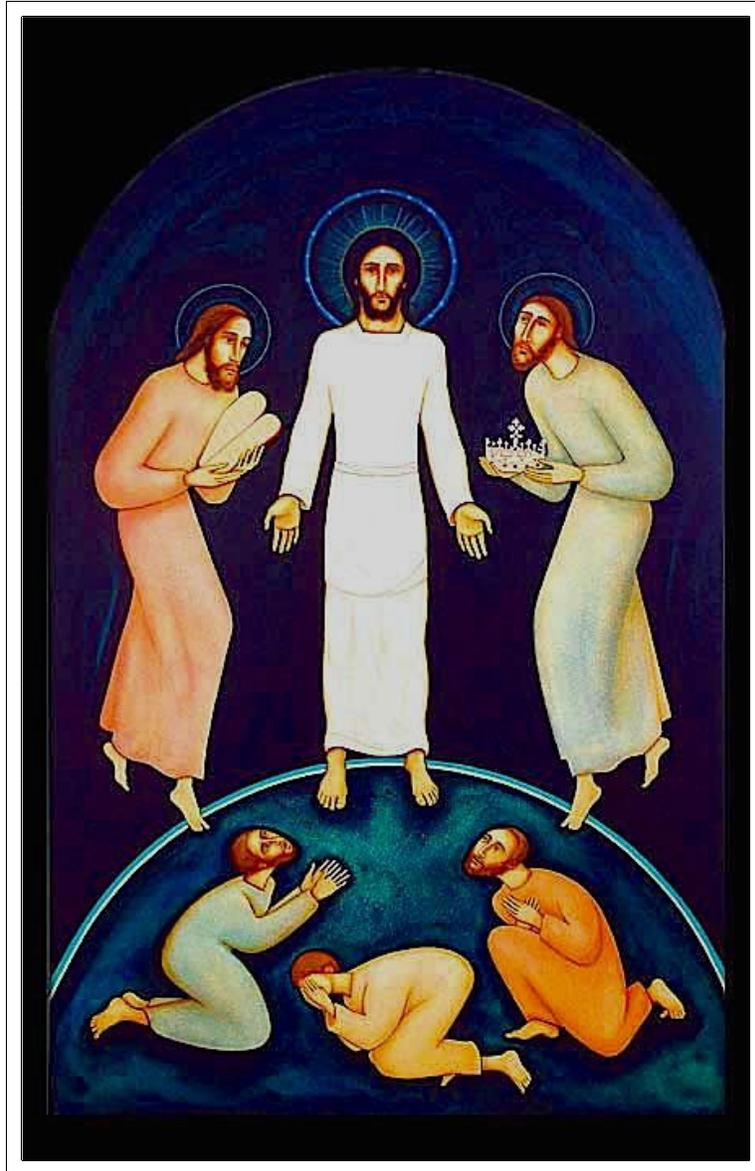


The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH · OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

A Community United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service
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The Holy Season of Lent

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For more information about these and other programs and events during Lent, please visit our websites: ccgronline.com or [twitter.com/ccgronline!](https://twitter.com/ccgronline)

THE PARABLES OF MERCY A YEAR OF MERCY SCRIPTURE STUDY Friday, February 26th at Noon

During the Holy Season of Lent, all are invited to join Father Jim for a weekly lunchtime scripture study based on the "Parables of Mercy." As part of our community's commemoration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, each Friday during Lent (February 12th through March 18th) in Our Lady's Hall, Father Jim will lead a one hour discussion on various parables of Jesus that focus on God's love and mercy for his people, including the Two Debtors & Their Creditor; the Good Samaritan; the Widow & the Judge; the Rich Man and Lazarus; and the Lost Sheep.

