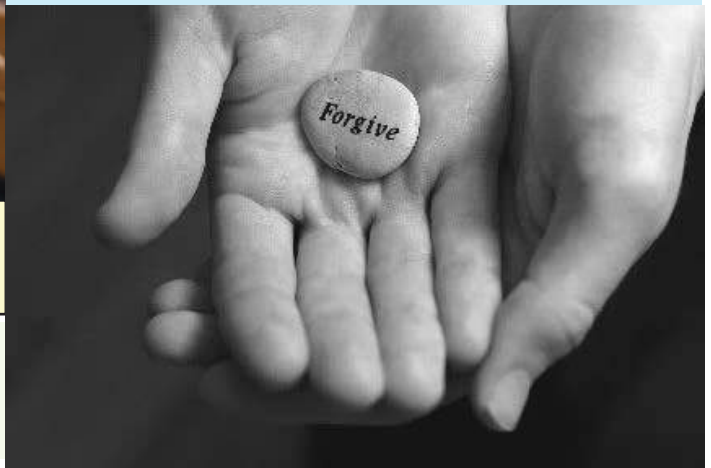
Please pick up the 2024 Workbook for Lectors in second sacristy.

Forgiveness is Act not an Attitude

Jesus teaches the necessity of constant forgiveness. Forgiveness is an act and not an attitude. It is the active repairing of a broken relationship, even in the face of opposition, violence, or indifference. When a relationship is severed, each party should, in justice, do his part to reestablish the bond.

Forgiveness is the bearing of the other person’s burden, moving toward him even when he refuses to move an inch toward you. There is something relentless, even aggressive, about forgiveness, since it amounts to a refusal even to give up on a relationship. Simon Peter asks Jesus, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus replies: “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” Christians should never cease in our efforts to establish love.

*Jesus’ own startling practice of forgiving the sins of others emerges as one of the distinctive and most controversial elements in his ministry. Ans both rhetoric and practice reach their fullest expression when the crucified Jesus asks the Father to forgive those who are torturing him to death. We speak the truth because Jesus is the Truth; we forgive because he forgave.
- Bishop Robert Baron*



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