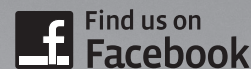


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WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
 Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM (African)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Vigil at 5:30 PM, 8:00 AM day of

RECONCILIATION

Saturday afternoon 3:00-3:30 PM, or by appointment.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

All are welcome! Please call the church office to schedule an appointment.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA welcomes all those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith.
 Please contact Fr. Juan with questions.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact us at least ONE YEAR in advance to begin preparation.

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of the Roman Catholic Church, we believe that God is alive and head of our parish family. We endeavor to be a welcoming, inclusive, charitable and socially responsible faith community. We offer our hearts, our gifts and our time, as we strive to give witness to Jesus' command to love one another. Through the example of our patron Saint Anthony of Padua, we desire to be peacemakers, living the gospel in word and action.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21st

Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Joseph M. & Rose G. Secino
by the Ernest Secino Trust
Grace (2nd Anniversary) & Mario Zarrella
by their Family

Sunday, January 22nd

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving
by the Nogueira Family
10:30 AM Jessica McLaughlin
by Rossi & Jose
11:45 AM BAPTISM: Aila Rose Doyle
12:30 PM All Parishioners

Monday, January 23rd

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 AM Ellen Gifford
by her daughter Anne

Tuesday, January 24th

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Donald Ayles (1 Month)
Rose Anne Addorisio

Wednesday, January 25th

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:00 AM Linda (Greiner) Kirousis
by Rose Anne Addorisio

Thursday, January 26th

St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

8:00 AM Dorothy Giadone-Poirier
by Marty & Amy Walsh

Friday, January 27th

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, January 28th

Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Gary Sicard
by his Family
Kathryn Hawkins (1st Anniversary)
by her husband & Family

Sunday, January 29th

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Domenica (Buratti) Perla (5th Anniversary)
by the Nogueira Family
10:30 AM Jessica McLaughlin
by Rossi & Jose
12:30 PM Parishioners



St. Anthony Candle Intention:
IMO Richard "Dick" Hautala
by his wife Bonnie

January 21 - 22, 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." (Matthew 4:22) Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

READ AND PREPARE

Next Week's Scripture readings

First Reading Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

Time is running out. Don't miss your chance to win. Purchase your calendar today!

February Prize-a-Day Cash Calendar

Fun Fundraiser for the Parish

Help us with our heating bill by purchasing a \$20 Prize-a-Day Calendar and for less than \$1 a day you get 28 chances to win a cash prize including \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or \$150.

The best part is – if your name is picked, it will go BACK INTO the drawing up to two more times, so, multiple chances to win for less than \$1 a day!

We don't have a special collection for heating like most parishes. Please help us with this fun way to raise money to defray our heating costs.

The calendars are here! If there are none in the pews, please check the entrances of the church. Please consider taking one home. Ask your friends, relatives, neighbors, and if you work, please, your co-workers!

Winners for the week will be drawn every Monday and announced in the bulletin the following weekend.

You can submit your donation & ticket in a marked envelope via the collection baskets, the postal service or drop them in the secure mailbox just outside the church office door.

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Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illnesses is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan

Personal Hygiene Collection for Catholic Charities is Ongoing.

Please bring one or two items and place them in the collection bins at the entrances of the church. Suggested Items Needed: Shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, soap, body wash, small packs of tissues, deodorant (men & woman's), toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, hand sanitizer, lotion, toilet paper, diapers, baby wash, baby lotion.



Food Pantry Collection for St. Francis chapter of St. Vincent de Paul is ongoing. Please bring any nonperishable items when you can. If this is something that you have never done before, please strongly consider it. **Even one or two items a month makes a huge difference to the people the pantry serves.** The collection bin is

located at the entrance of the church. The Food Pantry is open every week to the public so there is always much needed.

Snow Policy – For weekday Masses, (Monday – Thursday) if Fitchburg Public Schools are cancelled or delayed there will be NO Mass celebrated. This is done to keep all our parishioners safe and off the roads. Please check your local listings. If school is not in session – please use your judgement. Be Safe!



Tax Contribution Statements will be sent out beginning January 23rd for all who request them. If you contributed to Partners in Charity or Legacy of Hope, those statements will be sent directly from the Diocese at the end of January.

WANTED: Director of Digital Marketing & Communications

Massachusetts Citizens for Life (MCFL) is looking for a Director of Digital Marketing & Communications. Reporting to the President, this part-time and remote role (20 hours/week during regular business hours) serves as a key member of MCFL's leadership team. Details and application instructions at masscitizensforlife.org/employment.

Men's Conference Kick-Off Breakfast - The Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be holding a Kickoff Breakfast on **Saturday, January 28** at Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant St. Worcester, beginning with a Mass celebrated by Bishop McManus at 8:00 AM. Breakfast and a very brief overview of the 2023 Men's Conference will follow. All current Parish Contacts, or anyone who would like to volunteer as a Parish Contact this year, are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is required. Please RSVP by email: tjarvis1618@gmail.com

22nd Annual Catholic Men's Conference - Come and join us on **Saturday, March 25** at Assumption University, Worcester. For information check the new website: catholicmenworc.com. Looking forward to seeing you in person this year!

Why Catholics Believe in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist - (and why it's not such a crazy idea)

Join Annunciation Parish on Wednesday, **Feb. 1 at 6:30 pm** for a presentation by Fr. Stephen Lundrigan on the biblical, historical and practical foundation of our belief in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We will be meeting in the Great Room in the Parish Center on the Holy Rosary Campus. The Parish Center is located at 142 Regan St. in Gardner. Parking is available behind Holy Rosary Church.



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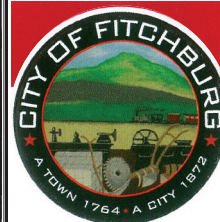
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Matthew 6:10

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