Father Jim's next scripture study session is scheduled for Friday, February 26th at 12:00pm! Interested friends and parishioners are welcome to bring their own lunch and to join us for as many sessions as they can. If you would like to join us for this special scripture study series, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com. A donation of \$20.00 per person is requested from those who can afford it for the entire series. All participants will be provided with a copy of the book, "The Parables of Mercy" along with coffee, hot tea, or bottled water. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday Afternoons & Evenings During Lent

The Stations of the Cross is one of the most beloved, enduring and moving devotions of the Roman Catholic Church. By uniting our prayers with the sufferings of Jesus Christ through both word and imagery, we make a spiritual pilgrimage with Lord on his way to the Cross. During this Holy Season of Lent, all are invited to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross on six consecutive Fridays (February 12th through March 18th) according to the following schedule:

Saint Ann Church
Fridays at 3:30pm

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
Fridays at 7:00pm (with Mass)

On Friday evenings, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm before we pray the Stations of the Cross. For more information about Lent in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit our website at ccgronline.com/lent; or contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. As our Lenten journey continues, please join us for the Stations of the Cross! All are invited! All are welcome!

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! CONFESSIONS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesday Evenings During Lent

During the Holy Season of Lent, all Catholics are invited to experience Christ's love and mercy through the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Confession). On six consecutive Wednesdays during Lent (February 17th through March 23rd), at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church from 6:00pm until 8:00pm, all are invited to join us for "The Light Is On For You!" These special evenings of prayer will include Evening Prayer and Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours; Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; and two full hours of confessions for those who feel called to participate. Please note that this program will be preempted on Wednesday, March 9th for our Lent Mission & Retreat.

For some, this may be a time for sacramental reconciliation. For some it may be a time for silent prayer and reflection. And for some, it may be a time to begin or renew a life of faith. Wherever you are on your faith journey, please join us! All are welcome! For more information about the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit our website: ccgronline.com; or contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY LENT MISSION & RETREAT March 8th – March 10th

All are invited to join us for the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Lent Mission & Retreat from Tuesday, March 8th through Thursday, March 10th at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

Each evening will begin with Evening Prayer at 7:00pm, followed by Mass. Each evening will also feature a reflection centered on the themes of Lent and the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Our special guest and spiritual director will be Sister Ellen Dabrieo, SND. Sister Ellen is a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame. For many years, she has served the Church in both parish ministry and as a missionary in Brazil. Sister Ellen currently serves as a hospital chaplain in Salem and as a lay minister to the Brazilian Community of Saint Thomas Church in Peabody.

The Lent Mission & Retreat is free but donations will be gratefully accepted at Mass during each evening of the retreat. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or cgarvey@ccgronline.com. Please join us! Bring a friend or neighbor! All are welcome!

PASTOR'S NOTES

SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS TO A VERY SPECIAL PERSON

As pastor of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, one of the first things that I learned about our fellow parishioners was their deep and abiding commitment to helping those in need. After nearly two years here, I remain in awe of the tremendous dedication and hard work of volunteers and pastoral team members who serve our parishes in a broad spectrum of ministries.

Among those whom I most admire is Anna Maturro, who has served faithfully as pastoral care minister first for Holy Family Parish and now for the entire Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Anna's ministry includes counseling grieving families and helping them arrange for funeral services; and coordinating our outreach to the aged, disabled, homebound, and sick. After sixteen years of dedicated and distinguished service, Anna has decided to retire from her position at the end of this month. On behalf of all who have been touched by her kindness over the years, I wish to thank Anna Maturro for all that she has done for us, to commend her for a job well done, and to wish her God's abundant blessings! — Father Jim

PARISH PAY ELECTRONIC GIVING: SAFE & EASY Now Offered at Both Parishes!

Electronic giving is now available at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. At parishpay.com, it is easy, simple, and safe to make online donations to your home parish using a credit card, debit card, or electronic check. Donations can be made on a one-time or ongoing basis. And it takes just a few minutes to set up a secure personal account. So, please prayerfully consider supporting your parish by giving electronically! For more information about electronic giving in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please visit parishpay.com or contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or frjim@ccgronline.com. Thank you for your generous and ongoing support of our parishes!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

All submissions to our bulletin & website must be sent to Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com by Friday at 12:00pm for publication in the following week's bulletin. All submissions may be edited for content and must include clear and concise details about a program or event; date, time, and location; and contact information. Please note that not all requests can be honored. Priority is given to programs and events sponsored by the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgronline.com or 978-

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

MEMORIES OF MOUNT TABOR

By Cliff Garvey

In this weekend's Gospel, we experience a miraculous event in the life of Christ and his disciples (Luke 9:28-36). We follow Jesus with Peter, John, and James to the summit of Mount Tabor where after a period of prayer, the Lord is transfigured and visited by Moses and Elijah. But what does it mean to be transfigured? Luke tells us only that Jesus's face is changed; his clothing becomes dazzling white; and he converses with the famous prophets. We also know that Peter, John, and James wanted to remain with Jesus on the mountain and to rest in the blessings and consolations of their awesome vision. But Jesus, inspired by the prophets and the Holy Spirit, lead them down from Mount Tabor to Jerusalem, where he will soon fulfill his mission as our Lord and Savior.

In November 2009, Father Jim and I led a memorable pilgrimage during which we, along with a group of forty pilgrims from the United States and Canada, literally walked in the footsteps of Christ throughout the Holy Land. Among the places we visited was Mount Tabor and among our pilgrims was Patrick, a teenager from Ottawa and his mother, Joanne. During our pilgrimage, Patrick served as the conscience of our group. When others grew impatient, restless, or weary, Patrick encouraged us to pray and to linger longer at the holy sites where Jesus had lived, suffered, and died for our sake.

Patrick is now a young adult and an engineering student at Waterloo University in Canada. He remembers our experience on Mount Tabor and how closely it reflected the experience of Christ and his disciples. About the church where we celebrated Mass, Patrick writes: "The church had a luminous glow and the altar was bathed in a golden light." Patrick also remembers the homily, during which the priest spoke about how we felt close to God on Mount Tabor and desired to remain there, much like the disciples, but that God calls home: to leave the mountain and to fulfill our Christian vocation in our daily lives.

During that Mass on Mount Tabor, some pilgrims experienced amazing blessings. One woman, recently widowed and moved to tears of profound joy, said that she felt the angelic presence of her late husband. Another pilgrim, still grieving the loss of his grandparents, haltingly described seeing them dressed in glowing garments of dazzling white. As for Patrick, he was deeply moved by the profound peace, humility, and simplicity of Mount Tabor. He did not want to leave and he made that abundantly clear to all of us. But like Christ and his disciples, we did leave Mount Tabor: forever blessed, forever changed, and forever inspired to love and serve the Lord and each other. This Lent, may each one of us be transfigured so as to descend from the mountain and fulfill our destiny as disciples of Christ. Amen!

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

CAPE ANN CURSILLO COMMUNITY Saturday, March 5th at 5:00pm

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community is hosting its next Ul-treya-Potluck Supper on Saturday, March 5th in the Parish Hall at Saint John the Baptist Church in Essex. All are invited to join us for great food, good cheer, prayer, and fellowship. Upcoming Potluck Suppers are scheduled for April 9th (Holy Family Parish), April 30th (Saint John's Parish), and June 4th (Saint John's Parish). For more information, please contact Albie Mitchell at 978-879-3655 or albiemitchell@me.com. Please join us! All are welcome!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Help Us Help Others!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization dedicated to responding to any request from any person or family in need. Here on Cape Ann, we work from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to serve the poor and needy on Cape Ann. During the winter months, our "Clothes Closet" is open only on Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. In addition, our Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foods. Donation baskets are located at the entrances of all of our churches. The Food Pantry needs the following items:

Canned Chicken or Ham · Chicken or Tuna Helper
Mayonnaise · Instant Potatoes · Canned Stew
Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup · Chef Boyardee
Peanut Butter & Jelly · Jarred Pasta Sauce
Canned Tuna · Crackers · Canned Juice

Donation envelopes are also located at the entrances of our churches and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the parish center. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. New members and volunteers are always welcome! For more information, please contact Annette Kennedy at 978-283-1268 or Harry Miller at 978-281-2701. For assistance, please contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Hotline at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

THE OPEN DOOR FEEDING PEOPLE, CHANGING LIVES Call for Saint Patrick's Day Volunteers

The Open Door is a non-profit organization that operates a food pantry & thrift shop; and it also provides nutritious meals to those in need of food & companionship. Our parishioners have had a long history of volunteering with the Open Door. This year, we seek volunteers to prepare & serve dinner on Saint Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17th. For more information, please contact Sheila McCarthy at sheshecd@hotmail.com or 781-820-9025. Thank you in advance for your generous support of time and talent!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

YOUTH MASS & RITE OF CANDIDACY FIRST YEAR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS Sunday, February 28th · 11:45am Mass

All first-year Confirmation students and their families (parents, grandparents, siblings, and sponsors) are invited to join Father Jim for a Youth Mass & Rite of Candidacy on Sunday, February 28th at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily and blessing for all of the high school students who have recently begun their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please note that there will be no classes on Sunday, February 28th. For more information, please contact Father Jim at frjim@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are welcome!

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Next Rehearsal: Thursday, February 25th · 4:00pm

All young disciples (grades three and up) from both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish are invited to participate in our 18th Annual Live Stations of the Cross which will be presented on Palm Sunday, March 20th at 6:00pm in Saint Ann Church. Our next rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, February 25th from 4:00pm until 5:30pm in Saint Ann Church. Adult volunteers are also needed and most welcome! If you or your child would like to participate in this deeply moving annual program that leads us all closer to our Crucified Savior, please contact Sue Demetri at sdemetri2000@yahoo.com or 978-283-5096. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

SPRING VACATION CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP THE VATICAN EXPRESS Begins Tuesday, April 19th at 8:00am

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport is pleased to announce that all children (ages 5 through 11) are invited to participate in our first-ever Spring Vacation Catholic Kids Camp, entitled "The Vatican Express", from Tuesday, April 19th through Friday, April 22nd from 8:00am until 12:30pm at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. During this exciting week of prayer and fellowship, children will learn about the traditions and treasures of the Vatican through active and engaged participation in games, music, skits, and easy-to-make crafts.

The tuition for this innovative youth faith formation program for children is just \$25 per child for the entire week! Scholarships are available to those who cannot afford tuition. Also, adults and older children (ages 12 and up) are invited to join us as volunteers! For more information, please contact Betsy Works, Associate Minister of Youth Faith Formation, at bworks@ccgrronline.com or 978-281-4820. Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

A PRAYER BY POPE FRANCIS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY Let Us Pray with Our Holy Father!

In honor of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has written a special prayer to bring us closer to our merciful Lord through the inspiration of the scriptures and the grace of the Triune God. So, together with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and with fellow Christians and people of goodwill around the world, let us raise our hearts and voices in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful
like the heavenly Father,
and you have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew
from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Mary Magdalene
from seeking happiness in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,
the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all
by forgiveness and mercy.
Let the Church be your visible face in the world,
its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers
would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those
in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them
feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Holy Spirit
and consecrate every one of us with his anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy
may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus Christ,
through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;
you who live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen!

YEAR OF MERCY RESOURCES ONLINE!

Join us: ccgronline.com/mercy

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Communion Mass: Saturday, March 5th · 6:00pm
Meeting: Monday, March 7th · 6:30pm

Since 1944, Our Lady's Guild has worked to build community among women of all ages in Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish through prayer, good works, social activities, and fundraising events. All Guild members and their families are reminded that our Annual Communion Mass is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th at 6:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

In addition, the Guild's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7th at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Hall. After regular business, nominations will be made for officers and board members. Yvonne Davis, Carol Burns, and Jean Jacobson are co-chairwomen for the next meeting.

Finally, Our Lady's Guild is still accepting donations for our "Cakeless Cake Sale." Donations can be mailed to Jean Madruga or brought to our next meeting. For more information about Our Lady's Guild and its good work in our parish, please contact Linda Galvin by email at lingalv2010@gmail.com or by leaving a message with our pastoral office at 978-281-4820. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Blood Drive: Thursday, March 3rd · 2:00pm-7:00pm
Meeting: Tuesday, March 8th · 7:00pm

The Knights of Columbus is an organization of men that remains true to its founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. Founded in 1882, the Knights remains an organization dedicated to the mutual assistance of members and their families, but also reaches out to the disabled, the sick, and the needy. In addition, the Knights sponsor educational, charitable, and religious programs. Council 215 serves the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport at both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish.

On Thursday, March 3rd, the Knights will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 2:00pm until 7:00pm in Our Lady's Parish Hall. If you are able and willing to donate blood, please register online: redcrossblood.org. In addition, Council 215's next meeting and quarterly social hour is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th beginning at 7:00pm in the Parish Center (Saint Ann Church Campus). New members are always welcome! For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please visit our website at kofc215.com; contact us at info@kofc215.com; or leave a message by calling 978-281-4820. Please join us!

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OUR MASS INTENTIONS**FEBRUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 28, 2016**

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| Saturday, February 20 | Vigil · Second Sunday of Lent |
| 4:00pm · Saint Ann | Adam McCalla |
| 6:00pm · OLGV | George Medeiros |
| Sunday, February 21 | Second Sunday of Lent |
| 7:00am · OLGV | John Carrancho |
| 8:15am · Saint Ann | Kenneth Curran |
| 10:00am · Saint Joachim | Mario & Maria Peritore |
| 11:45am · OLGV | Alfredo Silva |
| 5:00pm · Saint Ann | Mass for the People |
| | Second Week of Lent |
| Monday, February 22 8:00am · OLGV | Lisa Davis |
| Tuesday, February 23 8:00am · Saint Joachim | Rev. Msgr. Richard Cunningham |
| Wednesday, February 24 8:00am · OLGV | Deceased Members of the Budrow Family |
| Thursday, February 25 8:00am · Saint Joachim | Special Intention · The Marr Family |
| Friday, February 26 8:00am · OLGV | Reverend Robert Costello |
| Saturday, February 27 8:00am · Saint Ann | Alfred & Alice Pawlak |
| Saturday, February 27 | Vigil · Third Sunday of Lent |
| 4:00pm · Saint Ann | Jose & Isolina Matos |
| 6:00pm · OLGV | William "Bill" Spinali |
| Sunday, February 28 | Third Sunday of Lent |
| 7:00am · OLGV | Peter J. Cahill |
| 8:15am · Saint Ann | Harry "Tink" Floyd |
| 10:00am · Saint Joachim | Deceased Members of the Nina Groppo Family |
| 11:45am · OLGV | Rosaline Tarvis |
| 5:00pm · Saint Ann | Mass for the People |

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS**HOLY FAMILY PARISH****Weekend of February 13th - February 14th**

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| Weekly Offerings at Mass | \$6,764.00 |
| Electronic Donations | \$994.00 |
| Total Offerings | \$7,758.00 |
| Second Collection (Eastern Europe) | \$1,680.00 |
| Grand Annual Collection | \$60,878.00 |

Thank you for your generous support
of Holy Family Parish!

OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH**Weekend of February 13th - February 14th**

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| Weekly Offerings at Mass | \$2,030.00 |
| Total Offerings | \$2,030.00 |
| Grand Annual Collection | \$29,030.00 |

Thank you for your generous support
of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

PASTOR'S NOTE

Please note that information about our weekly offerings includes both donations collected during Mass and donations received by mail or in person at our pastoral offices. Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!

SANCTUARY GIFTS

At each of the churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary flowers, sanctuary lamps, and altar gifts (hosts and wine) can be donated for a special intention or in memory of a departed loved one. The requested donation for flowers is \$250. The requested donation for altar gifts is \$175. And the requested donation for a sanctuary lamp is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Walter J. Powers, Sr.
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of John Carrancho
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary gifts in memory of a deceased friend or loved one, please contact Melissa Unis at office@ccgonline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

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